



A very special thank you  
to Father Timby for being  
here with us this month .



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**Remember In Prayer**

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28TH

**FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

**.FEAST OF FAITH**

**I Confess**

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or “I confess,” a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—“I confess”—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our “fault,” with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can (“The devil made me do it!”). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Gospel: Mark 5:1-0  
Tuesday: Reading 1: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b,24-25a, 30-19;; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Reading 1: 2Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6  
Thursday: Reading 1: 1Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Gospel: Mark 6: 7- 13  
Friday: Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-4; Reading 2: Hebrews 2:14- 18 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40  
Saturday: Reading 1: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**1-21-2024**

**\$305.00**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Forty days after Christmas, this week’s ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ’s coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year’s supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna’s meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child’s birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as “The Meeting,” suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord’s table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world’s darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

**FEBRUARY 2024**

FEB 4TH

LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

FEB 11 TH

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

FEB 18TH<sup>1</sup>

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

FEB 25TH

LECTOR JANET & MARINA

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

**MORE**

Care more than others think necessary.

Trust more than others think wise.