

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

A new teaching with authority . . . (Mark 1:27)

You know when you see empty words. A celebrity issues a halfhearted apology for an indiscretion caught on videotape. An athlete hedges his stance on a controversial issue for fear of upsetting some sponsors. A grade school student offers made-up excuses for incomplete homework. Someone is not being completely straightforward, and it puts us on alert. If they keep on acting this way, we find it hard to take seriously anything they say. Their words have lost authority, and we know it.

This is the exact opposite of how the people in the synagogue had reacted after they heard Jesus teach. He was the real deal! There was no evasion or beating around the bush. There was no fear of how the people might react to him. They could tell that he meant what he said and that he said exactly what he meant. With humble, simple clarity, he spoke about the kingdom of God.

With authority (Mark 1:27). That's how Jesus speaks to our hearts as well. Not with the false authority of a bully trying to scare us into submission. Not the insecure authority of a man trying to convince us of something he doesn't believe in himself. No, he speaks with the humble authority of a Messiah motivated by nothing but love for us. It's the authority that a person displays when helping a close friend through a difficult time—talking gently whenever possible, but firmly if necessary, and always with respect and affection. When Jesus speaks to us this way, his words sink into our hearts, and we know he is speaking out of love.

Jesus wants to speak to you with authority at Mass today. He doesn't want to bully you or push you or overpower you. He doesn't want to trick you or deceive you or give you empty promises. No, he wants to stir your heart, kindle your hope, and give you his peace. So come to Mass eager and willing to hear him.

"Holy Spirit, help me hear Jesus' voice today."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship Thought

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "*Follow me*" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Dt 18:15-20, Ps 95:1-9, Mk 1:21-28
Monday	2 Sm 15:13-30, 16:5-13, Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Sm 18:9-19:3, Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	2 Sm 24:2-17, Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	1Kgs 2:1-12, Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Mal 3:1-4, Lk 2:22-40
Saturday	1 Kgs 3:4-13, Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Jb 7:1-7, Ps 147:1-6, Mk 1:29-39

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 27

5:15 PM Soul of Malcolm Richards

Sunday January 28

8:00 AM Soul of Gwen Harmon

10:00 AM Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Saturday February 3

5:15 PM Intention of Michael & Marilyn Moore

Sunday February 4

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Slade Campbell

12:15 PM Intention of Channie Richardson IV

Rosary Procession

Fr. Bernard invites you to join him in a Rosary Procession on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 4:30 PM followed by 5:15 PM Mass here at Transfiguration. Confession is a 4PM on that day.

Religious Education Congress

March 15 – Youth Day

March 16 -18, 2018

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is: Rise Up!

To register please see Ms. Refugio Godinez
or call the rectory at 323.291.1136.

2017 TAX STATEMENT!

Tax letters will be mailed by the end of January. If you do not receive a statement please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory. This is also a good time to make sure that you are registered in the parish. Only registered parishioners who are contributors will receive a tax letter.

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 21, 2018

\$6,922.25 Tithe and Offering


108.00 Building Fund

31.00 "We Care"

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

*Help me to walk in your light,
and live my life in faith and glory.*



DID YOU KNOW?

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has implemented rigorous policies and procedures to provide a safe environment in our parishes and parish schools for all children and young people. These include: Zero Tolerance; Guidelines for Adults Working or Volunteering with Minors; Archdiocese of Los Angeles Boundary Guidelines for Junior High and High School Youth Working or Volunteering with Children or Youth; and Megan's Law compliance procedures. To view these and other policies visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting>