

**Jesus taught
with authority**



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.

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 (Mark 1:21-28).

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 30

8:30AM Mass
5:30-6:45 CCD grade K - 8th
7PM Prayer Mtg. / KC Home

Tuesday, January 31

NO Mass

Wednesday, February 1

8:30AM Mass
10AM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. / KC Home

Thursday, February 2

8:30AM Mass / Novena
6PM KC Officers Mtg. / KC Home

Friday, February 3

8:45AM HRCS Mass

Saturday, February 4 / Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Mass

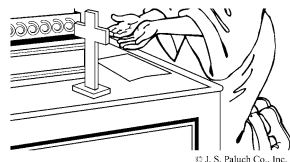
4PM Mass

Sunday, February 5 / Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7AM Mass

10AM Mass

5:30PM Mass / CCD grades 9th, 10th & 11th



SUNDAY REFLECTION

"WITH AUTHORITY HE COMMANDS .. AND THEY OBEY HIM"

Before Jesus formally began his public ministry, he needed to establish his authority, for without it, he will not be credible and no one will believe him. And what a start to establish his authority, in our Gospel for this Sunday, with just one command or one word from Jesus, the unclean spirit obeyed him and came out of the body of the man. Then later on in his ministry, Jesus will reveal more of his authority, he will command the storm, the wind, the sea and many more evil spirits, and they will all obey him.

A couple of weeks ago, Jesus invited the first disciples, "come and see," and then last week, "they followed him." Now Jesus is telling his disciples to "listen to him" by showing to them his authority and his credibility.

Many of the people of today, they do not know how to listen and they do not obey the authority. Some people would love to talk rather than listen and others would never really respect and obey any authority.

If we really want to become a true disciple of Jesus and a true Christian, we should start listening to the Words of Jesus and we should begin learning how to obey always the will of God. The words of God our Father from heaven, after John the Baptist baptized Jesus from the river Jordan was this, "This is my beloved Son ... listen to him."

Rev. Rholando T. Grecia
OLRC - Associate Pastor

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - JAN. 21st & 22nd

Envelopes	\$3,932.00
Loose	\$2,168.67
Total	\$6,100.67

Other	\$ 496.56
HRCS	\$ 744.39
Latin America	\$1,100.53

SANCTUARY DONATIONS

ALTAR BREAD: In memory of Allen Lee by Wife & Family.

ALTAR CANDLE: In memory of Dylan Danos by Family & Friends.

ALTAR WINE: In memory of Enoch Lee by Wife & Family.

CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of Dylan Danos by Ray, Sherry, Shay & Rhett Giffin.

THE AMERICAN FLAG

In memory of Clarence Richardel by Wife & Daughters.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The Presentation of the Lord will be held on February 2nd at 8:30AM. There will be a blessing of candles. Please bring your candles or you can purchase one from the office.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast of St. Blaise will be on February 3rd at 8:45AM. The Saint who blessed throats and effected many miracles. We will have a blessing of throats and pray for healing through St. Blaise.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Community of Our Lady of the Rosary believes in the power of prayer and would like to share in the prayers for your family members or friend who is sick. If you would like to put someone's name on the prayer list please call the office to give their name. All we ask is that you



know that the person we are praying for wants his or her name in the bulletin. This week we are praying for all the residents of the South Lafourche Nursing Home, all those in the hospital, all those that are Home bound; and Fujie Gautreaux, Patsy McGee, Kernest Pierce, Sr., Earline Matherne, Angele Galjour, Wayne P. Thibodeaux, Rena L. Hebert, Gloria Theriot, Rita Richoux, Hazel Gremillion, Lawless (L.J.) Allemand, Pat Allemand, Jack Spurlock, Lillian Guidry Jarreau, McNair Orgeron, Deanna Faulk, Jory Pitre, Patricia Pitre, Baby Tessa George, Dan Walker, Joyce Dantin, Maryann Loupe, Eula Mae Boudreaux, Robert Adams, Freddie Guidry, Harris Theriot, Sr., Anse Guidry, Emily Sanchez, Jerome Shields, Troy Guidry, Dolores Lafont, Pat Marie, Cedic Pierce, Ginger Artigue, Jimmy Estay, CheraKee Trosclair, Leonard "Red" Cheramie, Laura Cheramie, Carol Jeorg, Jill LeBlanc Hebert, Melvin Brunet, Tommy Olivier, Zeth Adams, Savannah Dufrene, Elena Savoy, Pat & Paul Adams; Christy Cheramie, Mary Ann Chiasson, Russell Reeves, Michael Cuneo, Sr., Junior Reed, Priscilla Reed, Doris Thibodaux, Raymond Punch, Claire Acosta, D. J. Trosclair, Jr., Mary S. Thibodaux, Diane Dufrene, Edward Ougel, Jr., Gloria Arceneaux, Frances Estay, Lester "Butch" Theriot, Mary Jane Cheramie.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Some of you may be wondering how Fr. Albert is. Well he made his trip back home fine. If any of you would like to send him e-mail, letters or a card this is his new address.

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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?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

2012 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

With Commitment Weekend for the 2012 Annual Bishop's Appeal having arrived, all parishioners of OLR parish are encouraged to prayerfully consider making a commitment. When making your commitment, please remember how Your Gift Strengthens Your Church Parish, Your Community and Your Self by supporting our seminarians, our youth and your peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used to support the many ministries across the diocese.

The goal of the diocese is \$875,000 and based on past results, it is a very achievable goal; however, your support is greatly needed. All parishioners are asked to return their personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the diocese in the provided envelope.

If you would like more information about the 2012 Annual Bishop's Appeal, please contact the Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development at 850-3155 or visit www.htstewardship.org.

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Please join Holy Rosary Catholic School as they celebrate **National Catholic Schools Week** with the theme *Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service*. This theme underscores the commitment of Holy Rosary Catholic School to continue to

provide educational excellence within a safe, Catholic environment. Faith, knowledge, service, discipline and morals are not only the hallmark of a Catholic education but they are also indicators of a life well-lived and a contribution to the American society.

Registration for the school year 2012-2013 for **new families** will be held March 1st and 2nd from 9AM – 3PM.

Families interested in attending HRCS may visit the school for **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, March 1st, from 8:30AM – 3PM. For a private tour of the school, please call HRCS to set up an appointment.

SUNDAY LUNCH- Barbecued chicken, beans, potato salad & garlic bread will be on sale on January 29th at the HRCS cafeteria. Eat in and take out lunches and a dessert table will be available from 11AM until 12:30PM.

BLOOD DRIVE: HRCS and United Blood Services will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, January 28th, from 3PM until 7PM at the HRCS cafeteria. Donate blood and help to save lives as this blood drive services members of our community.

MAN OF GOD GATHERING

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Conference Office will present a Man of God Gathering on Thursday, February 7th at the Diocese Pastoral Center Conference Hall. The evening will begin with a meal at 6PM. For more information call the Conference Office or visit the website at www.htconferences.org.