

January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalm 95

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Mark 1:21-28

God's Authority to Overcome the Demons

It is not Halloween but think of it for a moment. People dress up as various persons or characters. Former cultures of people dressed as persons or creatures they were fearful of. They dressed as witches, evil spirits and black cats. In doing so they aimed to gain power over evil. The custom was born out of trepidation. This is reflected in the Gospel.

In the Gospel passage the demons recognize Jesus for who he is. Jesus is the messiah. As they are fearful of him the demons call him out. "I know who you are, the Holy One of God!" The statement of who he is, is an attempt to have mastery over Jesus. He was the opposing spirit to their evilness. Jesus threatened them. But Jesus is the ultimate authority. He banishes them.

By banishing the demon Jesus exercises authority over them. He uses authority to overcome evil and establish harmony and peace. Such is the mark of a good leader who brings about justice that respects the goodness that is meant to be in God's creation. Authority is used for the Good.

Our ancestors of the faith were afraid to see God's face. They believed the sight could kill them. The experience would be too awesome. However, the sight of God in Jesus Christ will not kill. Rather, the sight of Jesus will lift you up. His Holy Spirit will come to dwell within you as a believer.

Today's psalm leads us to hear God's voice. Hearing God's voice should not bring fear but peace. "Harden not your hearts," the psalm says. Knowing God does not bring trepidation. Respect for God, yes, but not anxiety and trepidation. God does not want anyone to have trepidation of Him. If there is, it may be because of your conscience.

If you know you are working against justice, love and peace your conscience nags you. It is letting you know you are in the wrong. The anxiety you experience comes with losing eternal life with God in Heaven. Or it is anxiety raised by disorder in your life. All of this can be remedied, however. Greater tranquility can come to you by following God through the Church. Doing so is easier than you might think.

By practicing the faith you may bring order to your life, even to those around you. God is truly ingenious. His creation has order to it. Graciously yield to His sense of

order. Follow the flow of His Church's seasons, Scriptures and Tradition. To overcome the demons in your life, you do not have to dress up as a demon as in the old days. Just practice the Faith today.

Stewardship

Attendance last week:	196
Tithes Collected:	\$4,156.00
Online Giving:	\$290.00
Total:	\$4,446.00
Thank you!	

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Job 7:1-4,6-7(74B);1Cor9:16-19,22-23; Mk1:29-39

STEWARDSHIP

Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive

The ABCD is part of our Stewardship. This is how we reach out beyond our own parish to the wider community. We serve because we are Roman Catholic Christians. As the slogan states:

TOGETHER

WE ARE

The CHURCH

The Church, Like God's Love, Extends Far Beyond Its Doors.

Please read the information the Development Office of the Church sent to your home.

It explains ALL that the ABCD funding Supports. It is impressive.

Please make the pledge following the 2% formula. The ABCD pledge envelop has a giving chart on it to help you calculate your pledge amount.

STEWARDSHIP RECOGNITION

Two People This Year, 2021

**DEPUTY LAUREN APOLLO, BSO
COMMUNITY MEMBER**

Lauren has become a part of the Friday Food Distribution Team. The Food Distribution is an apostolate of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

She has served in the Oakland Park Division of the Broward Sheriff's Office for many years and is known by many in the community. Laurant specializes serving the homeless population in our area as a resource contact. When it was mandated to require our clients to line up in their cars and remain in them

when picking up their provisions BSO Chief Tammy McNeal sent us Deputy Apollo to help.

Lauren helped design the traffic flow. Further, she keeps order and safety among our clients and volunteer staff. More than that, she has fit in with us all. She truly cares especially about our volunteers and keeps a sense of humor with the clients. She is a true public servant. Through it all she shows a respect for God and His Church. For these reasons Deputy Lauren Apollo receives this year's Stewardship Recognition of a Community Member.

We thank Chief McNeal for making Lauren available to us each week. Moreover, we thank BSO for their constant care and attention to Blessed Sacrament Parish.

ELEANOR BLACKBURN PARISH MEMBER

Once Eleanor visited Blessed Sacrament Parish and experienced the warmth of our greeting, she joined us. That was in the year 2014. She said, "I felt the presence of God." Almost immediately she began serving the community.

Eleanor has been involved in the Music Apostolate from the start. Also, she is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Until the pandemic she visited our brothers and sisters in the nursing homes bringing them the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. She has experienced awe of God in this apostolate.

The greatest witness of Stewardship she gives is humility. In a self-effacing manner Eleanor does whatever is needed. She acts as "office help" for the Music Department, making copies, filing and posting hymn numbers. She drives elderly parishioners to Mass. Eleanor is present at every Liturgy each weekend and hands out Bulletins and disinfects the pews. She is always ready to help where needed. Finally, Eleanor prays for the good of the parish and asks God to protect us.

Because of her humble service in the Lord she receives this year's Stewardship Recognition.

LITURGY FOR JANUARY 31st, 2021 4th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-B

• SONG # 1: ALL ARE WELCOME HERE (Pérez-Cuan)

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE, ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.
WE ARE, WELCOME HERE! WE ARE, WELCOME HERE!**

1. As we gather as one people, all are welcome in God's Holy place. Love is flowing, God is calling and we glorify His name.

2. We are brothers, we are sisters, and together we seek harmony. Joyful voices, all around us let our praises rise to You!
3. Fill our hearts Lord with your fire. Bless your people with your love and grace. In your promise, we have faith Lord; we rejoice. We give You thanks!
4. All are welcome at His table. Sharing His bread, that's blessed and broken. Living water, source of all life; you give us unending love!

• GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore...re you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ
Only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ.
With Holy Spirit in the
Glory to God the Father, Amen!

• PSALM 95: IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART. (Pérez-Cuan)

SONG # 2: You Are My Hiding Place (D. Moen)

1. You are my hiding place, I run to You; I need Your mercy and grace to see me through, so I'll run to you.
2. You are my strength, O God; You will uphold me; You are my shield, O God; you will protect me.

• SONG # 3: THE SUPPER OF THE LORD (Rosania)

**Precious body, precious blood, seen as bread and wine;
here the Lord prepares the feast divine.
Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured;
come, share the supper of the Lord.**

1. This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n, giving life to us, to all the world.

2. "I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again."
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die."
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God."
5. All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast; in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

• **SONG # 4: THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE (G. Bullock)**

1. Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed; flowing from the grace that I found in You. And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.
2. **Hold me close, let Your love surround me, bring me near, draw me to Your side.**
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.
3. Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face; the knowledge of Your love, as You live, in me. Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life, in living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love.

• **SONG # 5: GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**
(Angrisano/Tomaszek)

Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God in you and me. We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen. Go make a difference in the world.
2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace. Go make a difference in the world.
3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see. Go make a difference in the world. And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go. Go make a difference in the world.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Kyle Brincat, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Tyler Harrison, Cindy Hogman, Kara, Nancy Hernandez, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Rey Lizcano, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Betsy McMahan, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30

- 4:00 p.m. † Barbara Tobin by Mary Miller
† Ann Marie Bateman by Monica Griffin

Sunday, January 31

- 9:00 a.m. † Candida Martin by Chris & Jim Jordan
10:45 a.m. Connie Bonner by Pat Burton
† Anthony J. "Tony" Galietti by Mike Walsh

Monday, February 1

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, February 2

- 8:00 a.m. Josefina Duque by Selma Cardona

Wednesday, February 3

- 8:00 a.m. Lucas Zaky by Friends

Thursday, February 4

- 8:00 a.m. † Anita Polt by Family

Friday, February 5

- 8:00 a.m. † Norman Pratis by Parish

Saturday, February 6

- 4:00 p.m. † Dorothy Ash by Mary Miller
† Ed Tuosto by Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr.

Sunday, February 7

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Candida Martin by Tony & Grace Mazzurco
† Monica & Witold Gincas by Family

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