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The people were astonished at [Jesus'] teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

MARK 1:22

Teaching with Authority

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right

out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *As a disciple of Jesus, whose voice are you inclined to follow? Why?*
- ★ *What is your attitude toward official authority? Is this a good attitude to hold?*

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St. Brieux Parish Office Hours

Fr. George is available through the week during this time. Please contact him by using his cell phone number if immediate assistance is needed. **Francine** - No formal office hours during this time. Bulletin and information is available on the website: stbrieuxparish.ca

COVID-19 PROTOCOL UPDATE:

Dispensation continues for those who are not yet ready to attend Mass. Bulletins are available online only. You are expected to be respectful and follow the guidelines.

Masks are now mandatory.**St. Brieux Parish: Phone-in registrations****(306-275-2043) are being taken on Fridays from 11-2 for Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.****Any space left will be on a first come first serve basis. Our parish is following the 30 person limit.****EVENTS THIS WEEK & UPCOMING EVENTS****Feb 2-5:** Weekday Masses at 10:00 a.m.**Feb. 6:** Mass at 7:00 p.m. in St. Brieux**Feb. 7:** Mass at 9:00 a.m. in St. Brieux**Feb. 7:** Mass at 4:00 p.m. in Kinistino**Feb.13&14: 29th World Day of the Sick Mass:**

(Due to 30 people limitation, preference will be given to parishioners who want to receive anointing.) Registration is Friday, Feb. 12th by calling the parish office between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (for St. Brieux Parish). Fr. George will be wearing latex gloves and delivering the oil by clean Q-Tip for each person as per Diocese guidelines.

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. in Kinistino and 7:00 p.m. in St. Brieux. (Limit is 30 people) St. Brieux parishioners must register for this Mass on Friday, Feb. 12th from 11-2 by calling the parish office. Fr. George will be wearing latex gloves and will sprinkle the ashes on the top of parishioners' heads, as per Diocese guidelines.

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Feb. 2	10:00 a.m.	+Elizabeth B. Mariano by Helene Pataueg
Wed Feb. 3	10:00 a.m.	For Rae-Anne Kovacs, for her commitment to Catechetical teaching of the parish children by St. Brieux Parish Community
Thurs Feb. 4	10:00 a.m.	For Chantal Jacobs, for her commitment to Catechetical teaching of the parish children by St. Brieux Parish Community
Fri Feb. 5	10:00 a.m.	+Cheryl Holiday by Percy & Roseann King
Sat. Feb. 6	7:00 p.m.	+Gordon Classen by Percy & Roseann King
Sun. Feb. 7	9:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 7	4:00 p.m.	+William Rybinski Sr. by the Mike Rybinski family
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Collections**St. Brieux:** Jan. 24: \$850.00**Mary, Mother of God:** Jan. 24: \$70.00**Bishop's Annual Appeal Update:****St. Brieux Parish:** \$13,330.00**Mary, Mother of God:** \$1,890.00

**Thank you to all who donated and helped both
Parishes reach/exceed their goals!**

Stewardship: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

<http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>

Our Prayer for the Week:

Healing Jesus, help us see where we have been enslaved and weighed down by burdens you want to lift from us. Give us the courage to set them before you and allow you to lift them with us and from us. May we seek the healing and freedom you desire for us. Amen.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

Prayer of the Faithful: For freedom from our heavy burdens and light in the darkness, we pray to the Lord.

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Vocation Corner: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The Church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

Prayer: For those called to serve Jesus as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, that amazed at the authority with which He speaks His invitation, they will be faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

Action: WHO CAN BE A DEACON? A Catholic man actively living his faith, from any ethnic or social background, married or celibate (unmarried), engaged in almost any field of work, at least 35 years old at time of ordination, who humbly seeks to discern his vocation in and with the Church.

Live Streamed Celebrations on the Diocese

Website. These celebrations will be live-streamed on Facebook and later that same day at www.padiocese.ca

- January 31, 2021 @ 10:00 am Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- February 7, 2021 @ 10:00 am Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- February 14, 2021 @ 10:00 am Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray It Forward Prayer Group: to join this ministry, or have an Intercessory Prayer Request contact Terry Valmont by text or call at 306-920-8771. Prayer requests can be submitted either anonymously or with information.

Join Pope Francis in Prayer Every Day
www.clicktopray.org



A pre-Lenten virtual evening with Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ on Thursday, February 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. helping us consider our Lenten Journey..."What are We Hoping For?" (Lent begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday)

For more information contact Christine Taylor at 922-4747 extension 227. To register,

Virtual Bible Study: A virtual Lenten bible study with Christine Taylor and other members of the Evangelization and Catechesis Commission will be offered Thursdays during Lent from February 18 - March 25 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. To register, email catechetics@padiocese.ca

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE -

February 2nd, 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul declaring the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple as World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In order to learn more about Consecrated Life, and to pray for those individuals who have been called to this life, and for an increase in Vocations to the Consecrated Life.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MASS OF MINOR ORDER OF ACOLYTE FOR TAI LE

Please join us in prayer for our Seminarian Tai Le, currently on his Pastoral Internship in our diocese. On Sunday, February 7, Tai will be receiving the ministry of Acolyte, the last step in preparation for his Diaconate, later this year. You are welcome to join us via Livestream on the Diocese Facebook page.

Here is the website that people can follow the **live-streamed** Mass of Minor Order of Acolyte for Tai Le at St. Theresa Parish at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, **February 7, 2021 : Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** at St. Theresa Parish, Wakaw, SK - YouTube

Have a great week everyone!

Dear Padre,

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when

we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross....Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.

ADDRESS TO INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF SUPERIORS GENERAL, MAY 8, 2013

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

Heb 11:32–40

Mk 5:1–20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation

of the Lord

Mal 3:1–4

Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40

or 2:22–32

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

Heb 12:4–7, 11–15

Mk 6:1–6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 12:18–19, 21–24

Mk 6:7–13

Friday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 13:1–8

Mk 6:14–29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

Heb 13:15–17, 20–21

Mk 6:30–34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 7

Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1–4, 6–7

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23

Mk 1:29–39