

GOSPEL SUMMARY: Mark 1:21-28



Jesus taught with authority

In this reading Jesus teaches and acts with authority. In this first miracle recorded by Mark, Jesus shows his power over the forces of evil. Even the evil spirit gives witness to Jesus, recognizing him as "the Holy One of God" and submitting to his commands. We should learn to trust in Jesus and his loving care for us. We should listen each day for his quiet voice in our hearts, urging us to trust him and

to do what he asks.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GOSPEL: What are our attitudes toward authority in our lives? Are our attitudes toward Jesus the same as or different from our attitudes toward other authorities? Does Jesus "authorize" our thoughts and actions? How or when?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Where do you see authority exercised in line with gospel values?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: The Oil of the Sick, usually labeled OI (for Oleum Infirmarum), is often reserved with chrism and the oil of catechumens in an ambry. An ambry is a cabinet, often beautifully ornamented and kept near the baptistery in the church. Olive oil, with no fragrance added, is blessed at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week by the bishop, although there is now a provision for a priest to bless oil if none is available. This restores to our Latin Rite practice a tradition never lost in the Eastern tradition, in which priests consecrate the oil of the sick, even at the sick person's home. Any vegetable oil may be used now, since olive oil is difficult to obtain in some places. Many priests keep a small supply of oil close at hand in a small metal tube called a "stock."

In the former rite, every sense of the body was anointed, accompanied by a prayer for forgiveness of sin. So, the eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, and feet were all touched. Today, this is simplified to an anointing of the forehead and the hands, but generally today the oil is used more lavishly, and the symbolism of touch so central to the rite is enhanced. Often, a priest will invite everyone present to join in the "laying on of hands." Sick persons are often pushed aside or feared in our culture, and to be reverently touched in love can be a profound experience of God's healing, forgiving, accepting presence through the ministry of the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Called to be Merciful "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." — MATTHEW 5:7

St. Pius X Parish is pleased to participate in the 2015 "Called to be Merciful" Annual Catholic Appeal. This appeal supports charitable needs throughout the Diocese of San Diego. Your gifts make possible the work that impacts so many in our diocese: service to the poor and imprisoned, education for children in Catholic schools and training of catechists, formation of candidates for the priesthood, ministry to our youth and to young people on university campuses, preparation of couples for marriage, and support for parish development in Imperial Valley. Please make your intention to Annual Catholic Appeal. You can make your contribution online at www.diocesediago.org, or by picking up a brochure and response card here at the parish. Cards and brochures will be available next weekend at all the Masses.

Called to be Merciful Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for calling us together. In you we are one. Help us to remember that united, we are called to be merciful and love one another through the generous sharing of our time, gifts, and resources. Please bless our efforts and help us to grow as a unified and vibrant community of faith. Give us the grace to generously support the Annual Catholic Appeal so that we may faithfully do the work of Your Church. Amen.

Announcements

1. **OFFERING REPORT:** Our weekly offering from Jan 25, 2015 was \$2,876.89. Thank you for your love and support.
2. **TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS:** Tax Letters for 2014 contributions were mailed out last week to all who donated. If your contributions were in the form of loose cash only, we do not have a record of your giving. It is recommend that you use an envelope for all cash donations or take advantage of the convenience of our on-line giving feature at www.stpiusxjamul.com
3. **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:** The next KoC meeting is this Tuesday, **Feb 2** at 7:00PM in Keenan Hall.
4. **BIBLE STUDY WITH DEACON JOHN:** Wed, Feb 4 Wed, at 6:00PM.
5. **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** 7:00pm Holy Hour concludes with Eucharistic Celebration.
6. **G.O.L.F. :** Generations of Living Faith is this Sun **Feb 1** from 9:30am to 11:30am. in Keenan Hall. All are invited to attend and enjoy breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus.
7. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST:** Stop by Keenan Hall for a delicious breakfast being served by the Knights of Columbus after the 8:30AM Mass. Today.



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat	Jan 31	St. John Bosco, Priest	5:00PM	(SI) Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi
Sun	Feb 01	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30AM	+Mary Grace & (SI) Adria Ablahad
Sun	Feb 01	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00AM	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 01	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30PM	+Benjamin Martinez & +Maria de Jesus Andrade
Mon	Feb 02	The Presentation of the Lord		NO MASS
Tues	Feb 03	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop	7:30AM	(SI) Teresita S. Sasoy
Wed	Feb 04	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Thurs	Feb 05	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Fri	Feb 06	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
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17th Annual Divine Mercy Conference.: Held **Feb 6-7**. Abbot Charles Wright celebrates the opening Mass Fri. at 7pm at the Juan Diego Center, at Mission San Antonio de Pala followed by "Amazing Miracles" talk by Tim Francis (no need to register for Fri events). Pre-register by Jan 28. Adults \$20, Married couples \$30 and children under 17, \$10. Prices increase at the door. For more info call Jan at 619 276-6637 or go to www.sddivinemercy.org.

Healing After Divorce, is offering New Paths, a free support group for the separated and divorced. Gatherings are on Tues at 6:30pm from **Feb 10** through **May 5** at Sacred Heart Parish Ministry Center, 655 C Ave, Coronado. For more info call 619 435-6136.

Life After Loss, a new series of meetings will begin on **Apr 6** and continue for seven consecutive Mondays from 7-8 pm. For more info, please contact Sr. Margaret Eilerman, CSJ, at eilerman@cox.net or 619 670-9663



FAMILY NIGHT
 Friday, **Feb 13** from 6:00 to 9:30PM
 Only \$2.00 per game
 Play all 10 games for only \$15.00
 (When you purchase the 10 pak)
 Games Start at 7:00pm
 DINNER Served 6:00pm to 7:00pm
 Family Dinner Night – Served by Knights of Columbus
 Only \$5.00 per person
 Supervised by Volunteers from the Youth Group
 100% of the Profits support the Youth Group Activities



BOLO Alert. A BOLO (be on the lookout for) alert comes your way from our Mother Mary's Ladies Guild! The first "official" announcement of the Guild's second annual "Madonna Tea" will be in next week's bulletin. Don't forget to look for this "Save the Date" insert and discover some of the special details about this popular upcoming Spring event in our parish.

January 31-February 1: Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano are presenting RELATIONSHIP SKILLS WORKSHOPS every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM at San Rafael Parish Hall, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The next workshop is February 4th and the topic is Control Issues. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.



Office for Young Adult Ministry. Holy Heroes! Called to Be Saints, Sent Forth as Heroes. A Day Retreat for Young Adults Saturday, **February 28th**, 9:30 am-3:30 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive 92117. Come join fellow young adults (Ages 18 to 39) for a day retreat as we reflect on living our faith in today's world! Loving God and actively sharing the faith is how San Pedro Calungsod, a recently canonized young Filipino missionary, lived and died. May we follow his example of being truly a holy hero. Eucharistic Celebration 4:00 pm. Free event with lunch included Please RSVP to Roland rrs2605@yahoo.com Facebook.com/SPCRetreat



Ground Hog Day. Monday, Feb 2 is Ground Hog Day. In the spirit of the groundhog, develop your shadow side today. If you're shy, make an overture to someone in need. If you're not very affectionate, give your spouse an unexpected kiss or hug. If you're a work-a-holic, take some time off to play together. You get the idea.



Care more than others think necessary. Trust more than others think wise. Serve more than others think practical.