

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— Psalm 95:6



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 whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. 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. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. 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.

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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).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	January 29 † Manuel Scerri
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 30 † Josefina and † Antolin Flandez
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	January 31 Communal Service † Leonardo Lazo † William dela Cruz
Thursday 8:00 am	February 1 † Carolyn Cugia
Friday 8:00 am	February 2 † Val Myo Aung
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	February 3 † Antonietta Perata St. Paul of the Shipwreck
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	February 4 † Carmel and † Efemia Agius and Family † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri People of the Parish † Timoteo D. Nacor Sr. † Santiago Gayaban

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection January 21, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,899.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,101.00
Church Project	\$ 764.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

25th Anniversary

*Congratulations to
Leo and Jenebie Lazo
on celebrating
their 25th Wedding Anniversary*

*We offer Leo and Jenebie
our sincere congratulations,
prayers, and best wishes
for many more years
of happiness together.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 14th.

Masses will be at 8:00 am, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed during Mass. Please note that parking **WILL NOT** be available in Alta Vista Schoolyard.

As in the past, the following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Supporting our Archdiocesan Family

Appeal Sunday for the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal will be held shortly. At that time each of us will be asked to support the work of the Church by contributing to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Please be generous. Our parish goal for 2018 is \$50,615.00. Through the generous donations from our parishioners we not only met but exceeded our 2017 goal. \$ 1,197.00 was returned to the parish.



ST. ELIZABETH MALTESE SOCIETY
THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL
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SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 3, 2018
MASS: 4:30 pm
ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Dinner: 6:00 pm in Cantwell Hall
Menu: New York Strip, Salad,
Mostaccioli, Wine and Dessert
Wayland and Goettingen Streets,
San Francisco

ADULTS: \$35.00
CHILDREN: (12 and under) \$15.00

For Tickets Call:

John Sant	415-467-1413
Tony Sammut	415-467-1686
Carmen Micallef	415-586-2597
Frances Cairns	415-468-8636
Josie Ghiglieri	415-333-5290

LITURGY AND ILLNESS

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 am on Channels 8,20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.