

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

- 8:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Patty & Kevin Harold*)
- 9:30AM Paul Auwarter (*Shane Mahase*)
- 11:00AM Edward Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)
- 12:30PM Paul Auwarter (*Leone Family*)
- George Buonocore (*Melissa Vallely*)
- Richard H. Dimler (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Jeffrey Ford (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Rose Goffredo (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Patrick Kearney (*M/M Ron Antal*)
- Frank & Jean LeFavi (*Leone Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

- 9:00AM Angelina Barrella (*Theresa Pierro*)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 Presentation of the Lord

- 9:00AM Robert Morie (*Linda DeSantis*)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021 Sts. Blaise & Ansgar

- 9:00AM Joseph Isolano (*Maria & Frank Falanga*)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

- 9:00AM Arsenio DaRita (*Marina Coraci*)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 St. Agatha

- 9:00AM Antoinette Tomasello (*Daughter, Linda Tomasello*)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021 St. Paul Miki

- 9:00AM William C. Corrigan (*Mary Jo & Will Vendittelli*)
- 5:00PM Victor Auber (*Julie Dimler*)
- Paul Auwarter (*Michele Carollo*)
- Antonio DiFiore (*Joe Barreca*)
- James DiNapoli (*C. Spinelli & T. LaMarca*)
- Raymond Guglielmi (*Christian Russo*)
- Frances Inzerillo (*Sal & Chris Armao*)
- Aniello Iovino (*Neil Iovino*)
- Louis Leist (*Turner Family*)
- Gregory Spotor (*Neil Iovino*)
- Rosa Spotor (*Neil Iovino*)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- 8:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Bruce & Enid Borgesen*)
- 9:30AM Charlene Fiorentino (*Marie Marotta*)
- 11:00AM Christine Ann Salegna (*Aunt Marilyn*)
- 12:30PM Philip Barresi (*Yvonne Flesche*)
- Bellanti & Patania Family (*M/M Giuseppe Bellanti*)
- Robert Coleman (*Steve & Diane Coleman*)
- Jean LeFavi (*M/M Frank Ottomanelli*)
- Natividad Lopez—*Good Health* (*Janet Valenzuela*)
- Nicholas Louis Napolitano (*Loving Wife*)
- Trapasso Family (*Rose & Ralph Trapasso*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Victor Auber — Linda Susan Iacopelli  
Myrtle Pugliese



Please join us every Tuesday at 1:00PM in Church to pray the special prayers to **The Holy Face of Jesus** in reparation for the crimes of communists, blasphemers, the profaners of his Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday.



Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so, please stop in at the Rectory to register your family, or for easier and faster service please register through our website at [www.sthelen.org](http://www.sthelen.org)!



Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Theresia Brech, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Tina DiPalo, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Jorge Hidrobo, Henry J. Hinton, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, John Myers, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Doris Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Amelia Pepe, Josephine Profera, Vivian Puglissi, Joseph Questore, Recupero Family, Frances Russo, John Secreti, Remington Stafford, Rubie Anna Torall, Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered on **Friday, February 26, 2021.**



**St. Helen's Holy Name Society  
is sponsoring a  
Sock & Hat Drive**

**Saturday/Sunday January 30/31 & February 6/7**  
*There will be a box in the Church vestibule during all Masses.*

**In this time of pandemic, let us remember those who are in  
need of our help. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!  
Proceeds will be given to Catholic Charities for distribution.**



*"Blessed by John of Verceli, Founder of the Holy Name Society"*



**Parents seeking Baptism for their children** *who live within the territory of St. Helen Parish* are asked to register as members of the parish before requesting an initial interview for Baptism. Registration is easily done at the parish office anytime during business hours.

Parents seeking Baptism for their children *who live outside the territory of St. Helen Parish* are asked to obtain a letter from the parish in which they live authorizing the Baptism to take place at St. Helen.

Initial meetings with parents seeking Baptism for their children **who have already been born** will normally take place **on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00–9:00PM and on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00AM–12:00PM.**

**Upcoming Mornings of Preparation** *(Required Before a Baptism)*  
*(All begin at the 11:00AM Mass and continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room):*  
**February 7 & 28**

**Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms** *(All begin at 2:00PM)*  
**February 7 & 28**

Dates for the Morning of Preparation and Baptisms are the same for the convenience of the Celebrant. It is **strongly suggested** you plan on taking the Baptism class **prior** to the date of your child's baptism.

**Please call 718-738-1616 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.**

## **READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **Reading I**

*Dt 18:15-20*

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

### **Responsorial Psalm**

***R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.***

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.” **R.**



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## **READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **Reading II**

*1 Cor 7:32-35*

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

### **Alleluia**

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*



The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death,  
light has arisen. **R.**

### **Gospel**

*Mk 1:21-28*

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 31, 2021

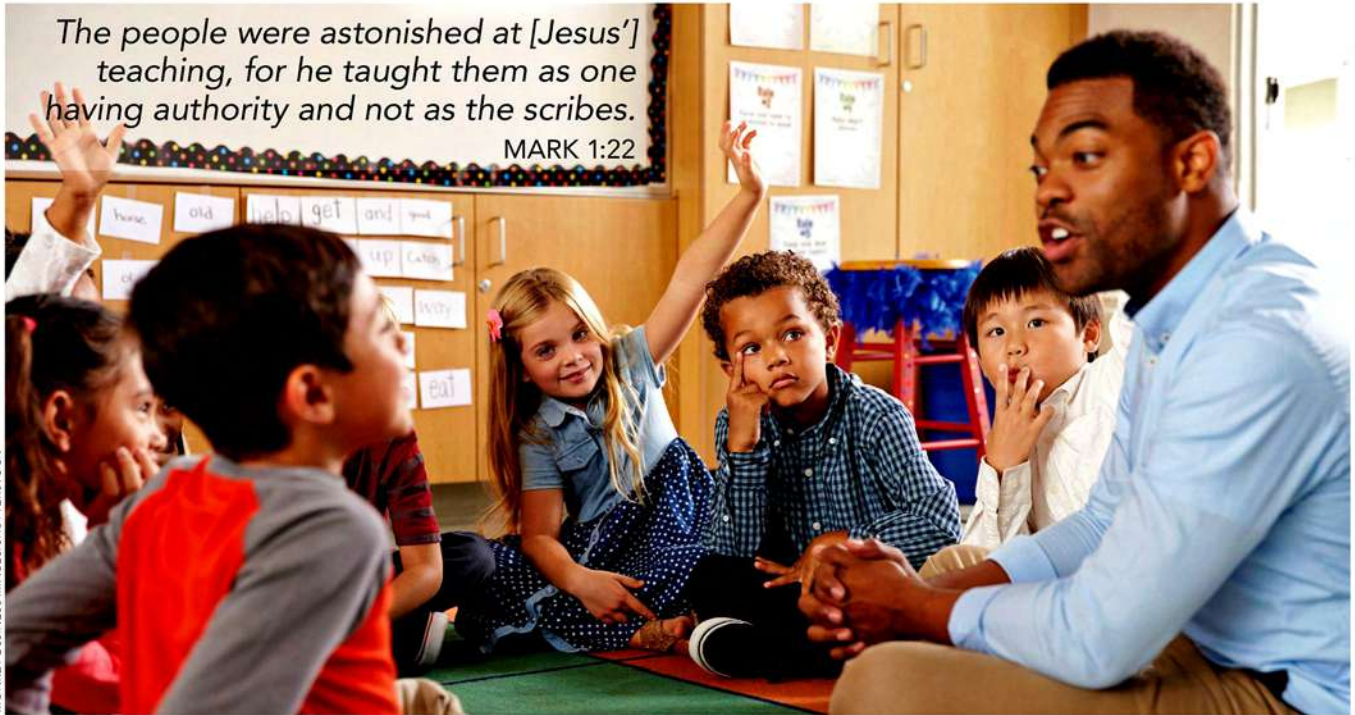
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1 Cor 7:32–35

Mk 1:21–28

*The people were astonished at [Jesus'] teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.*  
 MARK 1:22



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## 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?*