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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 He taught them as one having authority.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	30	5:00 p.m.	SH	Jerry Ricke	✠	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	31	8:30 a.m.	KW	Deborah Bone	✠	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	31	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	2	9:00 a.m.	ML	Herb Durant	✠	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday	3	5:30 p.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	✠	4 th Wednesday of Ordinary Time
Thursday	4	8:30 a.m.	KW	Deborah Bone	✠	4 th Thursday of Ordinary Time
Friday	5	8:30 a.m.	SH	C.J. Dark	✠	Memorial of St. Agatha
Saturday	6	5:00 p.m.	SH	Richard Pullian	✠	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	7	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	7	10:30 a.m.	ML	Julie Ohl-Klein	✠	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Wait. What? The connection is clear. First, in Deuteronomy we hear Moses reminding the Jewish people of God's promise to send a prophet who will speak all that God commands. And in the Gospel, Jesus astonishes the people by commanding an unclean spirit to come out of a man.

But sandwiched between these texts, today's short excerpt from First Corinthians seems like a bait-and-switch. St. Paul starts with an attention grabber: "I should like you to be free of anxieties." Yes, we would like to be free of anxieties! Tell us what to do. Then the other shoe drops: we can either be unmarried and please the Lord or married and please our family. Wait. What? Just when we're about to move on in disappointment, a glimmer of light works its way through a tiny crack in this narrative: "... 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."

Married or not, we do very little without distraction these days, so maybe, just maybe this unexpected reading is for us after all. Maybe it's not so much about our status but about our priorities. Do we ever focus on God without distraction? Or do we move through our days giving God only the leftovers of our time, our energy, our love? Our God is not an either-or proposition. When we focus on God single-mindedly for even part of our day, everything else falls into place.

Mary DeTurris Poust

Word of Life

"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)." NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid (respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Roger Ringer, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Save the Dates

Final preparations are being made for a Lenten retreat. Reserve the evenings of March 7th, 8th, and 9th. You won't be disappointed.

Tri-Parish Council

The tri-parish council will hold their next meeting February 9th, 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary.

Traveling?

If you are traveling and looking for a Catholic Church, you can find the closest churches and their Mass schedules here: www.masstimes.org

Blessing of Throats on February 3rd

The USCCB has recommended the traditional blessing of throats on the Memorial of St. Blaise NOT be used. This includes individual blessings with crossed candles. As an alternative, a blessing for all assembled will be given.

Help from Catholic Charities Catholic

Charities staff members want to help if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at COVID19help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org. We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.

Ministry Schedule February 6th – February 7th

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Briana Stephenson	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Volunteer
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Michael Lynch Myra Dick Kayla Zerr Marge Wright Nathan Honas
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Volunteers
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Marge Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright