

FOURTH Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2021

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

MARK 1:22

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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Poynette *St. Joseph's Parish, Rio*

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the
Kingdom of God
is at hand

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
Diocese of Madison

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:

St. Thomas -Poynette
Saturdays-3:30 to 4 pm,

Baptism:

Call for appointment

Marriage:

Please contact the office
6 months in advance

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the parish office if you or someone
you know would like Holy Communion at home,
is in the hospital, or in need of respite care.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

St Thomas (ST) - Poynette * St. Joseph (SJ) - Rio

Saturday	Jan. 30	4:30 pm (ST) † Bernard Dushek
Sunday	Jan. 31	8:00 am (ST) - Fiene & Kitzhaber Family
		10:00 am (SJ) - Parishes of St. Joseph & St. Thomas
Monday	Feb. 1	8:00 am (ST) † All Deceased Members of the Pacholsks Family
Tuesday	Feb. 2	8:00 am (ST) - Bruce & Jane Creen
Wednesday	Feb. 3	8:00 am (ST) † The Living & Deceased Members of the St. Thomas Christian Women
Thursday	Feb. 4	8:00 am (SJ) † Roseann Otter
Friday	Feb. 5	(No Mass) - Speaker Family / Msgr. John A. Ralek



UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Feb. 6	4:30 pm (ST) - Parishes of St. Thomas & St. Joseph
Sunday	Feb. 7	8:00 am (ST) † Deceased members of the Luke & Jennifer Walz Families
		10:00 am (SJ) † Dorothy Biddle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
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,

Today's Reflection

FALSE PROPHETS, 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 Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. 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. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And 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.

FEAST OF FAITH

I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or "I confess," a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—"I confess"—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our "fault," with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can ("The devil made me do it!"). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

Diocese of Madison

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021

"The Kingdom of God is at Hand"

The theme for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Madison is "The Kingdom of God is at Hand." We ask that God guide us, and give us the ability to put our *faith* in Him to allow us the capacity to love and care for those in our parishes, our diocese and the Church throughout the world.

We ask that His grace make us even more generous in supporting those needs.

Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports diocesan ministries, education and services and assures a strong future for the Diocese of Madison and the people that it serves.

This year each of us is asked to consider making a pledge, payable over six months.

Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide to the ministries supported by the appeal.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

St. Thomas the Apostle - Poynette

Parish Council Nominations

We are asking all parishioners to participate in the nomination and subsequent election process to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is an advisory body to the Pastor; it helps relay the needs/concerns of the parish and provide suggestions and initiatives to promote the functioning and growth of the parish. Members of the Parish Council in many ways serve as your voice in matters of spiritual need and direction.

Correction!!!!

Details of our 2021 nominations and election process
Nominations will be accepted through February 15th

- All parishioners who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are 18 years of age or older are eligible to serve on the Council.
- You may nominate yourself or another parishioner
- We are filling three (3) at-large seats in 2021
- Simply use the online form (PRCatholic.org) or you may choose to submit a printed nomination form into one of the boxes provided at the back of church

ST THOMAS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS AND INFO

Thank you to all that contributed to our bedding drive for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Because of your generosity we are able to donate over \$350 for building supplies & mattresses and were able to provide bedding for over 13 beds! What a special gift you have provided by giving a child a warm bed to sleep in.

Thank you all!



Religious Education Schedule

February 3 - Regular Classes

February 10 - Regular Classes -
5:15 Reconciliation Retreat - 2nd Grade only

February 17 - Regular Class Grades K-5 -
Ash Wednesday Mass 5:00 - No class grades 6-10

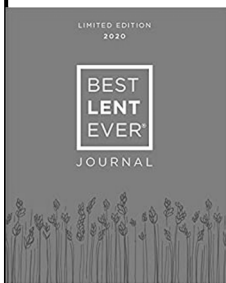
St. Thomas February Ministry Schedule

Saturday 4:30 PM Masses	Sunday 8:00 AM Masses
Lector- Lynne Clark	Lector- Kari Schultz
Ushers- Mike Sorje Jordan Sorje	Ushers- Don Hehl Phil Wheeler

Free Book from Dynamic Catholic

We have 50 copies of
Best Lent Ever Journal
available to who ever would like one on the back table.

With Lent less than a month away this journal is a great tool to improve your prayer life.



St. Joseph's - Rio

St. Joseph's February Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	Collection Counters	Date	Lector	Collection Counters
Feb. 7th	Phyllis Nelson	Margaret Halpin Lois Sunde Jennifer Lang	Feb. 21st	Phyllis Nelson	Kathy Lueloff Lois Sunde Jennifer Lang
Feb. 14th	Phyllis Nelson	Jeanne Kearney Carol Bradley Jamie Peterson	Feb. 28th	Phyllis Nelson	Margaret Halpin Paul & Mary Becker



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