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

MARK 1:22

FOURTH *Sunday* *in ORDINARY TIME*

January 31, 2021

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS offers OUTDOOR MASSES

**Saturday, 4:00 PM and Sunday, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
IN THE SCHOOLYARD**

The altar is at the end of the schoolyard in front of the Sacred Heart. Chairs will be available for use. Please check the weather and dress appropriately. Covid-19 protocols will still apply.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

We will continue to stream the 9:30 AM Sunday Masses and the 9:00 AM weekday Masses on [Facebook Live](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/holynameofjesusff>
and [YouTube](#) Holy Name Church San Francisco
In case of rain, Mass will only be live-streamed only.

MISSION STATEMENT HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

SAN FRANCISCO is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the "Joy of the Gospel" we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings. Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.

Pastor's Column

Upcoming Lenten Activities – With Lent only a couple of weeks away, the parish staff began exploring how we might do our Lenten activities in this time of pandemic restrictions. And as one of the priests at St Anne, Fr. Peterson Tieng returns back to the Philippines, we are exploring whether we could do these activities combined with St. Anne parish together. Some of the activities that we thought we might be able to do together via Zoom would be (1) a faith sharing book club; (2) a date night for couples; (3) yoga chair exercise for seniors in the day time; (4 & 5) Pilates and/or Yoga for the young and old; (6 & 7) discussions on Anti-Racism and Stewardship. For the Book Club, we thought of 3 books, so 3 separate groups: *I Heard God Laugh; Fratelli Tutti* by Pope Francis; and a Women's Group with the book *Set Afire*. With the discussion group on Anti-Racism, we thought it's important to listen to what people experience before we acted, so we found some TED talks that give perspectives from African Americans, LatinX, LGBTQ and Native Americans. It's an opportunity to listen, reflect and also decide for ourselves how we may choose to act. The Date Night program is prepared by www.WitnessToLove.org. They offer a 10 minute reflection on a topic of faith and relationship by a host couple, and then the different couples participating are invited to reflect on the topic themselves, and to share with the larger group afterwards. Along with these activities, we are also planning a virtual Soup Supper with Reflection offered by Fr. Celestine, as well as praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Depending on whether we are allowed to return back inside the Church or not, we are planning for both a Zoom Stations of the Cross as well as one that allows us to pray inside the Church while keeping our social distance. How do these activities sound to you? Are there others that you might be interested in? Would you be willing to host an activity? If you'd like to give us feedback on these activities, on a good book you've come across, please don't hesitate to let me know via email or phone at frdan@holynamesf.org or 415-665-1600 x 24.

Catholic Schools Week – Each year, on the last week of January, the US Church celebrates Catholic Schools Week. It's an opportunity to highlight the role Catholic Schools have played in our community, and to celebrate their success in educating not only the children in the 3Rs (Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic), but the whole person: mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. I'm grateful to our Preschool Director, **Ms. Alice Ho Seher**, our Principal, **Mr. Michael Miller**, their staff and faculty that amidst the pandemic, they have allowed for both in person and virtual classroom education. For parents that are not able to watch their kids at home while they work, our school has allowed children to return to school, while observing strict safety protocols. To our teachers and staff, thank you for giving the best of yourselves for our students. May God keep you all safe and healthy throughout the New Year!

Fr. Dan

First Saturday Mass and Rosary Walk for Life

Saturday, February 6, 8:00 am St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, SF The monthly First Saturday Mass and Rosary Walk for Life takes place February 6 beginning with 8:00 am Mass in the Cathedral, followed by a rosary walk to the site of the new Planned Parenthood clinic on Bush Street, just one third of a mile away. All are welcome to join. For more information, please email prolife@sfarch.org.

Volunteers with Catholic Charities for Immigrants:

Catholic Social Teaching calls us to welcome the stranger. **Catholic Charities Center for Immigration Legal and Support Services** invites you to use your talents, skills, compassion and commitment to answer that call and join our Volunteer Corps. We are actively seeking 1) Lawyers in partnership with dedicated staff attorneys, to work with clients in deportation or in guardianship proceedings. 2) Application assistants, under the supervision of expert staff, to prepare DACA and Naturalization applications. 3) Office volunteers to assist with mail sorting and filing, phone calls and other office tasks. 4) Spanish-speaking bilingual translators and interpreters. If you are able to help or desire more information, please contact Carol Laughlin, Volunteer manager, 415-972-1236 CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org.



Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

Sunday, January 31st
Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:30 am.

*All families are ask to watch Mass together.
Please go to <https://holynamesf.org/> for links to live stream Mass.*

TEACHER as HEALER by *Brendan Byrne, SJ*

Today's **Gospel** (Mark 1:21-28) describes the first public act of Jesus in Mark's Gospel: his teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, in the course of which he dramatically frees a man possessed by an evil spirit. Mark's Gospel frequently presents Jesus as a teacher—though, curiously, does not tell us much about the actual content of his instruction. The evangelist simply wants to present Jesus as one who teaches with great authority. We note how, at both the beginning and the end of this episode, the people in the synagogue are struck by the authority with which Jesus teaches. Indeed, what is really surprising is that the people in the synagogue seem just as impressed by the authority with which he teaches as by the authority with which he drives out demons, an example of which has just taken place before their eyes.

In fact, the episode suggests that there is a very close link in Mark's view between the liberation involved in genuine teaching and the liberation involved in expelling demons—a thought that might produce a wry smile in those who labor in the classroom today. For Jesus, to be ignorant or wrong about God is just as much a captivity as the various other captivities that the ancient worldview attributed to demonic possession—many of which we would now attribute to pathological psychological conditions. Although Saint Mark doesn't inform us about the content of Jesus' teaching on this particular occasion, we can be pretty certain that it had to do with the true nature of the God whom Jesus addressed with intimate knowledge as "Father" and whose saving designs for the world were summed up in the phrase "the Kingdom (or "Rule") of God". His message and the authority with which he proclaimed it were new with the "newness" of creation. What he said communicated a sense of a fresh start at life, beginning with renewed relationship with God, freely offered in unconditional love.

The dramatic liberation of the demon-possessed man before the eyes of all in the synagogue was not, then, unconnected with Jesus' teaching. It simply enacted, albeit more physically, a liberation that was going on within all present as they listened to Jesus and drank in his words. "Captivities" of prejudice, fears, scruples, guilts, ignorance about God, were dragged out of them. Far beyond overt cases of possession, the demonic can refer to any condition that controls human lives, inhibiting freedom and choice, stunting personal growth, alienating persons from God and their own true humanity, rendering relationships with others poisonous or destructive. Addictions of all kinds come to mind, their destructiveness symbolized in the "convulsions" inflicted on the man in this scene by the demon as it left him. Rather than being mere spectators of what is being described, the Gospel invites those who hear it to identify with Jesus' audience in the synagogue and to consider all the ways in which their own lives need to be set free through the power and teaching of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK of January 31, 2021

Sun	31	9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Dalmacio Briones, Jr. † Mass for the People
Mon	01	9:00 AM	Special Intentions of Kate McCaffrey
Tue	02	9:00 AM	Special Intentions of Kathy Gallagher Special Intentions of Ramsey Ramos
Wed	03	9:00 AM	Katherine Goulet †
Thu	04	9:00 AM	Marge Finney †
Fri	05	9:00 AM	Alden Shea †
Sat	06	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Special Intentions of Katherine Creedon Suhermahdy Ghani †

Let Us Pray For:

We pray for the Sick . . . **that they may experience God's Love and Healing:** Tom Abdella, Evangeline Agbunag, Sofia Aguirre, Rosa Maria Alonso, Laura Andrade, Gina Arenas, Eunice Ausman, George Beach, Joan Boike, Rolando Boo (HN '82), Zenaida Bunda, Evangelina Calceta, Janet Cariganai, Remedios Cuchapin, Joseph Chu, Fred Dayoan , Alphonse Demee, Josephine Dominguez, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Ezequiel, Bob Fisher, Lourdes Gatchalian, Connor Gavney, Asa Gonzales, Genoveva Guevarra, Theresa Ick, Pat Jordan, Max Kirkham, Richie Kreps, Steven Lee, Dimple Lim, Amelia Lippi, Tony Lo, Leny Lopez, Priscilla Lumba, Flory Magat, Arturo B. Martin, Amy McNally, Mary Medina, Jesus Morales Montilla, Ann Murphy, Neil O'Sullivan, Josefina Palarca, Christine Gallagher Prendergast, Maryanne Piwowar, Soledad Rico, Jose Rodriguez, Maria Salas, Shannon Shatara, Elaine Shaw, Michael Joseph Suntar, Flor Sunga, Maureen Sweeney, Lawrence Tan, Dodie Teague, Victoriana Tolentino, Rosvida Uskert, Lauretta Venenciano

We pray for those who have Died . . . **May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace :**

Edison Cayabyab

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