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Worship Times

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 9:00a
Holy Days 7:00p
Communion Service Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment***

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

***4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021***

Spirit
vs.
spirits



Morning, Church!

Mark's gospel account begins without Matthew's genealogy or Luke's poetic infancy narrative. It begins by proclaiming the reign of God is now! Mark leaps from the River Jordan right to Jesus' first recorded miracle. It's a bold beginning in a most dramatic scene which demonstrates Christ's power and authority over every aspect of Creation ~ evil spirits included.

Initially captivated by Jesus' teaching in Capernaum's synagogue, Christ's onlookers were deeply spellbound by the magnetism and authority of his words. He spoke with authority and used his authority for service.

"...he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

Ironically, the *evil spirit* is the first to recognize Jesus. It becomes downright threatened by Pure Presence, Grace, and Truth. His light shown on their darkness and through them into a panic. The evil spirit recognized Jesus in the crowd and knew he could destroy him. So very powerful is Christ's presence that he evoked a public, profession of faith from this demon of darkness.

"I know who you are ~ the Holy One of God!"

Jesus the rabbi-teacher then reveals another aspect of his ministry: power over Creation through healing. Jesus came to restore Creation to its Original Grace. To heal the demoniac, Jesus is impelled to confront the unclean, spirit who has just acknowledged his divinity. He is compelled to call out the evil spirit possessing the demoniac and use this encounter to show ~ by his words *and* actions ~ who he is:

The Holy One of God!

Those who witnessed this miraculous moment on the Sabbath, were astonished by Jesus' power in what they saw and heard. What Jesus said, how he said it and how he acted were different from anything they had ever seen. This were are challenged by Jesus to speak and act as he did. Those who witnessed this miracle, including the First Followers, failed to recognize the Son of God, and the evil spirit did!

Today, Jesus challenges all of us to identify and call out the evil spirits and their darkness, and to cast them out in Jesus' Name. Name the dark spirits that possess our nation, our Church, and your hearts. Name and uncover them and bring them into the Light, so we can be healed and restored.

The darkness, the evil spirit can no longer have any room in your hearts, your thoughts, or your actions. Pray for the grace to divest yourself of the demonic attitudes, any spirit of darkness that possesses space in your life and closes you off from Christ's abundant, healing grace. Name who or what holds your heart hostage, or steepens you in the dark addictiveness of pride closes your heart off from the yet-to-be-discovered grace and truth revealed in Christ and in those around you.

KEEP YOUR WORD. KEEP THE WORD.

God's blessings,

spanis

Sunday Scriptures	
Deut 18:15-20	1 Cor 7:32-35
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9	Mark 1:21-28

☞ Reflecting on the Word _____

*Pray this week for sight and insight to name
and cast aside any darkness or spirit
that brings darkness
to your heart, your thoughts, or your actions.*

☞ Prayer Request

*Tom Lux; all who contend with COVID.
For healing for our hearts, our nation, and our world.
For the safety of those on the front lines
in our medical community, teachers,
home-schooling parents, first responders,
and all the other essential workers
who make our lives easier.*

JANUARY	
31	4th Sun OT
FEBRUARY	
02	Communion Service 12:15p RCIA Inquiry, 3:45p
03	Opioid Response Team mtg., FLC 1p
04	RCIA Inquiry Zoom, 3:45p
07	5th Sun OT



*Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 100
Everything in a balance: heart,
humility, detachment, prayer, trust, solitude,
love of God and neighbor, a life joyous and free.*

- ☞ Everything is a grace. All that matters is faith.
- ☞ I live a rhythm of contemplation and courageous action by the power of God's Spirit.
- ☞ I seek to simplify my life to lessen the burden on others, especially other species.

Tri-C Christian Ministries

**Any of the following items:
Any kind of bean, dried or canned
Pasta & sauce or sm. laundry detergent**

☞ JANUARY	
31	+Rose & Joe El-Khoury r/b Theresa
☞ FEBRUARY	
07	+Lucille, Ernest, Edmund Bresse; Scott Perkins
14	Married & Engaged Couples

Birthdays & Anniversaries

02 Julie Cortez Marbel Garcia Jovanny Lopez	22 Julie Colglazier Wendy McClamrock Shelli Roth
05 Ivan Barrientos	23 Gabby LaCashio
08 Bailey Kerr	24 Andrew Ange
11 Bob Horneck	Aaron Kelly
14 Karen Gochner Brad Kitts	Marcus Orta
16 Julian Cortez	25 Ray Hernandez
19 Ryan Treannie	28 June Soots
09 Nancy & Lane Hubbard	
14 Lana & Bob Horneck	
27 June & Billy Soots	



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and Tri-C ministries...*

Please address your envelope this way and mail
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*Janis McQuade, S.S.J.
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Please consider regular donations to church,
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in the last 10 months.

Please include a note on the breakout
of your check amount
Thank you so much!!