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Rectory Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 8pm

Friday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 7pm

Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

Religious Ed. Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:30am in English

10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish

1:00pm in Polish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English

Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

First Friday Mass & Devotion

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm

In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

In English: First Saturday of the Month

In Polish: Second Saturday of the Month

In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month

Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.



Dear Padre January 28, 2024

Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship? Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the teachings of Christ.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: "The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked" (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus' preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13—53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says "the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God's saving love" (CCC 122). ●

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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!" - Mk 1:23-25

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28th

8:30am
10:00am Por la Jornada de muchachos 199
11:30am +Antonia Zambrano Garcia– Familia
+Jesus Lopez– Hermano
1:00 pm +Władysław i Victoria Flis
+Michalina, Barbara, Stanisław, Włodzimierz i Dariusz z rodz. Jastrzębskich

Monday, January 29th

8:30am St. Michael

Tuesday, January 30th

8:30am St. Anthony

Wednesday, January 31st

8:30am +Juan Negreros– Ana Orea
7:00pm

Thursday, February 1st

8:30am

Friday, February 2nd

8:30am The Presentation of the Lord
7:00pm The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday, February 3rd

8:30am Birthday Blessing for Chardleen Rocca
5:00pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angel Guivas, Pedro Cordero, William Rodriguez, and for all the deceased in our Parish & their loved ones.

FOR THE SICK:

Kaitlyn Intintoli & for all the sick in our Parish.

Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on the Deceased or Sick list.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"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." (Dt 18:18)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

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. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 21: \$3,576

*Thank you for your love and generosity towards
God & your parish!*

28 de enero de 2024

4º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy, el evangelista Marcos nos muestra a la gente que estaba presente en la sinagoga, la cual estaba llena de admiración y sorpresa a la propuesta de Jesús. ¡Una catequesis nueva, un reino de Dios cerca! Y no solo eso, también veían a Jesús enseñando con autoridad, con plena sabiduría de Dios. Se pensaría que es un profeta nuevo lleno de Dios. Nosotros, sin embargo, sabemos que Jesús es mucho más que un profeta, es la Palabra viva de Dios. Jesús usaba la autoridad no ejerciendo la fuerza, sino el amor y la compasión. El cambio en nuestra vida dará comienzo cuando escuchemos la Palabra de Jesús en cada relato del Evangelio y nos vaya transformando poco a poco en personas nuevas, justas y compasivas.

Hagámosle caso al Señor, y prestemos atención a lo que nos dice. Que no se vaya a un saco roto el poder conocerle y amarlo, en sus Mandamientos y Sacramentos, sobre todo en la Eucaristía donde se revela su amor por nosotros. “Así fue como la fama de Jesús se extendió por todo el territorio de Galilea” (Marcos 1, 28). Caminemos con esperanza y hagamos nuestra su fama, para que se extienda en el territorio familiar, comunitario y social, que tanto necesitamos. Para reflexionar durante la semana tenemos las siguientes preguntas: ¿Qué estamos haciendo con la Palabra viva del Señor? ¿Cómo lograr que está Palabra viva penetre en el corazón de los oyentes ahora? Señor, danos tu autoridad moral para ponerla en práctica y así tener fuerza en lo que catequizamos.



Recaudación de fondos de Navidad

Nos gustaría agradecer a todos los que participaron en nuestra segunda recaudación de fondos anual de Ángeles de Navidad y adornos para árboles de Navidad.

Ofrenda del día de Navidad: \$2,836

Ángeles de Navidad: \$4,080

Adornos para árboles de Navidad: \$2,296

Ofrenda de la Solemnidad de María: \$

Campaña Católica Anual 2023

Queremos expresar nuestra sincera gratitud a todas las familias que han contribuido generosamente a la Campaña Católica Anual de este año. Su compromiso de apoyar a nuestra comunidad y la misión más amplia de la Iglesia en Brooklyn y Queens es reconfortante.

Meta: \$23,409

Compromiso: \$30,925

Pagado: \$23,621

Registración a la Parroquia

Nuestra parroquia tiene el estatus de Parroquia Personal, lo que significa que solo la persona que declara su voluntad de pertenecer a la parroquia es considerado un feligrés.

Todos los domingos, la participación en misas, o el hecho de vivir en la parroquia no es sinónimo de pertenecer a ella.

Además, el hecho de que alguien en nuestra parroquia haya participado en las enseñanzas prematrimoniales, se casó o bautizó a un niño no significa pertenecer automáticamente a la parroquia, porque en nuestra comunidad hay bodas y bautizos de personas de fuera de la parroquia.

Cada feligrés puede recibir varios certificados por medio de pertenecer a una comunidad determinada y organizar todos los trámites relacionados con los sacramentos, por ejemplo:

- El bautismo o el Sacramento del matrimonio.
- Recibir certificados para ser padrino/a de confirmación o testigo/a de boda.
- También pueden recibir permiso para ser bautizados o bautizar a su propio hijo/a en otra parroquia (por ejemplo, en sus respectivos Países)
- Permiso para casarse en otra parroquia.

Para poder recibir los formularios de registro parroquial favor de visitar la rectoría.

28 STYCZNIA 2024

IV NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA



Mk 1, 21-28 Jezus naucza jak ten, który ma władzę

W Kafarnaum Jezus w szabat wszedł do synagogi i nauczał. Zdumiewali się Jego nauką: uczył ich bowiem jak ten, który ma władzę, a nie jak uczeni w Piśmie.

Był właśnie w ich synagodze człowiek opętany przez ducha nieczystego. Zaczął on wołać: «Czego chcesz od nas, Jezusie Nazarejczyku? Przyszedłeś nas zgubić. Wiem, kto jesteś: Święty Boga». Lecz Jezus rozkazał mu surowo: «Milcz i wyjdź z niego!» Wtedy duch nieczysty zaczął nim miotać i z głośnym krzykiem wyszedł z niego.

A wszyscy się zdumiali, tak że jeden drugiego pytał: «Co to jest? Nowa jakaś nauka z mocą. Nawet duchom nieczystym rozkazuje i są Mu posłuszne». I wnet rozeszła się wieść o Nim wszędzie po całej okolicznej krainie galilejskiej.

Oto słowo Pańskie

Tak! Ta nauka Jezusa z mocą, nauka wyrażająca się nie tylko w słowach, ale przede wszystkim potwierdzona czynami, których nie może dokonać zwykły człowiek, wprowadzała w zdumienie tych, którzy mieli okazję być świadkami tych niezwykłych wydarzeń, które były dla nich tak szokujące, że nie mogli się powstrzymać od mówienia o nich i o Jezusie, który cudów dokonywał. W ten sposób też wiele wciąż nowych osób mogło dowiedzieć się o Jezusie, a potem spotkać się z Nim, posłuchać Jego nauki, a nawet na sobie doświadczyć cudu uzdrowienia. Warto też zauważyć, że właśnie ta nauka Jezusa, potwierdzona cudami odróżnia się od zwykłych, ludzkich nauk, którym nie towarzyszą cuda, choć czasem potocznie mówi się o cudach techniki obecnego wieku. Te cuda techniki są jednak bardzo złudne i zawodne. Cuda dokonywane przez Jezusa były i są trwałe i widoczne. Jezus uzdrawiał i uwalniał od złych duchów na oczach wielu świadków. Uzdrawia On także dzisiaj w różnych sanktuariach świata, jak np. Lourdes, Częstochowa, czy podczas modlitw o uzdrowienie. Jezus też dokonuje cudów na prośbę osób indywidualnych czy podczas sakramentów. Znaczy to również tyle, że Jezus wciąż żyje i jest obecny wśród nas i jak dawniej pragnie pomagać tym, którzy Mu ufają. Uwolnienie od złego ducha, który jest duchem kłamstwa, nienawiści, pychy i podziału, przemienia serce uwolnionego człowieka tak, że staje się on inny, lepszy... Jeśli mamy kłopoty ze sobą lub z rodziną, kolegami czy koleżankami w pracy, to oddajmy ten problem Bogu, aby On sam mógł uleczyć nasze relacje międzyludzkie.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Chcielibyśmy wyrazić naszą szczerą wdzięczność każdej rodzinie, która hojnie przyczyniła się do tegorocznego Apełu Katolickiego. Serdeczne Bóg Zapłać

Cel: \$23,409

Zadeklarowane: \$30,925

Zapłacone: \$23,621

**(Godziny Urzędowe po Polsku)
Poniedziałek (Monday) & Środa (Wednesday):
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

January 28, 2024
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “Quiet! Come out of him!” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?
— Father John Muir



Christmas Fundraiser’s

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2nd Annual Christmas Angels & The Christmas Tree Ornaments Fundraisers.

Christmas Day Offering: \$2,836
Christmas Angels: \$4,080
Christmas Tree Ornaments: \$2,296
Solemnity of Mary Offering:

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

We want to express our sincere gratitude to every family who has generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your commitment to supporting our community and the broader mission of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens is heartwarming.

Goal: \$23,409
Pledged: \$30,925
Paid: \$23,621

Parish Registration

Our parish has the status of a Personal Parish, which means that only the person who declares their will to belong to the parish is considered a parishioner.

Every Sunday, participation in masses, or the fact of living in the parish is not synonymous with belonging to it.

In addition, the fact that someone in our parish has participated in the premarital teachings, married or baptized a child does not mean automatically belonging to the parish, because in our community there are weddings and baptisms of people outside the parish.

Each parishioner can receive several certificates by belonging to a particular community and organizing all the procedures related to the sacraments, for example:

- Baptism or the Sacrament of Marriage
- Receive certificates to be a confirmation sponsor or wedding witness.
- They may also receive permission to be baptized or baptize their own child in another parish (for example, in their respective Countries)
- Permission to marry in another parish.

In order to receive the parish registration forms, please visit the rectory.

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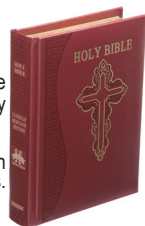
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