

Seeds of Faith

Welcome to “**Seeds of Faith**,” a weekly faith sharing section of the parish bulletin that centers on the Sunday readings. We ask our parish family to reread the Sunday readings during the week and reflect on one sentence or paragraph in one of the readings—and put the words into actions. During evening dinner, we ask our families to discuss the “question of the week” with their children.

Sunday, January 29, 2012



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel Theme	<i>Authority</i>
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28

Gospel Reflection

In this reading Jesus teaches and acts with authority. In this first miracle recorded by Mark, Jesus shows his power over the forces of evil. Even the evil spirit gives witness to Jesus, recognizing him as "the Holy One of God" and submitting to his commands.

We should learn to trust in Jesus and his loving care for us. We should listen each day for his quiet voice in our hearts, urging us to trust him and to do what he asks.

Gospel Discussion Points

What are our attitudes toward authority in our lives? Are our attitudes toward Jesus the same as or different from our attitudes toward other authorities? Does Jesus "authorize" our thoughts and actions? How or when?

Question of the Week

Where do you see authority exercised in line with gospel values?

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