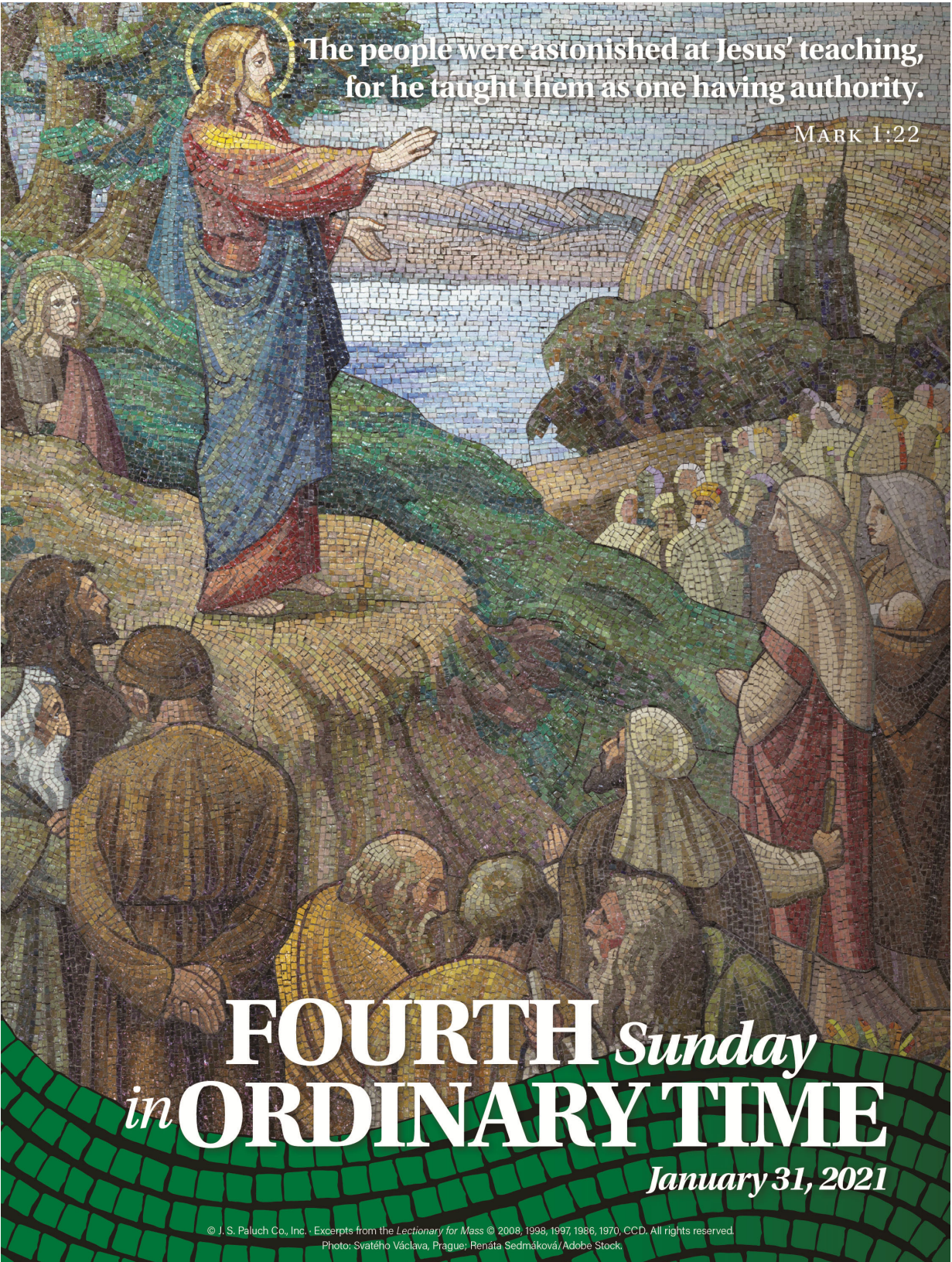


January 31, 2021

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

MARK 1:22

FOURTH *Sunday*
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January 31, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Jose A. Guerrero, †
	9:00 AM	Rogelio C. Tecson, †
	11:00 AM	Felix Mendoza, †
	1:00 PM	Pro Populo
	4:00 PM	Marie Spillane, †
Monday	8:00 AM	Amado Cruz, †
	6:00 PM	Jun Dalisay, †
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Delia Tiglao Balilo, †
	6:00 PM	Pura Alcantara, †
Wed.	8:00 AM	Kellie Mae Alcantara, Birthday/thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Rosita Chang, thanksgiving
Thursday	8:00 AM	Felicitas Ramirez, †
	6:00 PM	Marilyn de Vera
Friday	8:00 AM	Manuel and Casiana Tagamolila, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dom. Friars, parents, friends and benefactors Arcadia Coson, † Jose C. Ochoa Sr., † David Romantico, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Zenaida Tengco, †
	4:00 PM	Elsa Nelson and Virgie Zipagan, †

(Important: Some of these Masses will be celebrated in the private chapel of St. Dominic's Priory. All the written intentions will be honored. Thank you for your understanding.)

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,
 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



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Here at St. Dominic School our core values are surrounded by Community, Faith and Education. We do not just list these core values, we live these core values. The values are in everything we do from our Virtual Morning Assembly led by our Student Council to our daily Religion classes and our Cooking with Ms. Sawyer segments. In our Distant Learning Program, our students are live daily from 8am - 3pm with their teachers who provide a rigorous but nurturing curriculum. While our school year is much different than ever before we pride ourselves in maintaining that sense of community together.

This week, we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week where the theme is Faith, Excellence and Service. During this time, students will be re-engaged with a School-Wide Reading Challenge, learn about various Careers, participate in a Virtual Field Day and celebrate faith with their family during a special First Friday Mass held in honor of our school children.

St. Dominic is not just a school, it is a family, a community brought together by faith and education. Please consider having your family join us here at St. Dominic where we don't just list our core values we LIVE our core values.



Message from Fr. Roberto

Throwing Stones

“Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” [Jesus responded]...“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” (John 8: 3-7)

In some ways, I both like and dislike this Scripture. I like it because it points out the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders. I dislike it because it points out my own hypocrisy. Just about every one of us has a tendency to “throw stones” at others, i.e., we can so easily accuse others of wrongdoing while at the same time neglecting to acknowledge our own failings. This happens at all levels of society: personal, family, parish, civic community, national and international.

Part of this condemnatory hypocrisy on our part is a willingness to believe the worst about an individual or a group we dislike, and then to judge and condemn them accordingly. For example, some years ago, I received an email from a Catholic in the parish I was working at. The email contained this photo of a mass Muslim wedding ceremony to the right. It came accompanied by a headline proclaiming: **“450 Grooms Wed GIRLS under Ten in Gaza.”** The author, Paul L. Williams, PhD, sponsors a website, www.thelastcrusade.org, and he went on to say: “This is a despicable scene...little girls on their way to abuse for the rest of their young lives... Keep praying for God's intervention...and soon...before their mosques take over every land in the world.”



As you can see, it seems to be a very alarming sight and story. Fortunately, before jumping to any conclusions, I sent the email to a religious sister, Sr. Marianne Farina, CSC who teaches at our Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley. She is an expert on Islam and Muslim culture. Sr. Marianne explained that the little girls in the photos are not marrying these men; they are simply stand-ins for the actual brides who are adult women. In their culture, the brides do not appear in public because of a sense of modesty, so the little girls, their relatives, take their place in this public ceremony. Unfortunately, the original lie has circulated the Internet mil-

lions of times.

More recently, another devout Catholic friend of mine sent the picture to the left of Kamala Harris, our new Vice President, as she was being sworn in last week.

This picture came with the following caption:

PAYING ATTENTION? SATANISTS DON'T TOUCH THE HOLY BIBLE, THAT'S WHY SHE PUT HER CLUTCH-BAG ON THE TOP OF THE BIBLE. THESE PEOPLE ARE SICK. RIGHT IN OUR FACES.

To the right is a better close-up



photo which shows that Ms. Harris actually had her hand on two Bibles in the ceremony: one that belonged to Regina Shelton, a close family friend and another one owned by late justice Thurgood Marshall, the first Black U.S. Supreme Court Justice. This second photo is part of an article by Reuters debunking the false accusation against Ms. Harris.

I am making two points today. First, **DO NOT BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE OR READ ON THE INTERNET!** Second, **WE HAVE TO STOP THROWING STONES AT EACH OTHER** – liberal/conservative, Republican/Democrat, Christian/Muslim, etc. Our words are powerful, whether they are spoken, emailed, texted, tweeted or in memes. They can do much good or much harm. We all have a right to like or dislike people or groups, but we do not have a right to tear others down, to vilify, demonize or condemn anyone, even public figures. So, my brothers and sisters, let us stop throwing stones at others.

You're Invited!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know what to do if someone is choking? Choking is one of the leading causes of accidental death, but many people do not know what to do if someone is choking near them. If a person is coughing, grabbing his or her throat, or passed out with no explanation, he/she could be choking. Utilizing abdominal thrusts, also known as the Heimlich maneuver, could prevent suffocation. Parents should be knowledgeable as to how to perform this maneuver, and if possible, should attend a CPR training course so they are prepared, in the event that a child or adult is choking. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

¿Sabe qué hacer si alguien se está asfixiando? La asfixia es una de las principales causas de muerte accidental, pero muchas personas no saben qué hacer si alguien se asfixia cerca de ellos. Si una persona tose, se agarra la garganta o se desmaya sin explicación, es posible que se esté ahogando. El uso de compresiones abdominales, también conocida como maniobra de Heimlich, podría prevenir la asfixia. Los padres de familia deben saber cómo realizar esta maniobra y, si es posible, deben asistir a un curso de capacitación en resucitación cardiopulmonar (CPR, en inglés) para estar preparados, en caso de que un niño o un adulto se esté ahogando. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

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Un Mensaje del Padre Roberto

Arrojar Piedras

“Entonces los escribas y los fariseos trajeron a una mujer que había sido sorprendida en adulterio y la pusieron en medio. Le dijeron: “Maestro, esta mujer fue sorprendida en el mismo acto de cometer adulterio. Ahora, en la ley, Moisés nos ordenó apedrear a esas mujeres. ¿Entonces qué dices?” [Jesús respondió]...“Que el que esté libre de pecado sea el primero en tirarle una piedra”. (Juan 8: 3-7)

De alguna manera, me gusta y me disgusta esta Escritura. Me gusta porque señala la hipocresía de los líderes judíos. No me gusta porque señala mi propia hipocresía. Casi todos tenemos una tendencia a "arrojar piedras" a los demás, es decir, podemos acusar fácilmente a otros de haber hecho algo malo y, al mismo tiempo, descuidar el reconocimiento de nuestras propias fallas. Esto sucede en todos los niveles de la sociedad: personal, familiar, parroquial, cívico, nacional e internacional.

Parte de esta hipocresía condenatoria de nuestra parte es la voluntad de creer lo peor de un individuo o grupo que no nos gusta, y luego juzgarlos y condenarlos en consecuencia. Por ejemplo, hace algunos años, recibí un correo electrónico de un católico en la parroquia en la que estaba trabajando. El correo electrónico contenía esta foto de una ceremonia de boda musulmana masiva a la derecha. Llegó acompañado de un titular que proclamaba: **"450 novios se casan con NIÑAS menores de diez años en Gaza"**. El autor, Paul L. Williams, PhD, patrocina un sitio web, www.thelastcrusade.org, y continuó diciendo: “Esta es una escena despreciable...niñas pequeñas en camino al abuso por el resto de sus jóvenes vidas ...orando por la intervención de Dios...y pronto...antes de que sus mezquitas se apoderen de todas las tierras del mundo”.



Como puede ver, parece ser una imagen e historia muy alarmantes. Afortunadamente, antes de sacar conclusiones precipitadas, envié el correo electrónico a una hermana religiosa, Hna. Marianne Farina, CSC, quien enseña en nuestra Escuela Dominicana de Filosofía y Teología en Berkeley. Es una experta en Islam y cultura musulmana. Hna. Marianne explicó que las niñas de las fotos no se casan con estos hombres; son simplemente sustitutos de las novias reales que son mujeres adultas. En su cultura, las novias no aparecen en público por modestia, por lo que las niñas, sus familiares, toman su lugar en esta ceremonia pública. Desafortunadamente, la mentira original ha circulado por Internet millones de veces.



Más recientemente, otro amigo católico devoto envió la foto a la izquierda de Kamala Harris, nuestra nueva vicepresidenta, mientras tomaba juramento la semana pasada. Esta imagen vino con el siguiente título: **¿PRESTAR ATENCIÓN? LOS SATANISTAS NO TOCAN LA SANTA BIBLIA, POR ESO ELLA PUSO SU BOLSO DE MANO EN LA PARTE SUPERIOR DE LA BIBLIA. ESTAS PERSONAS SON MALAS. JUSTO EN NUESTRAS CARAS.**

A la derecha hay una mejor foto de primer plano que muestra que la Sra. Harris en realidad tenía su mano sobre dos Biblias en la ceremonia: una que pertenecía a Regina Shelton, una amiga cercana de la familia y otra propiedad del difunto juez Thurgood Marshall, el primer Juez negro de la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos. Esta segunda foto es parte de un artículo de Reuters que desacredita la falsa acusación contra la Sra. Harris.



Hoy hago dos observaciones. Primero, **¡NO CREA TODO LO QUE VE O LEE EN INTERNET! En segundo lugar, TENEMOS QUE DEJAR DE LANZAR PIEDRAS UNOS A OTROS:**

liberales/conservadores, republicanos/demócratas, cristianos/musulmanes, etc. Nuestras palabras son poderosas, ya sea que se digan, se envíen por correo electrónico, se envíen como mensajes de texto, twitteen o en memes. Pueden hacer mucho bien o mucho daño. Todos tenemos derecho a querer o disgustar a personas o grupos, pero no tenemos derecho a derribar a otros, vilipendiar, demonizar o condenar a nadie, ni siquiera a figuras públicas. Entonces, mis hermanos y hermanas, dejemos de arrojar piedras a los demás.



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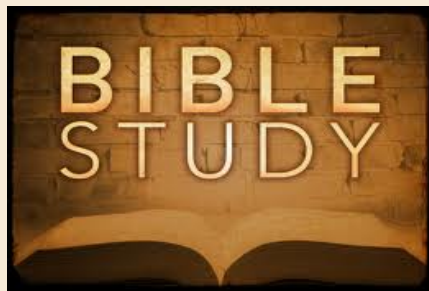
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Monday Night Bible Study Returns

Monday night Bible Study will return to St. Dominic on **February 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m.**, via zoom. Using the *Little Rock Scripture Study Guide*, we will continue where we left off prior to Covid, covering the Gospel according to St. Matthew, starting with Chapter 17. We will travel with Jesus to Jerusalem where he will teach with authority, be increasingly challenged by the religious leaders, suffer, die, and rise from the dead. Finally the risen Jesus will commission his followers to "make disciples of all nations" and will promise to be with them always "until the end of the age," (Matthew 28: 19-20).

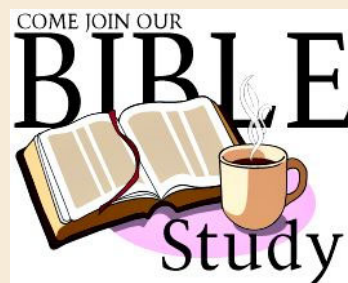
As we journey through the chapters, we will have small group discussion and reflection on the readings, video presentations, and compare the Gospel according to Matthew with the Gospel of Mark. We will pray and ponder the Gospel together as we prepare and enter ourselves into the Lenten season.

If you have any questions you can contact Darlene Finocchiaro at dandmfino@earthlink.net or call at 626-3183448 (cell).

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Adult Confirmation Zoom Classes

Adults who have made their Baptism and First Communion and need the Sacrament of Confirmation and are over the age of 18, the Adult Confirmation will be Zoomed this year because of the Pandemic starting on Thursday Jan 28 at 7:00 p.m.

You must have your Forms for registration (which are found on the parish website plus your Baptismal certificate and if possible, your First Communion certificate in before this time so that you can receive the zoom invitation before class.



For more information, please call Sr. Joyanne at 323-254-2519. Blessings.