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Mark 1:21-28



Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. 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!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

**Observances for the Week of  
February 1 – February 7  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Sunday-Monday**  
**Tuesday** The Presentation of the Lord  
**Wednesday** St Blaise, Bishop/Martyr; Saint Ansgar  
**Friday** Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr  
**Saturday** Saint Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs  
**Sunday** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Weekly Mass Readings  
February 1 – February 7**

**Sunday, 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
**Monday 2/1** Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday 2/2** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Wednesday 2/3** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday 2/4** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday 2/5** Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday 2/6** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday 2/7** Job 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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**St. Pius X  
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
Saturday- 4:30 pm  
Sunday- 10:00 am

† **Daily Mass**  
Tuesday-6:00 pm  
Wednesday-8:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Thursday-8:00 am  
Friday-8:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each month-  
8:00 am*

† **Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am  
Wednesday - 6:00 pm

**We are still Live Streaming Facebook  
for anyone at home**

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*St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic  
Churches*

**Parish Office Hours**

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**St. Anthony of Padua  
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month-8:00 am  
Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**  
Wednesday-9:00 am  
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each  
month-9:00 am*

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# FROM THE PASTOR

*A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson*



January 31, 2021

Mark 1:21-28

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Last week, I mentioned Jesus 'divine' teaching method! Today's gospel shows how it was received, and what people had to say about Jesus' teaching style. Mark 1:22 says "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." If 'astonished' shows up on a Comment or Critique card, that is a pretty good report! But I like their report mostly because like any good and substantive report, it is both specific and comparative. First, their praise is specific by them describing His teaching as 'authoritative', or 'convincing and passionate' (delivered with 'credible feeling'). Secondly, they offer a compare/contrast assessment on Jesus's style by saying that He taught differently from the status-quo and 'unlike the scribes'. Well, do you wonder like me, "How did the scribes teach?" Simply put, 'scribes' were the writers-secretaries-notaries whose job was to command the written word. They were the note-takers and filers of documents, copying and recopying the important texts in society. The Book of Ezra of the Old Testament 7:6, defines a scribe as a person 'well-versed in the law of Moses'. In Matthew 5:20, Jesus will say that to enter the kingdom of heaven, a person's righteousness must 'surpass that of the scribes'. The scribes could quote the law verbatim and recite it to anyone, but obviously they weren't perceived as projecting any authority about their work. Why not? Either, 1) they didn't apply the law of Moses to themselves or 2) they rewrote parts of the law to favor their selves or only their own group. For example, 1) Jesus calls out their poor example of not living what they teach in Matthew 23:3 when he says, "do and observe all things they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." And 2) Jesus calls out their rewriting the law to enrich themselves, dealing themselves a corrupt hand, as when He tells them in Mark 7:13 that "You nullify the word of God in favor of your tradition you have handed on". Today, we would say that the 'scribes' were good at finding 'exploits' or 'loopholes' in the law, mostly because they either wrote it themselves, or offered the majority interpretations that most favored their class. Sound familiar? They created and perpetuated their own work! Like committee boards that set their own salaries and create problems to justify themselves further, the scribes used, or confused, the law to benefit themselves. The scribes' defense may be that they felt their job was dangerous, because of the occupational hazards of 'drowning in their own sea of papers' or 'suffering from wrist strain'!

I like how Jesus confronts their hypocrisy and self-dealing, in Matthew 23:4m, when he says "They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them." That sounds much like how any normal good office worker feels after receiving one more 'out of touch' memo from headquarters. Yet, sometimes Jesus even directly challenges the scribes' own knowledge of their scriptures (He knows them better). In Matthew 22:29, through a dispute over interpreting a passage about resurrection to Sadducees Jesus tells them, "You are misled because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God." Also, in Mark 2:25, Jesus reminds them of what is in their own supposedly memorized scriptures when He says "Have you never read what David did..." (Referring to 1 Sm 21:2-7) or in John's gospel when Jesus said, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"' (John 10:34). Or more subtly, to expose their incompetence, He told them to "Search your scriptures" (John 5:39).

But what about this 'astounding' authority of Jesus? One striking place we witness it fully on display is in the Sermon on the Mount. Multiple times, Jesus teaches about the commandments of moral living and he uses the statement "You have heard.... But I say to you..." (Matt 5:21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43). How can Jesus say that? Because He Knows! What is an authority, but a person who knows. This one can not only quote the policy but has worked the policy most effectively because they wrote it (knowing its purpose, need and most fruitful application). The person with authority has 'authored' something. That person has 'written the book on it'. Who can interpret the Bible? In a scripture dispute, who are you going to go with, the Pharisees or Jesus? Jesus, as God, wrote the Book! Better yet even, Jesus is the 'Word (of God) made flesh'-John 1:14. So, I imagine that when people heard Jesus speak about the Father, people felt it in their bones that this teacher knew what He was talking about! I think Jesus taught and empowered His apostles with such authority, too. We may overlook such real and living authority every day. For example, if you are in a new building or new town, who do you trust to get you around? The CEO or Mayor. No way, I am going with the janitor or taxicab driver every time-they know it through and through. I think this is why Jesus picks at least half of his apostles as fishermen. They know the land (okay the sea), can tread water and manage a market to make a living on what earth/sea provides! That is some living 'authority' in action. Thinking of the apostles always makes me think of the Cajun Navy down in Louisiana I learned about a couple of years ago after the national attention following a hurricane. They were the good and hardworking fishermen and women who quickly transformed their equipment (boats-supplies) into lifesaving means for the rescue of people out of the dangerous rising flood around them after a hurricane. That is some true 'authority'!

Peace, Fr Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague

**Mar Charbel Makhoulf, O.L.M.** (Born 5-8-1828 – Died 12-24-1898)

Mar Charbel Makhoulf, was a Maronite monk and priest from Lebanon. 'Mar' is a Syriac honorary title like the western title 'Monsignor'. One of the most popular saints of the Middle East, and known among Lebanese Christians as the "Miracle Monk of Lebanon." His followers say they call him this because of the miraculous healings they receive in answer to prayers asking his intercession. His birth name was Youssef Antoun Makhoulf, and he was born one of five children born to Antoun Zaarour Makhoulf and Brigitta Chidiac. They lived in the village of Bekaa Kafra, possibly the highest in the Lebanese mountains. His father died when Youssef was only three as he returned for serving in the Turkish Army. His widowed mother married another man who went on to be ordained a parish priest in their village. Youssef was raised in a devout home and frequently read volumes of the lives of Saints. He had two uncles who became religious hermits. Youssef shepherded the family's small flock of sheep and goats and he often prayed in a grotto built into a hill and installed an icon of the Blessed Mother. He spent most of his days in prayer at the grotto. When he was 23, he left his family and entered the Lebanese Maronite Order at the Monastery of Our Lady in Mayfouq. He later transferred to the Monastery of St. Maron in Annaya, near Beirut. Taking the religious name of Charbel after a 2nd century martyr, he made final vows in 1853. He began studies for the priesthood at the Monastery of Saints Cyprian & Justina in Kfifan, and was ordained a priest July 23, 1859. He then returned to St. Maron Monastery, and took up his life of strict asceticism, work and constant prayer. In 1860, he witnessed the appalling massacre of over 20,000 Christians by radical Muslim members of the Druse sect. Entire families of Christians were murdered in the political unrest without mercy and many Christian churches were ransacked. Hundreds of hungry or wounded refugees sought shelter in the monastery of Annaya. Father Charbel rendered aid & assistance to the refugees, all the while praying and fasting, begging for God's mercy on the persecutors and persecuted alike.

Charbel performed many healing miracles during his days in the monastery for visitors or when he would venture out under obedience to help someone. One such case, happened in 1873 when his superior sent him to the palace of Prince Rachid Beik Al-Khoury, to pray for his sick son Nagibem dying of typhus. Doctors held out little hope. Father Charbel administered the Sacrament of the Sick to the boy, praying with him. Just a little while after their prayers, the boy recovered. Nagibem went onto study medicine himself and became of the most famous physicians in Lebanon. Fr Charbel calmed and comforted many visitors who were troubled in spirit or actually suffered mental illness seeking healing from him. Later, in 1875, Charbel was given permission to live as a hermit for the remaining 23 years of his life at the Hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul, which was a chapel under the care of the monastery.

In his hermitage, he united himself to Christ, through prayer, manual labor, and even stricter acts of self-denial. His simple cell was only about 18 feet square. He always wore a hair-shirt under his habit and slept only a few hours every day. He ate very meager meals without meat, only once a day. He died on Christmas Eve 1898. He could not be laid out for viewing that day because of a snowstorm, but the next day as his body was being prepared for burial, there was a radiant light that circled his body. Many thought the light even emanated from his body. Many miracles are reported to have happened surrounding Charbel's tomb. Often in the months following his death, an inexplicable light was reported to have illuminated the entire area around his grave site. On one of the occasions, the resident bishop had the tomb opened and Charbel's body was found to be incorrupt. Multiple exhumations have occurred over the years (even as late as 1950) and each time, his body has been found incorrupt. One miraculous recorded healing involved a Sister Mary Abel Kamary of the Two Sacred Hearts Nuns in 1936 who had a cancer growth attaching to her pancreas, gall bladder and liver. It caused debilitating nausea and constant vomiting. Surgery was ruled out as too dangerous to survive. She prayed fervently for St Charbel's intercession, and had a dream of him blessing her with the sign of the cross. She made a pilgrimage to his grave, and praying there, she saw his name appear carved into a ground tile below his monument, with wet drops of some substance. She wiped it with her hand and she felt a current in her body and afterward was examined by doctors was declared free of tumors. On October 9, 1977, Pope Paul VI canonized of St Charbel. At the time Maronite Bishop Francis Zayek, described him as "A New Star of the East and a second St. Anthony of the Desert.....like a Cedar of Lebanon standing in eternal prayer, on top of a mountain." St Charbel Makhoulf, pray for us!

**Year of St. Joseph** Pope Francis has released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a "Year of St. Joseph" which will be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. His letter was released on the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph declared patron of the Universal Church. [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patriis-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patriis-corde.html) Visit there to read and study it!

**FFY Faith Formation Youth News:**  
*We will meet on Wednesday, Feb 3, for our **FFY In-Person Session at 6:45pm**. If the Marshall County School System is on virtual learning, we will meet via Zoom. Watch the mail for the new Gospel Weeklies Packet and emails!*

**Youth Ministry Group** Prayer Meeting *Sunday Jan. 31:*  
We will meet again for our prayer time at 8:00pm. Please bring your prayer intentions for the week. A new year & new blessings! The Zoom Meeting link will be forwarded to you.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**February 1- February 7**

**Happy Birthday:**

**St. Pius X**

February 1 James Hobbs

February 3 Kevin Neal

February 6 Scott Coleman

February 7 Elaine Hogancamp

February 7 Patti Langford

**St. Anthony of Padua**

February 4 Georgia Bradshaw

February 4 Cindy O'Brien

**Happy Anniversary:**

**St. Pius X**

February 5 Mark & Cynthia Devine

**St. Anthony of Padua**

No anniversaries this week



**Gasper River Summer Camp Registration** is open for this coming summer! Space is limited, please register soon. Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Schmidt for the scholarship application information. Visit [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org) for more information about camp and to register for camp.

**Summer staff applications** are on our website. If you are or know a college aged young adult please apply or encourage them to apply for the chance to allow God to use them to make a difference in the life of a child! It's the greatest job in the world!

**Ash Wednesday Changes:** The Vatican and US Bishops have directed that Ashes not be applied to foreheads with a cross this year, but to protect from physical contact and close-up speaking; as people come forward ashes will simply be sprinkled overhead as a sign of humble penance. The Ash or Dust, marks the call for us to return to our humble origins. May God raise us from our death in sin this Lent!

**Simple Version of St Blasé Healing Blessing:** From the Diocese, we received direction about not repeatedly touching any throats as with a traditional blessing, but we will offer a general prayer of healing and St Blasé Intercession Prayer over the whole congregation in honor of the Feast of Blasé and the need for our health and wellness throughout our community.

**Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse:** The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Eileen Sacks, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, James Eden, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Jeanette Hayes, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Kim Bruce, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Kacie Schmidt, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragin, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

**Pray for Our Military**

**St. Pius X:** Julianne Utley, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions February 1-February 7		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Michael Malzahn
Wednesday	8:00 am	Chester Rudnicki
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Phyllis Minton
Thursday	8:00 am	Leon Payawan
Friday	8:00 am	James Forsythe
Saturday	4:30 pm	Regino Rendon
Sunday	10:00 am	Linda Tillet

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (1/24/21)	\$ 145.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (1/24/21)	\$ 3,594.00
Online Giving (1/24/21)	\$ 900.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 110,995.00

**Online Giving:** To sign up, visit our website at [www.stpiusx.us](http://www.stpiusx.us) and click on the link for “online giving” to set up your account. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office.

**Prayer for the Sick:** Jesus, our Healer, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. Come & aid us now in this health crisis so we may know your healing presence. Heal those who are sick. Heal us all from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, that may keep us from trusting & turning to you. Bless health care professionals with strength & compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We ask this through Christ Our Divine Physician & Lord

**Parish Council**

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

**Bereavement Committee**

Fran Dacus (618)383-4646

**Other Groups**

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Philip Scheidegger

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions February 1-February 7		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Patricia Holmes
Friday	9:00 am	Dick Gorbett
Sunday	8:00 am	Mason DeMarte

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (1/24/2021)	\$ 1,215.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 37,285.00

**Livingston County Helping Hands**

**Non perishable items needed:** paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables

There is a collection container at the back of the church for your donated items. Thank you for your generosity!

**Some Thoughts from the Holy Father Francis**

I think that it would help us to think a bit: what kind of peace do I have, where do I find peace? In things, in well-being, in travel, in possessions, in many things, or do I find peace as a gift from the Lord? Must I pay for peace or do I receive it freely from the Lord? What kind of peace do I have? When I am missing something, do I get angry? This is not the Lord's peace. This is one of the tests. Do I get “lulled to sleep” and forget everything? Then it is not the Lord's peace. Do I want to communicate this peace to others, do I want to do something for God? That is the Lord's peace! Even in bad or difficult moments, does that peace remain in me? It is the Lord's. And the Lord's peace is fruitful for me too, because it is full of hope, that is, it looks towards Heaven. (from Santa Marta, May 20,2020)

**Parish Council**

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
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Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance
	Building & Ground –Indoor
Nick Zaim	Social/Spiritual Concern
Sr. Michael Friedman	Spiritual/Faith Formation

*The Holy Sacraments: Preparation for and Reception of the Sacraments*

- † **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
- † **BAPTISM:** Preparation is needed prior to the Sacrament. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 3 months prior to birth.
- † **HOSPITAL:** Please notify the office or Fr. Brian if you or someone whom you know is in the hospital.
- † **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Is offered to anyone ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Emergency)
- † **CONFESSION:** Saturday at 3:30 St Pius; or please ask Fr Brian before any mass, or to set an appt, please call him at 270-395-4727
- † **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- † **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)