

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Readings: 1) Deuteronomy 18:15-20 2) 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 3) Mark 1:21-28

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: Those who witness Jesus' authority and healing power are amazed. In today's Gospel account of Jesus entering Capernaum, those who heard his teaching and witnessed him drive out an unclean spirit are astonished. Their amazement is due to the authority of Christ, who is God himself. Are we, too, in awe at the work of God in our lives?

Moses tells the people that God will raise up a prophet and put his own words in the prophet's mouth. This prophet will speak all that God commands him to. Saint Paul encourages the Corinthians to be free from anxieties and be *without distraction* so that they may be fully devoted to the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches in a synagogue in Capernaum. As he speaks, and as he drives out an unclean spirit, the crowd is *amazed* by his authority.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers we offer in faith and hope.

For the Church, speaking with God's loving authority.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all government officials,

may God grant them the courage to make decisions out love, mercy and justice.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, body and spirit,
may Christ's healing presence be with them.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have passed away,

may Christ's eternal light shine upon them.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our faith community,

**may the Lord sow seeds that bear much fruit in
building up his Kingdom on earth.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions... (pause).

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will.

We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.