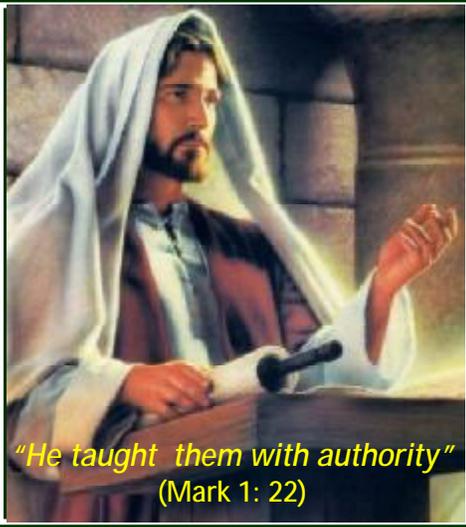


January 31, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"He taught them with authority"
 (Mark 1: 22)

How to Commemorate 'Candlemas' Day at Home

On February 2nd, the 40th day after Christmas each year, the Church celebrates *the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple* and *the Purification of Mary (Candlemas Day)*. Candles are blessed and distributed on this day to remind us that Christ is our Light and that we are called to be lights with Him. To help you commemorate this day at home, you can access the Mass Readings by clicking on: "This Weekend", on this website.



First Communion & Confirmation: 2021

If you haven't already registered at school for these Sacraments, you can still do so now by printing and completing the forms on the "Bulletins/Schedules/Forms" page on this website and mailing them or delivering them to the Parish Office.



Our Office remains closed to all in-person visits until after February 10, 2021. Essential messages can be left on our answering machine and e-mail inquiries can be made online.

All Letters, envelope donations, membership dues and other messages can either be sent to the Office by mail: (211 S. Archibald St., P7E 1G4) or else, delivered manually through the Rectory front door mail slot.



REFLECT ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS AND MASS PRAYERS ONLINE, AT HOME

To access them, simply click on: **"This Weekend"** or **"Mass and Confession Times"** on the Homepage of this site.



Two Bulletin Advertising Spaces Still Available

Two ad spaces are still available on the back cover of our soon to be published 2021 Cathedral Bulletins. The advertising cost for the 12 months of the year for one space is \$325. OR \$500. for both spaces if they are purchased together. Please call 622-5389 and leave a message with your request.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH DURING THIS PAST WEEK

Donations (<i>mailed or personally delivered to the Office</i>) ...	\$ 5, 660.00
Online Donations (<i>Jan. 17 to Jan.24</i>)	300.00
New Year's Donations (<i>more</i>).....	25.00
Monthly Renovations Collection (<i>more</i>).....	15.00
Initial Offering (<i>for purchase of envelopes: more</i>)	65.00
Fuel Collection (<i>more</i>).....	45.00
Bulletin Advertising	700.00
Donations in Memory of Leonilda Stilla (<i>more</i>)	100.00

Thank-you to all for your generous donations each week.

If you Prefer to Donate "Online"

As you can see from this financial report, many are continuing to support our Parish during this lock down by mailing or by personally delivering their Sunday donations to the Office. Others donate online. If you prefer to donate online, simply click on "Donations to Parish" on the homepage of this website.

Q. Since I now can't attend daily Mass, I try to reflect on the weekday Readings and Mass Prayers at home. In my missalette, I find some of the liturgical terms (*like, "ferial" or "octaves"*) which introduce the daily Mass, confusing. What do all these terms mean?

A. Since Latin was the common language used in the Church for many centuries, some of the liturgical terms we use are still rooted in Latin. Two examples are the words that you specifically mention in your question. Here are a few others that you may find in your missalette.

.. Ferials

This word which is commonly used to describe some weekday Masses, comes from the Latin, '*feria*', which simply means, '*ordinary or free day*'. It means that on these '*ferial*' days, the Church's liturgical calendar does not oblige us to celebrate Mass to honour a significant event or Saint from our history. Here are a few others ...



.. Solemn Days of Obligation

Sometimes also appearing as, '*Holy Days of Obligation*' this phrase describes Masses in which we observe with great celebration, special events, beliefs or persons of pivotal importance and universal significance in our Faith history. As Catholics, we are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on these days. They include Easter Sunday and all the Sundays of the year and, in Canada, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. In some countries, like ours, many *Solemn Days* are transferred to the closest Sunday to facilitate Mass attendance. For instance, in Canada,

the *Epiphany* and the *Ascension* fall into this category. In other countries, the Epiphany is observed annually on January 6th and the Ascension, on a moveable day, but always, on the 40th day after Easter. Countries can also add others to the list.

.. Solemnities

Like *Solemn Days of Obligation*, this term also refers to days of special significance. However, on these days Catholics are not obliged, but encouraged to attend Mass. They include Octaves (8 days) following Christmas and Easter, the day of a nation's Patron Saint, the Assumption, All Saints' Day, etc.

.. Feasts

This word is derived from the Latin, '*dies festus*' or festive day. It is used to describe days of important but of less significance than Solemnities. These include the Birth of Mary, the days honouring the Archangels, or the Apostles, etc.

.. Memorials

Masses celebrated on these days, commemorate universally recognized Saints like St. Ignatius or St. Theresa or, events like: the Dedication of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

.. Optional Memorials

On these days, we have the *option* of honouring at Mass, Saints or events which are significant in the history of a local Diocese or Parish.



Catholic Women's League

.. Diocesan Newsletter Online

You can now access our newest January/2021 monthly newsletter on our Parish site: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca

and click on:

("C.W.L./K.C./Men's Group")

.. Activities and Initiatives

Read about new activities being promoted by our League for January and February, by clicking on the : "*C.W.L./K.C./Men's Group*" page on this website.

.. League Membership Dues

Envelopes for these dues (\$25.) can be found in your Church envelope packet. Please remember to mail or personally deliver them to the Office during this lock down (*through the front door mail slot*).



Knights of Columbus



Charities Lottery News

Click on the K.C. page of this website to access the latest news about the Knights' Ontario Charities 50/50 Raffle



While at home, you can read the archived Covid-19 related articles and/or, you can test your knowledge of Faith, by clicking on: "*Covid Responses and All Archived Quizzes*", on this website.