



1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mk 1: 14-20



Jesus Teaches With Authority

In today's gospel reading, Mark sets a miracle of healing in the context of teaching. This is important as Mark continues to gradually reveal who Jesus is. At the synagogue, the people were amazed the way Jesus taught because he "taught with authority." Scribes would normally quote previous experts and authorities for important interpretations. The Greek word used to describe Jesus' teaching, *exousia*, means that he taught "out of himself" -- he did not use other authorities or experts. With his authority, he then commands an unclean spirit to come out. By this action, Jesus teaches the fundamentals of God's kingdom as we see God's mercy through healing.

As a family make a list of people who need Jesus' help. As a family, pray for these people who are in need through the power of Jesus' name and word. List ways your family can take action and bring the healing power of Jesus to others.

Question for Children: Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that needs Jesus' help?

Question for Adults: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

[\(OSV Lectionary Link\)](#)

Pray as a family: *Dear God, rescue us from the forces of evil and destruction that pervade our lives and use us as instruments of your blessing, healing, and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Year of Vocation

"A vocation is a gift we have received from the Lord, who fixed his gaze on us and called us, calling us to follow him in the consecrated life."

--Pope Francis

This year marks the 25th World Day for Consecrated Life which is celebrated on February 2nd however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2021, this day will be celebrated in parishes February 6-7, 2021.

Did you know: The presentation of the Lord at the temple is both the first sorrow of the 7 sorrows of Mary, and also the 4th joyful mystery of the rosary!



Jesus' words have authority and power. Put your Bible in a special place in the home where people can see it and where family members can read it.

The ABC's for Fostering Vocations



Answer your children's questions about priesthood or religious life; never discourage them or ridicule them if they bring it up.



February 1
St. Brigid's
Cross



February 2
Candlesmas
Crepes!



February 3
St. Blaise and
the blessing of
throats.

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

catholiccuisine.blogspot.com - Candlesmas Crepes - the story and the recipe! Yum! (Family Faith Builder)

teachingcatholickids.com - St. Blaise - Saint stories (Kid's Faith Builder)

catholicicing.com - How to Make a St. Brigid's Cross with Kids (Kids Faith Builder)

youtube.com - Candlesmas by Catholic All Year (Family Faith Builder)

lifeteen.com - Podcast: Reflection on the Presentation of the Lord (Teen Faith Builder)