“The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching; he taught them as one having authority.”

Mark 1:21-28
Prayers for the Sick & Deceased

Please pray for the sick and recently deceased parishioners and family members of the Parish and Priory.

Sick: Lynn McGrath, Ernest Yambot, Sr. Mary Paul, O.P., Lorraine Weaver and Pat L.

Deceased: Lauren Morris, Yvonne Parker, Patricia Lucas, Charlie Colman, Timothy Gipe, Doris Baldwin, Gloria Goodwin, Rose Montas, and Elsie L. Fleming.

Sanctuary Candle

For the legal protection of unborn children.

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for $15 or a Mass Intention for $10 can be made in the parish office.

Parle with the Padre

In February, Fr. Jordan will begin hosting a series of very small, informal meetings with parishioners. Because of the Pandemic many of you haven’t had much of a chance to chat with our new pastor, and some of you haven’t even had the chance to meet him.

This series of meetings is a way for you to spend a little time getting to know Fr. Jordan in a safe and intimate setting. (Each meeting will have no more than ten people, face coverings will be required and social distancing will be practiced). Please call the parish office at (202) 554-7863 with your date/time and number of people attending or sign up using the sign-up in the Flocknote (email) sent to parishioners.

1) Thursday, Feb. 4 at 10am or 2pm / 2) Monday, Feb. 8 at 3pm or 5pm / 3) Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 9am or 11am / 4) Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10am, 1pm or 3pm / 5) Friday, Feb. 19 at 1pm or 4pm / 6) Sunday, Feb. 21 at 9am or 12:30pm

Today’s Readings

First Reading — “Moses spoke to all the people, saying: ‘A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you’”. (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

Psalm — “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (Psalm 95)

Second Reading — “Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” (1 Corinthians 7:32-35)

Gospel — “The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching; he taught them as one having authority.” (Mark 1:21-28)

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

The Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 31

5:00pm Vigil Robyn Nelson
8:00am Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
10:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm The Hurst Family

Monday, February 1

8:00am Msgr. Steven Camp
12:10pm Peter & Grace Tchong & Family

Tuesday, February 2

8:00am Sr. Mary Paul, O.P.
12:10pm † Mark Smolak

Wednesday, February 3

8:00am † Jules W. Hurst, II
12:10pm Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday, February 4

8:00am Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes
12:10pm Theresa & Alton Miller

Friday, February 5

8:00am † Felicia Garcia Taliaferro
12:10pm Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, February 6

9:00am Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes
**This Week:**

### Sunday, January 31

**Religious Movie Seminar**

"Molokai: The Story of Father Damien"

Featuring David Wenham, Sam Neill, Peter O’Toole, Leo McKern, Kris Kristofferson & Derek Jacobi

Released in 1999 and runs 113 minutes

6:30pm—Parish Meeting Room

### Tuesday, February 2

**St. Dominic Cenacle**

Join Cenacle via Zoom as they discuss

Fratelli Tuttì: On Fraternity and Social Friendship

- 7pm—via Zoom

See the parish website for the Zoom link.

### Thursday, February 4

**St. Dominic Young Adults**

For all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s

Join the Young Adults as they watch

“The Bible and the Virgin Mary”

Episode 2: Handmaid of the Lord

- 7pm—via Zoom

Check the SDYA web page for the Zoom link.

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### St. Blaise—Saint of the Day for February 3rd

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise’s feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise’s cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

St. Blaise is the patron saint of throat ailments and English wood combers.
St. Dominic Church is a Christ-centered, Roman Catholic, and Dominican parish for the people of Southwest, DC and beyond. Our mission is to preach the Gospel and make disciples, and glorify God through the Eucharist and the other Sacraments, build up the communion of the Church, and serve others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

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