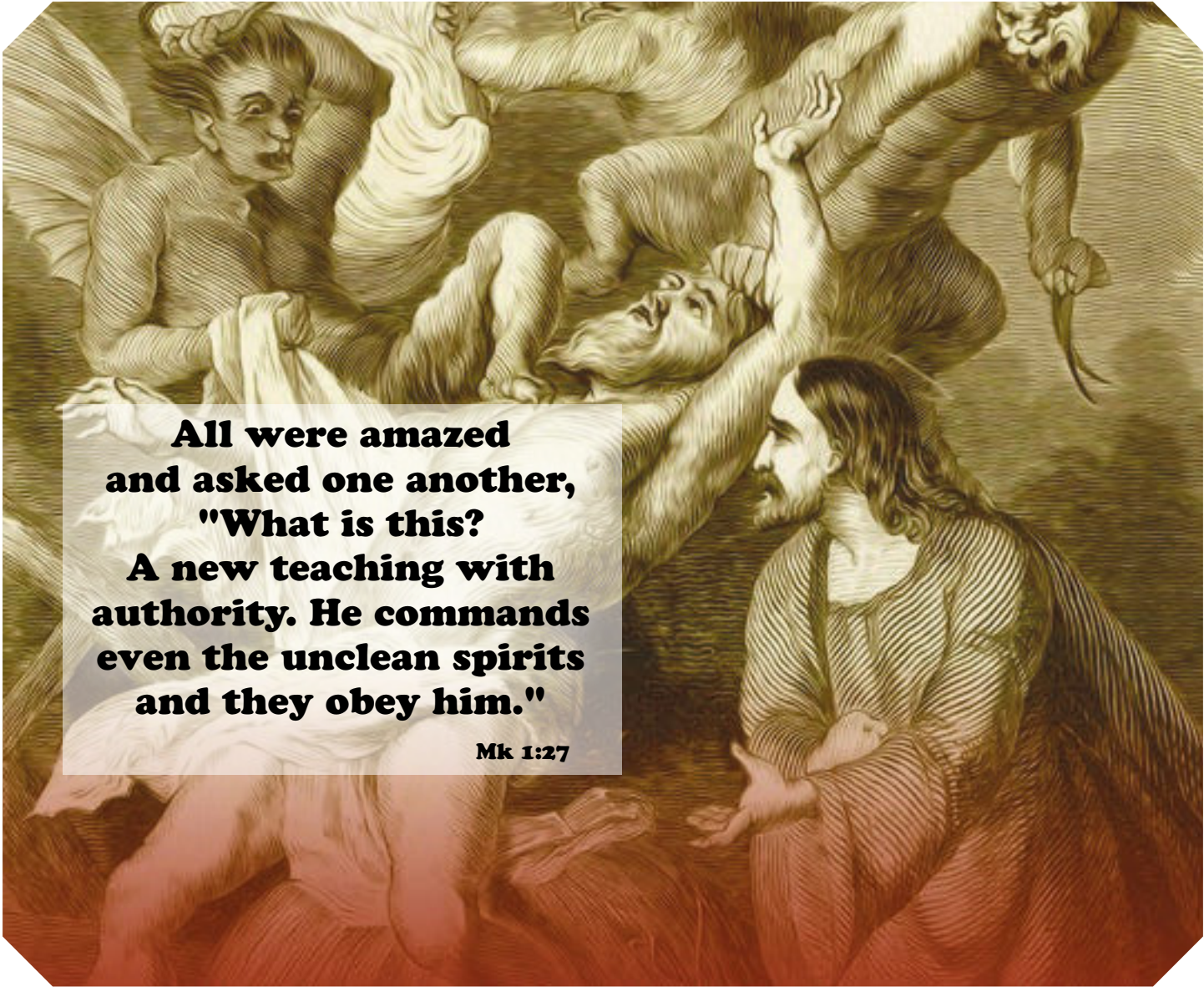


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JANUARY 27/28, 2024 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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."**  
Mk 1:27

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Sun. Jan 28 - Catholic Schools Week



Weds. Jan 31 - St. John Bosco



Fri. Feb 2 - Presentation of The Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life



Thur. Feb 3 - St. Ansgar; St. Blaise; Blessings of Throats



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# Weekly Readings

## Readings for the week of January 28, 2024:

Sun: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-2  
 Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13  
 Fri: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/  
 Mk 1:29-3

## YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

### MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

Stewardship	\$ 39,503
(Stewardship budget for the month)	\$ 40,221
Building Fund	\$ 5,661
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 1,858

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**CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS WITH A PARISH PICNIC IN OCT' 2024 IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!**



**A 2024 Parish Picnic Coordinator is Needed!**

Last year's picnic was fun and there were many volunteers to help with food, decorations, set up, and break down. Here is an opportunity for a parishioner to organize this year's event. The coordinator will have plenty of support. If interested, please contact **Richard at [rah95816@aol.com](mailto:rah95816@aol.com)** or **Melba at [stepping2016stones@gmail.com](mailto:stepping2016stones@gmail.com)** for more information.

February 3rd

# St. Blaise

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

*"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"*

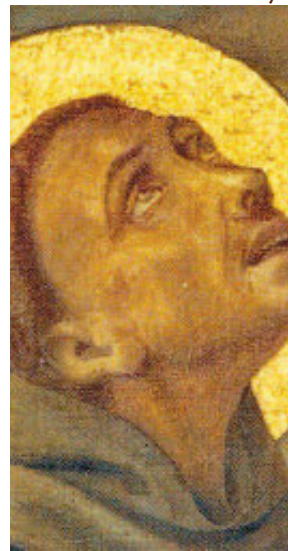


## Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Peace Prayer of St. Francis



Lord, make me an instrument of your **peace**; where there is hatred, let me sow **love**; where there is injury, **pardon**; where there is doubt, **faith**; where there is despair, **hope**; where there is darkness, **light**; and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to **console**; to be understood, as to **understand**; to be loved, as to **love**; for it is in giving that we **receive**, it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**, and it is in dying that we are **born to eternal life**.

*While this prayer has always been attributed to St. Francis, the author is actually unknown. The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.*

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## Women in Conversation



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE DATES!**

- March 9th
- July 20th
- May 11th
- September 28th
- November 16th

# HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY (01/28/24):



**SUNDAY, JANUARY  
28, 2024**

**8:00am**

## *Pancake Breakfast*

Enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast surrounded by the St. Francis community.

**9:30am**

## *Mass & Choir*

Mass will be held at 9:30am with Father Rey in St. Francis Parish. You can enjoy first hand the Parish and School community and the joyful singing from our choir.

**11:00am -  
12:30pm**

## *School & Tours*

Check out everything that St. Francis has to offer through a self-guided tour or take a tour with our students. You will get a chance to visit every classroom, and chat to faculty and staff.



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APRIL 28, 2024

**Save the Dates:  
Donation Days - February 10-11**

**Before and after each mass in the church/school parking lot**

THE FRANCISFEST COMMITTEE SEEKS YOUR DONATIONS OF NEW AND GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR OUR RETAIL BOOTHS AND AUCTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

**Treasure Chest**

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- Religious Icons
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Contact Francine Freitas in advance to arrange your donation of fresh baked goodies on April 27 and 28: francine2b@comcast.net

**Book Nook**

- Fiction – Non-fiction – Juvenile
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# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
January 27-28, 2024

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We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,  
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

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## Gathering:

## *Welcome*

Chris de Silva

**REFRAIN**



With Je-sus, we wel-come each oth-er, with Je-sus, no lon-ger un-  
known. At this time and place, we are moved by  
grace to wel-come the pres-ence of our God.

We welcome! The one who yearns for peace, the one who lives in fear,  
The one who hungers for the truth, the one who thirsts for change,  
The one who stays the same, the one whose heart is filled with faith. **(Refrain)**

We welcome! The one who holds the light, the one who has no sight,  
The one who gently speaks the truth, the one who knows your name,  
The one who takes no blame, the one who proudly sings God's praise. **(Refrain)**

We welcome! The one who answered yes, the one who feels distressed,  
The one who journeys to the truth, the one who suffers pain,  
The one who lives again, the one who listens for God's voice. **(Refrain)**

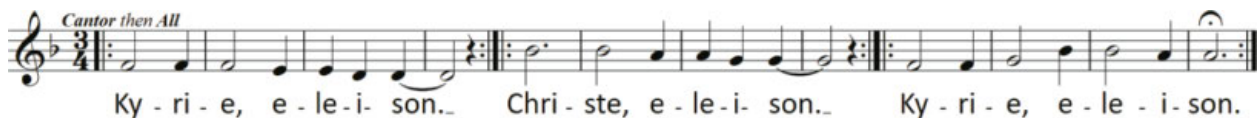
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## Kyrie:

## *Mass of Renewal*

Curtis Stephan

*Cantor then All*



Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

## Gloria:

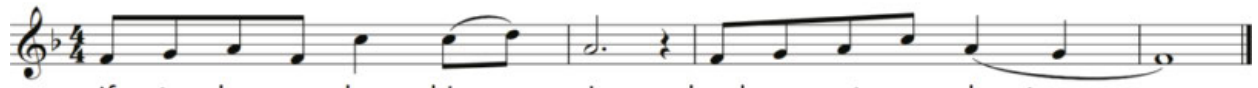
*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.*

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# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Psalm:** Psalm 95: "If today you hear..."

Ben Walther



If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.

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**Gospel Acclamation:**

Curtis Stephan



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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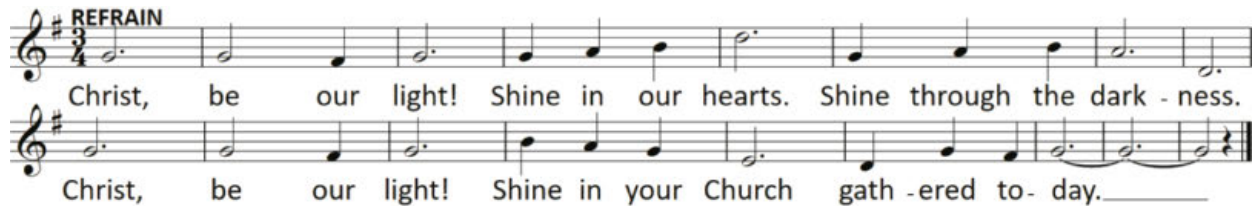
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. AMEN+

**Preparation of Gifts :**

**Christ Be Our Light!**

Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. **(Refrain)**



Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. **(Refrain)**

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **(Refrain)**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **(Refrain)**

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **(Refrain)**

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# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Liturgy of the Eucharist:

## **Mass of Renewal**

Curtis Stephan

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

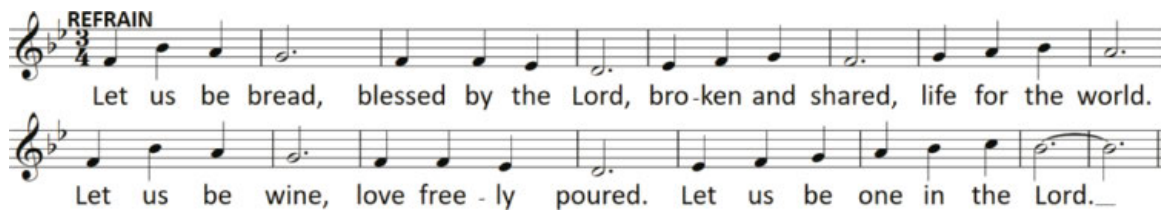
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## Communion:

## **Let Us Be Bread**

Thomas J. Porter

**REFRAIN**



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

I am the bread of life, broken for all.  
Eat now and hunger no more. **(Refrain)**

You are my friends if you keep my commands,  
no longer servants but friends. **(Refrain)**

See how my people have nothing to eat.  
Give them the bread that is you. **(Refrain)**

As God has loved me so I have loved you.  
Go and live on in my love. **(Refrain)**

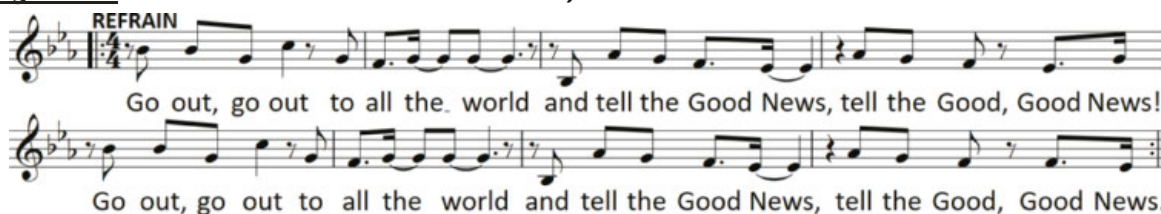
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## Sending Forth:

## **Go Out, Go Out**

Curtis Stephan

**REFRAIN**



Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News!  
Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News.

Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, all you nations!  
Glorify, glorify, you peoples! **(to Refrain)**

Steadfast, steadfast is God's kindness toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures! **(to Refrain)**

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