



Teaching with Authority

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right

out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16).

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FOR Reflection

- ✦ As a disciple of Jesus, whose voice are you inclined to follow? Why?
- ✦ What is your attitude toward official authority? Is this a good attitude to hold?



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Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

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(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

JANUARY 31ST

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass:

Adoration /Confession:

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
 Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered January & February 2021  
 + All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
 SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton  
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- ri, Jan 29. SI Intentions of the Parishioners  
And Missions of SFX Church
- at, Jan 30. SI Britt & Agnes Fisk by Ross & Shelley Carter  
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+Kit Pettigrew by Ross & Shelley Carter
- un, Jan 31. +Inez Romero by Dolores Montoya  
+Kit Pettigrew by Ross & Shelley Carter  
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- ri, Feb 5. SI Intentions of the Parishioners  
And Missions of SFX Church
- at, Feb 6. SI Britt & Agnes Fisk by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Kit Pettigrew by Ross & Shelley Carter
- un, Feb 7. +Inez Romero by Dolores Montoya  
+Ignacia R. Lopez by Jim & Maria Cadwell  
And Family  
+Kit Pettigrew by Ross & Shelley Carter  
(OLOG) +Phyllis Loncak by Grant & Marjorie Long  
(OLOG) +Frank Commiato Jr. by Grant & Marjorie Long

**Announcement**  
**No Weekday Adoration or Weekday Masses  
 Until Further Notice  
 Due to Various Reasons**  
**Confession is Saturdays at 4:00-5:00pm or by  
 Appointment**

**Announcements**

**All Parishioners are encouraged to form  
 prayer groups or Bible studies on their own,  
 and welcome to use the church or CCD  
 Building for such activities.**

From the Catechism...

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth" (Ps. 139:15). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable." -- Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2270-2271

**Weekly Collections Summary: January 2021**

|               | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| January 23-24 | \$2,582.00 | \$ 325.00   |
| January 16-17 | \$1,766.00 | \$ 432.00   |
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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
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**Lectors for Masses**

Saturday, Feb. 6– Effie Walker  
 Sunday, Feb. 7– Jack Chosvig  
 Saturday, Feb. 13– Sammie Wood  
 Sunday, Feb. 14– Pat Crisp

All Ministry schedules are updated  
 monthly and posted on the church website.  
 If you need to know when you serve,  
 check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# Dear Padre,

**Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?**

**Y**ou raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when

we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross....Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.*

ADDRESS TO INTERNATIONAL UNION  
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## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 1  
Weekday  
Heb 11:32-40  
Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 2  
Presentation  
of the Lord  
Mal 3:1-4  
Heb 2:14-18  
Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22-32

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 3  
Weekday  
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15  
Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 4  
Weekday  
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24  
Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

FEBRUARY 5  
St. Agatha,  
Virgin and Martyr  
Heb 13:1-8  
Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 6  
St. Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21  
Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 7  
Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7  
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1:29-39