



Today we begin to trace the reason for the urgency in Jesus' mission, as told by Mark, and the urgency required of disciples who enter into this mission. The Gospel for today recounts Jesus' first act after calling his initial disciples, and he does it "immediately." (This term, present in the Greek, unfortunately does not appear in the Lectionary translation used in the United States.) Jesus and the disciples go down to Capernaum, "and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught" (Mark 1:21). What happens next also happens "immediately": "and immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit" (1:23). When the unclean spirit cries out, Jesus responds summarily: "Quiet! Come out of him" (1:25). "At once" Jesus' fame spreads everywhere in the surrounding region (1:28).

The explanation for this sense of urgency and immediacy is begun in today's passage. Only in Mark's Gospel is the first miracle by Jesus an exorcism. If "the reign of God is at hand" is for Mark the principal message of Jesus, then this reign begins with the casting out of a malevolent power that has taken control of a person.

God's progressive reign arrives with the Spirit coming upon and impelling Jesus. When God affirms Jesus' sonship at his baptism, the Spirit comes upon him and then "at once" casts Jesus out into the desert (1:10-12). The dispatch with which Jesus acts in the Gospel of Mark resonates with the haste with which the Spirit hurls Jesus into the desert where he confronts Satan (1:13). Jesus is attuned to the fact that God's power to confront and vanquish evil is at hand and operative through him, and so he acts forcefully to be the means through which this power spreads.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
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#### Readings for the Week of February 1, 2009

Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
Monday	The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday	Saints Blaise, bishop, martyr; Ansgar, bishop Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Saint Agatha, virgin, martyr Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48; Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Saint Paul Miki, and his companions, martyrs Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

### SAVE THE DATE Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

After the 8 a.m. Mass and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass Refreshments in "St. Ann's French Quarter."  
Chicory Coffee, Beignets, Hot Chocolate, Orange Juice.  
Everyone is welcome!  
Sponsored by the St. Ann Eucharistic Adoration team.

**ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS** Students in grades five through eight participated recently our Annual Spelling Bee. Sixth grade winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Matt Hongell and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Matthew Sander. Matt Hongell will advance to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Bob Dole Spelling Bee to be held at the Hamilton Freshman School on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Scripp National Spelling Bee winner is Caroline Beckman, and the runner-up is Cori Maurits. Caroline will go to Cincinnati on Saturday, February 14 to participate in the next round. Congratulations to all and best of luck as them continue to compete. Caroline Beckman was recognized at the Badin Honor Eighth Grade Brunch held recently. She scored among the top 10% of all students taking the High School Placement Test, and was honored at Badin for this accomplishment. She also will receive scholarship money for her freshmen year at Badin.

\* If you have a St. Ann School open house sign, please return it to the back of church. Thank You for your support of the school.

**GROCERY FUND UPDATE** We are now selling Frisch's \$25 cards and Bob Evans \$25 cards. *Get yours today!*

**The 2009 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** for couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary will again be held in two locations this year.

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr will be the principal celebrant at St. Christopher, Vandalia for those in parishes located in Mercer, Auglaize, Logan, Shelby, Darke, Miami, Clark, Champaign, Preble, Montgomery and Greene counties.

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk will be the principal celebrant at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral for those in parishes located in Butler, Warren, Clinton, Highland, Hamilton, Clermont, Brown and Adams counties.

Couples celebrating their Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary during 2009 should notify their parish by February 20<sup>th</sup> for St. Christopher and March 6<sup>th</sup> for St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

**WORD OF LIFE** "FOCA would have ... [a] destructive effect on the freedom of conscience of doctors, nurses and health care workers whose personal convictions do not permit them to cooperate in the private killing of unborn children. It would threaten Catholic health care institutions and Catholic Charities. It would be an evil law that would further divide our country, and the Church should be intent on opposing evil."

*Statement by USCCB President Cardinal Francis George on behalf of the USCCB, Nov. 12, 2008*

#### FIESTA 2009

Help us carry on the celebration of the St. Ann Centennial with a rewarding 2009 Fiesta. Our first committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the school.

**FOURTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting  
**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 11:30 a.m. Rosary Society Luncheon at Bob Evans  
**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Fiesta 2009 meeting – *you are invited!*  
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

\*Refreshments in the school cafeteria after the 8 & 10:30 a.m. masses

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

*Rosary Society Luncheon* – The February meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 11:30 A.M. at Bob Evans on Symmes Road and Route 4 in Fairfield. Hope to see you there.

*Membership Envelopes* – In the newest pack of envelopes, there is an envelope for Rosary Society dues. We hope all will consider supporting our organization. The dues are \$3.00 per year and the benefits are great. Men and women are invited to join in supporting our group. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY SCHEDULE**

*February 7/8*  
 5:00 p.m. Dave & Peggy Kollstedt  
 8:00 a.m. Dean & Mary Sue Wright  
 10:30 a.m. Conese Family  
*February 14/15*  
 5:00 p.m. Phil Kreke Family  
 8:00 a.m. Mark & Jennifer Sanders  
 10:30 a.m. Dunavent Family  
*February 21/22*  
 5:00 p.m. Donges Family  
 8:00 a.m. Ted Fontaine Family  
 10:30 a.m. Barrett Family  
*February 28/March 1*  
 5:00 p.m. Groh Family  
 8:00 a.m. Cepluch Family  
 10:30 a.m. Eling Family

**USHERS for FEBRUARY**

5:00 p.m. Jo Ellen Miller, Dave Kollstedt  
 Tim & Darlene Baker  
 8:00 a.m. Jim Saurber, Jim Schindler  
 Ron Schermer, Joe Hazlett  
 10:30 a.m. Lynn de la Court, need three

\*Note: if you are interested in scheduling to be an usher, please contact Fr. Mondiek at the Parish office at 863-4963.



**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 p.m. Susan Tozzi  
**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Art & Alice Fiehrer  
**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** **The Presentation of the Lord**  
 7:15 a.m. Clarence Meyers (Dick & Claire)  
**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Blaise, bishop and martyr**  
 7:15 a.m. Tim Saurber (The Sullivan Family)  
**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Florence Saurber (Jenny & Ashley Westrick)  
**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** **Agatha, virgin & martyr**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday – First Friday**  
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 7:00 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory  
**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
 5:00 p.m. Nettie Schneider (Family)  
**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Mary Shalloe (St. Ann Rosary Society)  
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
01/25/2009	\$ 7,669.99
Shortfall	\$ (4,402.01)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 362,160.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 286,550.01
Shortfall	\$ (75,609.99)

**First Friday - February 6th**  
**5:30pm confession, 7:00pm Mass**  
**Following Mass - First Friday Devotions**  
**(Exposition, First Friday devotional Prayers, Benediction)**

**The P.A.C.** is looking for someone to run this year's Fish Fry. You will not be doing this alone, you will have assistance. This is a good fund raiser for the kids, and a good time is had by all. If no one steps up, this event may be cancelled. Please consider. A response is needed soon. Contact Jim Kreke at 910-0857.

**Badin High School Registration Night** – Thursday, February 5, 2009- 6-8:00 p.m. Students will meet with a Badin teacher to discuss test results and class placement. Please bring birth certificate and registration fee of \$300. Open registration is available for those not able to make this date. Call Dirk Allen to schedule a shadow date at 863-3993 x120.

**The Sterling Silvers** lunch, meeting and social will be held Thursday, February 12; 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. at Symmes Tavern. No reservations required.

**YOU ARE INVITED** – Carnival Italia 2009 will be held in the Queen of Peace cafeteria on February 14 beginning with a Lasagna dinner to be held from 5:30-7:00pm followed with dancing until Midnight. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more info or tickets contact the school 863-8705 or parish office 863-4344.