

Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's

Sunday Mass Readings Homily for 28th January 2024, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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1st Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Alleluia	Matthew 4:16
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28

# 1st Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:

15 "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.

16 This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'

17 And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said.

- 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.
- 19 Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.
- 20 But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 95:1–2, 6–7, 7–9

- R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- 1 Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
- R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- 6 Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. 7ABC For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.
- R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- 7D Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
- 8 "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert,
- 9 Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."
- R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters:

- 32 I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.
- 33 But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,
- 34 and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.
- 5 I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

### Alleluia – Matthew 4:16

- R. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 16 The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;
- on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death,

light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel - Mark 1:21-28

21 Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.

22 The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

23 In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit;

24 he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are the Holy One of God!"

25 Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"

26 The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.

27 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."

28 His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

### Saint Of The Day

The Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor is the Patron Saint of

Academics:

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Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor Date of Birth, Country of Birth, Profession, Place of Work, Date of Death, Place of Death, Feast Day, Beatification Date, Canonization Date, Matrimony/Holy Orders, Priests who became Saints

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor brief life History		
Date of Birth	1225 AD	
Country of Birth	Italy in Europe	
Profession	Priest and Doctor of the Church	
Place of Work	All over Europe	
Date of Death	7 March 1274 (aged 48-49)	
Place of Death	Fossanova, Papal States	
Feast Day	January 28	
Beatification	By Pre-Congregation	
Canonization	By Pope John XXII on 18 July 1323 in Avignon, Papal States	

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Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor Short life History

Saint Thomas was born of noble parents at Aquino in Italy, in 1226. At the age of nineteen he received the Dominican habit at Naples, where he was studying. Seized by his brothers on his way to Paris, he suffered a two years' captivity

in their castle of Rocca-Secca; but neither the caresses of his mother and sisters, nor the threats and stratagems of his brothers, could shake him in his vocation.

While St. Thomas was in confinement at Rocca-Secca, his brothers endeavoured to entrap him into sin, but the attempt only ended in the triumph of his purity. Snatching from the hearth a burning brand, the Saint drove from his chamber the wretched creature whom they had there concealed. Then marking a cross upon the wall, he knelt down to pray, and forthwith, being rapt in ecstasy, an angel girded him with a cord, in token of the gift of perpetual chastity which God had given him.

The pain caused by the girdle was so sharp that St. Thomas uttered a piercing cry, which brought his guards into the room. But he never told this grace to any one save only to Father Raynald, his confessor, a little while before his death. Hence originated the Confraternity of the "Angelic Warfare," for the preservation of the virtue of chastity. Having at length escaped, St. Thomas went to Cologne to study under Blessed Albert the Great, and after that to Paris, where for many years he taught philosophy and theology.

The Church has ever venerated his numerous writings as a treasure-house of sacred doctrine; while in naming him the Angelic Doctor she has indicated that his science is more divine than human. The rarest gifts of intellect were combined in him with the tenderest piety. Prayer, he said, had taught him more than study. His singular devotion to the Blessed Sacrament shines forth in the Office and hymns for Corpus Christi, which he composed.

To the words miraculously uttered by a crucifix at Naples, "Well hast thou written concerning Me, Thomas. What shall I give thee as a reward?" he replied, "Naught save Thyself, O Lord." He died at Fossa-Nuova, 1274, on his way to the General Council of Lyons, to which Pope Gregory X. had summoned him.

Today's St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Quote:

The knowledge of God is for all, but hidden treasures are reserved for those who have ever followed the Lamb.

Sunday Mass Readings Homily for 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: Jesus Rebukes a Demon - Luke 4:34-36, Mark 1:21-28

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