Ordinary Time: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday January 27, 2024

Lead Story Headline:
An Evil Spirit

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet..."
Deuteronomy 18:15

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"One day while Jesus was teaching on the Sabbath, a man who had an evil spirit in him came into the synagogue. The evil spirit screamed out loud, ‘Why are you bothering us, Jesus of Nazareth? Did you come here to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the Holy One of God!’ Jesus spoke very sternly to the evil spirit, ‘Be quiet! Come out of that man!’ The evil spirit made the man’s body tremble and jump. Then it screamed loudly again and came out of the man. Everyone who saw this happen was shocked. They asked each other, ‘What can this all mean? Who is this Jesus? He doesn’t teach like our scribes. He teaches with real authority. When he tells the evil spirits what to do, even they obey him!’ From then on, everyone around Galilee knew about Jesus."

This is the Good News of the Lord.


What Do You Think?

1. Why do you think the evil spirit listened to Jesus when he told him to come out of the man?

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2. How can you listen to Jesus too and stop yourself from doing things that hurt others?

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Check It Out:

Check out this video from Catholic Central to learn a little bit more about prophets! https://www.catholiccentral.com/catholic-central-episodes/prophets

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Activity: Rhyming Words

God gave Moses a message for the people. Part of what the Lord said is written below, but it is incorrect. To make it right, draw a line through each boxed word and write the correct rhyming word above it. Read Deuteronomy 18:18 if you need help.


"I still raise cup for them a prophet
bike you from among their chin,
land will put shy words into his mouth;
he shall bell them all that I command swim."

Brainstorm:

What do priests, prophets and kings do? Why were they so important in the Old Testament in particular? Come up with some ways that Jesus was a priest, a prophet, and a king. Think of some examples for each!


"I want you to be free from anxieties...I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord"

1 Corinthians 7:32, 35
Calling All Saints: Saint John Bosco

Saint John Bosco is a saint whose feast day is celebrated today, January 31st! Have you ever heard of John Bosco? John Bosco lived from 1815 until 1888. He was very concerned about people (especially young people like you) and their emotional and spiritual life! He spent a lot of his time in orphanages taking care of children that needed someone. His goal was to allow all young people to recognize how much they can do with their lives! His main goal, much like Jesus, was to live to care for the neglected and abandoned. If you can, try to find a book or look online to find out more about John Bosco and what he was like! Tell your family and friends about John Bosco and why he was so important! Then, come up with a list of how you can live like John Bosco and try to take care of others! Finally, colour the colouring page below!


"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"
Psalm 95