



JESUS CURED MANY WHO WERE SICK WITH VARIOUS DISEASES, AND HE DROVE OUT MANY DEMONS.

MARK 1:34

February 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

JOINING IN GOD'S HEALING OF THE WORLD

Our readings today summon the Church to embrace its calling, to join in God's healing of the world. As we hear of Job's anguish, in which all hope and purpose have disappeared, we are reminded of the depth of suffering in the world around us, and perhaps also within our own hearts. We hear of Jesus bringing healing and hope to Simon's mother-in-law and to the community around Capernaum. And we hear of Paul's commitment to "become all things to all", that is, to walk alongside all kinds of people, offering good news of the love of God. We need to be a people who do not hide from broken hearts, including our own. We are to share in the suffering of our world, but also to live as those who can tell the world of a God who brings hope. At our best, we the Church embody God's great desire to heal the brokenhearted.

A TIME TO LAMENT

The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering.

We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

FREED TO SERVE

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel is very fast-paced, as Jesus begins his ministry on the move. The first scene in today's passage happens so quickly that it's easy to miss: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, and she promptly begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. This woman is never named, and only noted by her relationship with Simon. But she is the first person in Mark, once healed by Jesus, to clearly respond as a disciple. Her healing frees her to serve Jesus and others, and sparks the healing of many others.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' healings restore health, dignity, and a place in the community. They are also a summons to service. Mark's brief story highlights that God is always raising up persons and communities, healed of illness or sin or sadness, to join in God's healing work for others.

TODAY'S READINGS

Job 7:1–4, 6–7
Psalm 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6
1 Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–23
Mark 1:29–39

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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THE GOOD NEWS: Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone. Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22). This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS see bulletin cover.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (2/8-2/14)

Monday 8:30 AM: C.H. Haydon

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Susan Jaeschke

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday 5:30 PM: Mike Wheatley

Friday 8:30 AM (SCHOOL MASS ONLY): Freddy & Margaret Smith

Saturday 8:30 AM: Mudd & Wheatly Families

Saturday 4:30 PM: For the Parish

Sunday 8:30 AM: Joey Smith & Heart Donor Transplant Anniversary

10:30 AM: Bob Barber

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): Presider's Intention

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (Mon.) Hamilton Simms, (Tues.) Mary Lynne Fenwick,

(Wed.) NO MASS, (Thurs.) Lisa Burkhead, (Fri.) School,

(Sat.) Mary Ann Hale

Weekday Sacristans: (Mon.) Belle Sutton, (Tues.) Deacon Rick Fagan,

(Wed.) NO MASS, (Thurs.) Jerry Mudd, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Cheryl

Mattingly

Weekend Liturgical Roles for the month have been sent/will be sent via email.

St. D Prayer List: Coronavirus Pandemic, Healthcare Workers, U.S. Military, Unspoken, Karen Purdom, Julie Fagan, Jamie Cecil, Jeremy Mackin, Reco & Lucille Bishop, J.T. Osbourne, Jerry Poff, Bill Smith, David Smith, Perry Carrico, Betty Boone, Lauraetta Smith, Tommy Bartley, Johnathan Bradshaw, Kenny Peterson, Stephanie Bueschel Warner, Kim Pinkston Spalding, Ted McNeal, Edwin Thompson, Jim Smith, Steve Smith, Beth Hellman, Dennis Rust, Margaret Faye Martin, Corbin Noel, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. *Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.*

Food for thought: What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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Tithing Contributions for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$21,398.18

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Special Thanks: We appreciate all who sent prayers and get well wishes while Perry was recovering from surgery. God Bless you for your thoughtfulness. -Perry and Anna Carrico

Masses: Call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized at 2 p.m. on Thursdays.

Lenten Disciple Bible Study: If you are interested in, or already planning on taking part in the Lenten Disciple Bible Study, please see the information that Fr. David has made available on the table in the breezeway, a form can also be picked up at the parish office. Fr. David is asking that each group sign off on one covenant form and then be turned in to the parish office. There is no minimum size to start a group. Should you have any questions &/or have not yet joined a group, please contact Linda Goodlett at linda.smith@washington.kyschools.us /859-805-0854. The first bible study will be released on Sat., Feb. 20th; more details coming in the weeks ahead.

Looking Ahead to Ash Wednesday, February 17:

7:00 AM - Communion & Ash Service

8:30 AM - Ash Wednesday Mass *This Mass will be Live-streamed to our Church Facebook page. It will be available for viewing in the parish app and on our YouTube channel after 11:00 AM. St. D students will watch via Facebook Live from their classrooms, Fr. David & Deacon Rick will distribute ashes to the students after Mass.

NOON - Communion & Ash Service

5:30 PM - Ash Wednesday Mass

Reservations for Ash Wednesday Masses & Services will not be taken. Please wear a mask, sit in the numbered pews & social distance yourself from the person(s) at the other end of the pew.

Valentine's Day Project: 5th Grade students are making Valentine's Day boxes for the residents at Sansbury and are asking for your help in filling them with Valentine's Day cards. If you would like to buy a package of Valentine's Day cards, sign your name on the cards, seal in a Ziploc bag, and place them in the box in the back of church. Your participation would be GREATLY appreciated. **They would like to have the cards no later than Wednesday, February 10th so they can sort them and then let them sit for a few days before February 14th.** The students are looking forward to brightening the residents' day! Please help them out! Should you have questions contact Mrs. Taylor at amtaylor@stdominicelementary.org.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction: **Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.** (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) & on **Sundays from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.** (Adoration 4:00 p.m., Vespers 5:00 p.m., Praise & Worship Music &/or Liturgical Prayer 5:30 p.m., Closing with Benediction 6:00 p.m.)

2021 Black and Indian Mission Collection (Feb. 20/21): This Collection exists to help diocesan communities preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native people of God. Your donations help fund parish-based catechetical programs, support teacher and catechist professional development, encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and create diocesan structures, such as our own archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry, that support ministry and evangelization in these diverse cultural communities. An envelope for this collection can be found in parishioner's tithing packets.