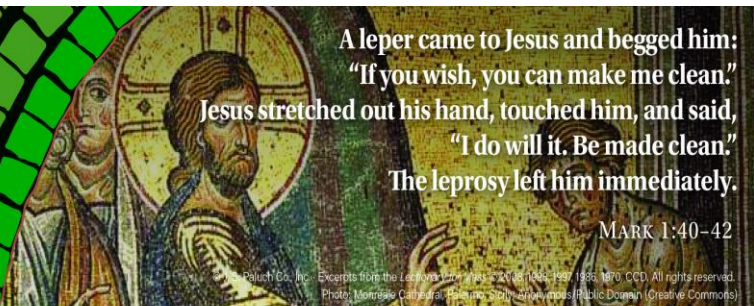


February 14, 2021
SIXTH Sunday
in ORDINARY TIME



A leper came to Jesus and begged him:
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”
Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,
“I do will it. Be made clean.”
The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK 1:40-42

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HEALING AND HOPE

The readings from Leviticus and from the Gospel of Mark today speak of healing and hope. Leviticus outlines procedures to prevent the spread of leprosy, a skin disease understood to be a great danger to the community. Those with the disease were isolated and ritually impure. Absent some cure from God, they were considered beyond hope. Their lives were like a living death, and likely they saw no future hope in their lives. Jesus' healing of a leper was thus a profound sign of the promised reign of God, which Jesus had earlier announced. The healing was like raising the leper up from death, and thus a hint of Jesus' resurrection. Where are there “lepers” today, those isolated or outcast from our communities? Who are those our society considers beyond hope, or deems not worth the trouble to offer hope? How can we imitate Jesus in offering a healing touch to them?

SURRENDERING CONTROL

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can't enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the “powerlessness” of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with “whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live “for the glory of God” when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

TODAY'S READINGS

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1
Mark 1:40-45

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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 14, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God. – 1 Corinthians 10:31

JESUS' WAY: Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured. Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way. Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS see bulletin cover.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (2/15-2/21)

Monday 8:30 AM: Joyce Krawczewski

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Kyle Logsdon

Ash Wednesday: 7:00 AM Communion & Ash Service

8:30 AM Mass (also Live-Streamed) - Melvin Graves

12:00 PM Communion & Ash Service

5:30 PM Mass – Mattingly & O'Bryan Families

Thursday 5:30 PM: Bob Barber

Friday 8:30 AM (SCHOOL MASS ONLY): Special Intentions (R.F. & J.F.)

Saturday 8:30 AM: Reba Hamilton

Saturday 4:30 PM: Eric Riley, Rita Riley

Sunday 8:30 AM: Dickie Taylor (20th Anniversary)

10:30 AM: For the Parish

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (Mon.) Betty Carol Barber, (Tues.) Ione Pinkston, (Wed.) Martin Murphy @ 7 AM, Hamilton Simms @ 8:30AM, Katie Simms@ NOON, Lisa Burkhead @ 5:30PM, (Thurs.) Mary Ann Hale, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Julee Jones

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers/Sacristans: (Mon.) Belle Sutton, (Tues.) Martha Ann Hardin, (Wed.) Deacon Rick Fagan (all services), (Thurs.) Jerry Mudd, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Katie Simms

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, Anonymous, T.R. & Janice Smith, Julie Fagan, Jamie Cecil, Benny Wheatley, Beth Hellman, Jeremy Mackin, Reco & Lucille Bishop, David Smith, Kim Pinkston Spalding, Ted McNeal, Edwin Thompson, Jim Smith, Steve Smith, 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.*

Tithing Contributions for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$13,190.00

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

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.

Ash Wednesday, February 17: See *Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week* portion of the bulletin for a complete schedule of Ash Wednesday services & Masses. Also, the 8:30 AM 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.

Lenten Days of Fasting & Abstinence: Fasting Days: Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Fasting means, eating only one meal that day. Two other smaller meals may be eaten which together would not equal a whole meal. The law of fasting binds all those from 18 to 59 years old. Days of Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, All Fridays of Lent & Good Friday. Abstinence means not eating meat (beef, pork, chicken, etc.) For this purpose, fish, eggs, cheese are not considered meat. The law of abstinence binds all who are over 14 years old.

Participate in Operation Rice Bowl by taking a Rice Bowl from the breezeway of church. Rice Bowls are generally collected on Holy Thursday, the Rice Bowl collection is the Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for parishes, schools and families. The program invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the three Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

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. If you've not already done so, 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.

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.

2021 Black and Indian Mission Collection (Feb. 20/21) 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.