Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 7, 2021

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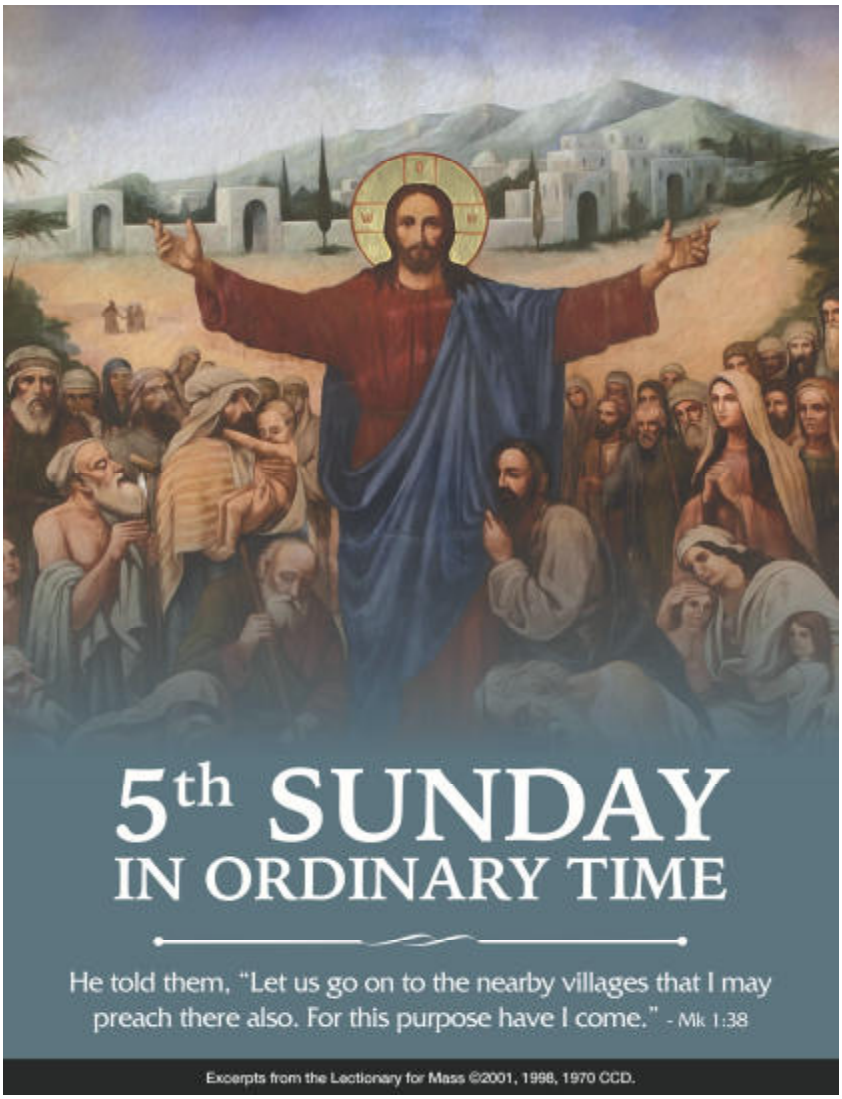
SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the Reconciliation Room every Saturday from 3:30—4:00 PM.

MATRIMONY Please call the Parish Office at least six months prior to the marriage to arrange a date and begin the marriage preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anyone who is seriously ill due to sickness or old age may be anointed. Please call the Parish Office.



MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday	8:00 AM
Saturday (Anticipation)	4:15 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION First Fridays of the month beginning after the 8:00 AM Mass with Reposition at Noon.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday - Friday	8:00 AM - Noon

Scripture Readings for the week of February 7

Sunday	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sheila Zeckmeister and her family on the recent death of her father:

Albin Edward VandeBoom

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

If you have a special request for prayers please contact our Prayer Team at 262-692-2639. They are always willing to pray for any requests you may have.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to receive a gluten-free host for communion. If you leave a message, please include your name, number and the Mass you attend.

Are You or Someone You Know Homebound?

If you, or someone you know, are homebound due to age, health issues, or COVID concerns and are not able to access the bulletin online please call the Parish Office if you are would like a weekly bulletin mailed to you.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 8	**St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**
No Liturgy Service	
Tuesday, February 9	**Weekday**
8:00 AM	+ Norman Mendleski Jr.
Wednesday, February 10	**St. Scholastica, Virgin**
8:00 AM	+ Clem Birenbaum
Thursday, February 11	**Our Lady of Lourdes**
8:00 AM	+ Herb and Lucille Lewis
Friday, February 12	**Weekday**
8:00 AM	+ Mary Gilliss
Saturday, February 13	**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**
4:15 PM	Special Intention K.W.
Sunday, February 14	**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	For the people of Holy Trinity Parish
10:30 AM	+ Ben Falter

Liturgical Schedules

Saturday, February 13 at 4:15 PM

Altar Servers	Ed Spaeth
Lector	Anna Bjerk
Ushers	Damian Clark, Nick Goettl and volunteer

Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 AM

Altar Servers	Randy McCray
Lector	Carol Willegal
Ushers	Don Wollner, Lee Carter and volunteer

Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 AM

Altar Servers	Seth Sullivan
Lector	Dick Wilhelm
Ushers	Tom Malone, Bob Weyker and volunteer

Lent begins February 17

Please join us on Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten journey. Mass, with the distribution of ashes, will be held at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays of Lent at 6:00 PM.

Looking ahead to the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 14

We gather together today, as we do each Sunday, as the body of Christ. Jesus called us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This Valentine's Day, we commit ourselves to nurturing that love for God and love for our neighbor. Let the Body and Blood of Christ we receive in the Eucharist bring us the strength and courage to truly become the body of Christ in the world today.

-Pastoral Patterns Winter 2020-2021

First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

A reading from the Book of Leviticus

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
"If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,
or to one of the priests among his descendants.
If the man is leprous and unclean,
the priest shall declare him unclean
by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy
shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,
and shall muffle his beard;
he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!'
As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean,
since he is in fact unclean.
He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the
church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in in every way,
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,
that they may be saved.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I serve God and my neighbor?
Will I commit to doing all I can?

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and
said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean."
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean."
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything,
but go, show yourself to the priest
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;
that will be proof for them"

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.
He spread the report abroad
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
he remained outside in deserted places,
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive.

Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

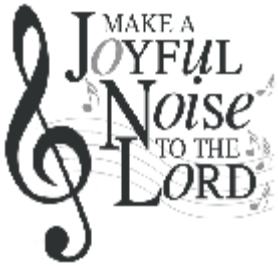
What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays 7:00 PM
Church Choir Loft

Come! Join us! You will find that choir is not only a wonderful way to praise our Lord, but to make new friends as well! Our socially-distanced rehearsals are held Tuesdays in church and are open to anyone High School age and up. No prior choir experience is necessary. *If you like to sing, we'd love to have you!*

If you wish to attend a rehearsal and see if choir is a good fit for you, *you are most welcome,* there is no commitment to join. Please call our Choir Director Carol Storck to let her know beforehand if you wish to attend. If the weather is bad or if someone has been exposed to COVID, we move the rehearsals to on-line via Zoom. Sometimes those decisions are made the day of, so if Carol has your contact information beforehand she can reach out to you to avoid any confusion. *Hope you can join us!*

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed this year to be a "Year of Saint Joseph."

Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Holy Father wrote Patris corde against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Adapted from the Vatican News

Beginning in March we, as a parish, have special plans for celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. *Stay tuned...*

IS IT EVER OK TO LEAVE MASS BEFORE IT ENDS?

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

Whether you are visiting us today, have been a member for a few months or many years...*Welcome!* We are happy you have joined us to worship our Lord today!

If you are new to the area, or are looking for a parish to call home, we invite you to consider joining the Holy Trinity family of faith. Please contact the Parish Office at 262-675-6256 for more information. *We look forward to meeting you!*

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