



Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021



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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 13**

8:00am: Living and Deceased  
Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
5:00pm: Margaret Vena  
Vicenzo & Teresina Sorrentino

**Sunday, February 14**

10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
Violetta Lattanzi

**Monday, February 15**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of  
Immaculate Conception Parish

**Tuesday, February 16**

8:00am: Eva Pantoja

**Wednesday, February 17**

8:00am: Amelia Vena  
7:00pm: Living and Deceased  
Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish

**Thursday, February 18**

8:00am: Maria Vena

**Friday, February 19**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of  
Immaculate Conception Parish

**Saturday, February 20**

8:00am: Living and Deceased  
Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish

**Sunday, February 21**

10:30am: Otto Cortesi  
Gretchen Callahan



Sunrise Assisted Living in Highland Pk. is running a drive to collect clothing items for women, teens and children who are escaping from abuse domestic abuse situation. Many leave with just the clothes on their back so any clothing, shoes, etc. that you may no longer need, would be appreciated. There are bins for collection outside the main entrance to Sunrise (plastic bags probably best for drop off). The organization handling the donations is called "Wings" and picks up the items each week. The drive will end on February 24th.

Anything that you may have would be appreciated. If you need a tax slip, just ring the bell and one will be given to you.

## Father Mike's Homiletter – February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Scripture:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Happy St. Valentine's Day! Though it has been questioned, there may well have been a St. Valentine - in fact, there may have been two of them! In any event, in the middle of February, there is reason to be grateful for a lighthearted celebration.

Today, Valentine's Day is seen as a very romantic day – though like so much else, it will be affected by Covid-19 this year. Ages ago – like when I was in elementary school – it was a day for sending friendly greetings to those we cared about. Our classroom had a “mailbox”, and we were permitted to fill it with greetings to our classmates. We used to get books of “do-it-yourself” Valentines which we could color, decorate and sent to those we liked, careful to make sure everyone got some Valentines. Cinnamon hearts, and the chalky conversation hearts, were an added bonus!

The real message of Valentine's Day is that we should value each other's presence in our lives. In our 70-mile-per-hour society, we don't often slow down to appreciate the many people we know. But God is pretty thoughtful and “thinks” long term. The people we encounter, the people who play a role in our lives, are not there by accident – they are there for a specific reason. They may have a characteristic or attitude we do not – but which we should learn and cultivate. They may be people who need to learn something from us. They may not be our favorite people, but we can learn from them and be grateful for them. They are gifts from God – sort of like Valentines.

Today's first reading comes from a much longer discussion of how the Israelites should treat people who have a disease which could threaten the entire group. They present themselves to the priests for evaluation, and in sections we don't read, there is a process for taking time to assess the problem, and review it before taking the ultimate step of requiring the person who is ill to dwell outside the camp – a result which could break up a family and endanger a livelihood. While the reading sounds harsh to modern ears, for its time, it may not have been unduly so. It reflects care for the entire community. Even at its worst, the person who was ill had to dwell outside the camp, not entirely away from it, and could seek reinstatement if the ailment healed, for which there was also a process.

Nonetheless, it was a difficult, lonely way to live, and Jesus knew it. Mark tells us the leper who approached Jesus begged for help, but his language brims with faith: he knows Jesus can help him, but will he? Jesus is moved with pity, as he has been in several of the stories Mark has given us. (Jesus must be emotionally drained after contending with all the illness and evil He has encountered – and this is still the first chapter of Mark's Gospel.) Jesus, who has recruited companions to join Him in His mission, and has just come from Peter's home, empathizes with the leper who is so alone.

Jesus cures him, and sends him to fulfill the requirements of the Mosaic law – go to the priests, and undertake the procedure to be reinstated in the community. We don't know why Jesus told him not to talk about his cure. It would seem likely that his cure would be obvious to others, and when he went to the priests to demonstrate his cure and offer the ritual sacrifice, others would surely know. Nonetheless, the former leper does talk about it – he becomes a veritable PR rep for Jesus – who is mobbed as a result. If Jesus was trying not to call attention to himself to avoid upsetting the authorities, that surely didn't work.

I like to think the man who was cured was so joyful that he could not contain his happiness and gratitude. He was not alone – our reading ends by telling us there were many others from all over seeking Jesus. If we had been there, would we have been among them? More importantly, do we reflect Jesus' empathy for those we encounter? As we begin the 40 days of Lent this week, perhaps we should resolve that rather than judging, we will put ourselves in others' places, and empathize with him or her, in imitation of Jesus - just as St. Paul suggests. Forty days of fasting from judgment and condemnation could not only form a habit to last a lifetime, it would be a remarkable contribution to the civility of our society, which could use a change of heart.

Peace, Father Mike

# Food for Thought...

It is in intimacy with God that we develop a greater intimacy with people and it is in the silence and solitude of prayer that we indeed can touch the heart of the human suffering to which we want to minister.

-Henri J. M. Nouwen,  
*The Living Reminder*



## Ash Wednesday Schedule February 17

8:00AM Mass/Ashes  
12:15PM Prayer Service/Ashes  
7:00PM Mass/Ashes - Live Stream



## Stations on Fridays 7PM

February 19  
February 26  
March 5  
March 12  
March 19  
March 26

Sign up for Ash Wednesday Masses / Service or Stations of the Cross here:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ea4ad28a1f49-masses>

## Lenten Regulations (Ash Wednesday - Good Friday)



Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

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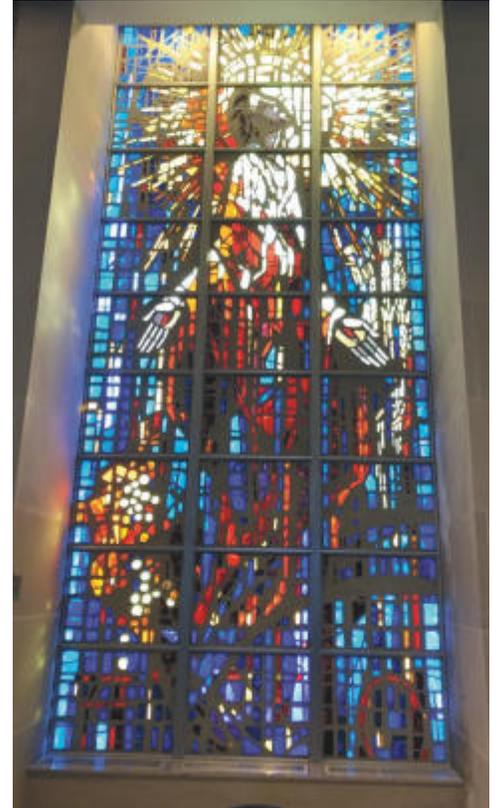


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It was a beautiful, sunny, yet bitterly cold morning for our PREP students who experienced their First Reconciliation on Saturday, 2/6. It was a lovely, socially distant service where everyone felt safe. Like I said, it was a bitterly cold morning, but the children left with warm hearts after receiving the blessing of forgiveness and feeling God's love. We couldn't be more proud of this delightful group of children. God Bless them all as they continue their journey toward First Holy Communion in May.



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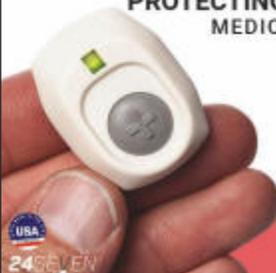
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