

Our Lady of Hope Parish

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent



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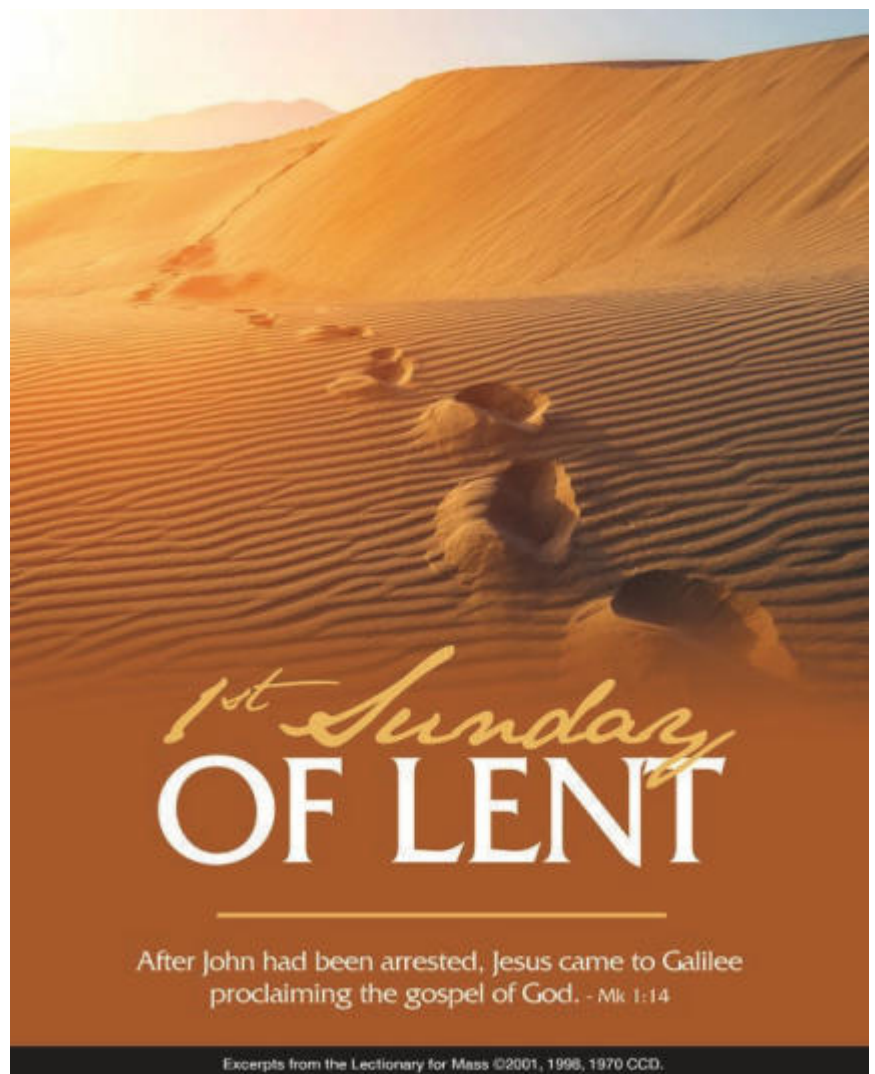
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Events & Happenings

Mass Intentions

Week of February 22 —February 28

Monday, Feb 22	5:30 p.m.	Aurora
† Phyllis Turk		
By Kathy Lesar		
Tuesday, Feb. 23	9:00 a.m.	Hoyt Lakes
† Frances Kramer		
By Julie Osborne		
Wednesday, Feb. 24	9:00 a.m.	Biwabik
† Pat Krize		
By Bernadette & John Andreachi		
Confession	Saturday 12:00 p.m.	Aurora
Saturday, Feb. 27	4:30 p.m.	Hoyt Lakes
† For the People		
Sunday, Feb. 28	8:30 a.m.	Biwabik
† Claire Roden		
By Spiritual Growth Committee		
Sunday, Feb. 28	10: a.m.	Aurora
† Marietta Bol		
By Linda & Don Lucachick		

COME HOME FRIDAY

We are requesting that every Friday you say a prayer for calling home those who are away from our faith community.

Lenten Daily Reflection Booklets are available and can be picked up at the parish office.

Mass Intentions. Please consider having a Mass said for anyone that you feel inspired to pray for. These Masses can be said for a deceased person or a living person. Let it lighten your heart to remember someone special.

Bingo

Our Bingo Game has begun and we look forward to having everyone participate. Watch your bulletin each week for the next group of numbers. Here are your numbers for the second week. This is a black-out Bingo. Enjoy!

N-41 G-57 G-50 O-61

G-51 I-25 O-70

Grandparents/Parents—Special Lenten Family Prayer. Join us in daily Lenten Prayer for bringing our children/grandchildren closer to God and the Church. To bring your children back to the Faith, the Marian Fathers tell us there are four things you can do: daily pray the rosary (the Blessed Mother knows a parent's concern for a child), the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Jesus can soften a hardened heart), mass and (spiritual) communion and live joyfully (let others see your light shine so they will want what you have). If you would like a rosary for yourself and/or those you are praying for, the Parish has beautiful blessed rosaries provided by the Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary. In addition, they will include in their Lenten prayers the name of the person(s) you are praying for. Pamphlets are available on how to say the rosary and the Chaplet.

Stations of the Cross. This year the Stations of the Cross are taking place on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. The next Stations of the Cross will take place on February 26 in Aurora.

Letter from Fr. Peter

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“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; . . . He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

Among the horrors of leprosy are those of being marked and being separated from the community. In different places in the gospels, we meet lepers traveling alone or in groups with other lepers, finding community only among themselves. There are even groups of Jewish lepers who include the hated Samaritans in their company. Perhaps it is the need for companionship of any sort. Or maybe it's the compassion of those who are suffering for those who are suffering. How terrible it is to suffer alone.

I remember the 70s and 80s as the HIV/AIDS crisis spread inexorably around the world. We treated its victims like modern day lepers. We isolated them and we avoided the types of people we associated with the disease. We told terrible jokes at their expense; bad humor to deal with our fears.

How about today? If I'm near someone who is coughing, I want to move away. I cringe when I am around strangers who are not wearing masks. We are told to keep distant from each other. At the sign of peace during Mass, let us wave to our possibly leprous brothers and sisters. Well, at least we don't have to go around shouting, “Unclean! Unclean!!

When I was a kid, I read about Fr. Damien and Mother Marianne Cope of Hawaii and how they chose to work among the lepers on Molokai. They were Jesus, bringing healing to those feared, isolated people. Many religious people chose to work among the unclean of the world. Many, like Fr. Damien, contracted the disease and died from it. Several were recognized by the Church as saints.

A Benedictine priest and English professor I knew in college chose to leave the safety of the monastery and work in a home in Minneapolis that reached out to AIDS victims. I believe he stayed there until he died.

You have heard me comment about a group of Catholic Workers reaching out to victims of the sex trafficking in Duluth. Another group is reaching out to the poor, the homeless and the victims of violence in Duluth. They are constantly exposed to COVID. But they continue to be Jesus, reaching out with healing.

Who are your lepers? Who are the people you dislike; who you avoid? There are all kinds of them: sick people ... people of color ... immigrants ... refugees ... beggars ... homeless ... drunks ... addicts ... liberals ... conservatives ... and on and on. You know who your lepers are.

You have the power to heal them . . . if you wish. But be careful! Like Jesus, your very healing may force you to remain outside in deserted places.

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