



St. Mary's Catholic Church



February 14, 2021– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. - Mk 1:44-45b

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WELCOME

Welcome to St. Mary's Church on this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We gather 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.

Readings for week February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,
20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4,
3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/
Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Cycle B—Reflection on Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Theme: Leprosy of the Heart

Our sense of belonging in St. Mary's Church is strong and revealing. However, do we have some members who do not feel welcome or see themselves at the periphery in the community? Have we identified such people to make them truly welcome? I do not mean our usual greetings after mass.

Effects of being rejected

It is terrible to feel rejected, unloved, unwanted, or abandoned. Rejection hurts beyond any other emotion. It damages one's self worth. It makes a person to feel worthless. It makes ones want to shrink or openly rebel. When we reject people, we are in effect treating them as "lepers." We can reject a person in a small but subtle way – by the tone of our voice or even by a look.

Feeling of being accepted

Acceptance is the answer to rejection. When people accept us, they give us a feeling that we are worthwhile. Each of us longs to be accepted for what we are. It is love and acceptance of others that makes us the unique persons that we are. When we know we are accepted, we can do the same work perhaps even better than we can and are able to realize our full potential. When we accept others, we could rekindle in them hope, bring back the zest for living, and thus mirror dimly the infinite compassion of God.

Today's readings challenge us to see community as a reality that seeks to welcome and not reject outsiders. Leviticus 13 is a collection of originally distinct laws that now come under the general rubric of malignant skin diseases, not actual leprosy. A person diagnosed with such a disease was prevented from worshiping and was cut off from the community. In cases where the disease was healed, Leviticus 14 provides for the reintroduction of the outcast into the community.

The kingdom of God is accessible to all

In the gospel, the cure of the leper clearly shows that the kingdom of God is open to all. This in turn implies the rejection of everything that prevents true community. The reaction of the cured leper is a proclamation. Like the leper we have been cleansed, in baptism. Hence, we too are called upon to proclaim the Word to outsiders. Jesus came to bring all into one Kingdom, no one is left isolated. So "moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, and touched the leper, and said to him 'be clean'" (Mk 1:41). Thus, he overturned the leper's isolation. In healing the leper, he restored him to the human dignity and community. Jesus worked to bring in people from the margins. The Kingdom he proclaimed found expression in a community where all were equally cherished, regardless of their circumstances or social status. He envisaged the Kingdom as a great feast where the poor, the crippled, the blind, the lame, the leper would have a special place.

My dear beloved, we are being invited to contact the isolated in our midst. They are often nearer to us than we realize. There may be people in our sphere of living who are saying to us: **'If you want to, you can reach out to me in my isolation'**. Do we desire to touch the lives of the isolated? If we feel that we lack such desire, even to ask the Lord for the gift of the desire is itself an expression of the desire. Today I may meet someone who is waiting for my outstretched hand, waiting, not to be possessed by my grasp, but to be affirmed and renewed by my compassionate touch.

It is our privilege and our calling to enter people's lives in ways which allow them to pass over from isolation to relationship. Shalom!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	Feb 13 BVM Confessions Mass for Rosalyn Martin+
Sunday 6:30am 10:30am - Also Livestream Zoom	Feb 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day Mass for Don Gibson+ Mass for Bill & Marjorie Cullin+
Monday No Mass	Feb 15 Presidents' Day Fr Raphael Day off
Tuesday 12:10pm	Feb 16 Mass for Fern Stanbrough+
Wednesday 6:55am 12:00pm 4:30pm	Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Mass for Pat Ginger+ Mass for Matt McIntyre+ Mass for Mike Dinville+
Thursday 12:10pm 6:30pm	Feb 18 Mass for Mike Teachout+ Teaching on Station of the Cross via Zoom
Friday 12:10pm 5:30pm	Feb 19 Mass for Wally Teten+ Station of the Cross via Zoom
Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	Feb 20 Confessions Mass for Jarrett Harms+
Sunday 6:30am 10:30am - Also Livestream Zoom	Feb 21 1st Sunday of Lent Mass for TJ Gibson+ Mass for Good Health for Diane Mullenberg



Shenandoah - 6:55am
12:00pm
4:30pm
Hamburg - 10:00am
6:30pm

Thursday - February 18 - 6:30pm - Teaching on Station of the Cross via Zoom

Friday - February 19 - 5:30pm - Station of the Cross via Zoom

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 17 is Ash Wednesday, which kicks off the first day of Lent and signals the approach of Easter. Here are some things to know about the day.

Origin of Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday has a non-Christian origin and was accepted into the beliefs of the Catholic Church at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The council also settled upon the 40-day fast period as the standard length to celebrate Lent.

In 601 Pope Gregory moved the beginning of Lent from the fourth Sunday of the year to Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter. This change allowed for 40 days of fasting with six Sundays counted as feast days, for a total of 46 days for Lent.

What do the ashes mean?

The ashes, applied in the shape of a cross, are a symbol of **penance, mourning and mortality**. Centuries ago, participants used to sprinkle themselves with ashes and repent much more publicly, but the practice fell away sometime between the 8th-10th century before evolving into what it is today.

What else do Catholics have to do?

On Ash Wednesday, Catholic adults must observe a fast eating only one large meal or two small meals. Those meals must not contain any meat. In fact, Catholics 14 and older must refrain from eating meat on every Friday from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. In accordance with Lent as a time of abstinence, many Catholics choose to give something up or change an ingrained habit during the 40-day period. The Church also encourages the faithful to give more time to prayer and charity before the celebration of Easter.

What to expect for coming Ash Wednesday?

- The celebrant blesses the ashes with the formula from the Missal. He then sprinkles the ashes with holy water (saying nothing further).
- He then says once for all the formula of imposition: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
- He then sanitizes his hands, puts a mask on and distributes the ashes in the following manner.
 - He may have people approach in a line or he may go to them.
 - He says nothing further while distributing ashes.
 - **The ashes are sprinkled on the top of the head, "left to fall" or "scattered" as the original text says; they are not imposed on the forehead with the thumb.**

Some quotes on Love and Relationships

In life there are mountains and valleys, times of uncertainty and times of bliss, however, John Rohn said, "nothing can bring more joy to life than beautifully fulfilling relationships." According to him, the keys to healthy relationships are communication, patience, loyalty, common goals, an element of fun and love."



1. "The more one judges, the less one loves." — *Honoré de Balzac*
2. "The first duty of love is to listen." — *Paul Tillich*
3. "Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within." — *James A. Baldwin*
4. "Love is a force more formidable than any other. It is invisible—it cannot be seen or measured, yet it is powerful enough to transform you in a moment and offer you more joy than any material possession could." — *Barbara de Angelis*
5. "Affection is responsible for nine-tenths of whatever solid and durable happiness there is in our lives." — *C.S. Lewis*
6. "Love cures people—both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it." — *Karl A. Menninger*
7. "The best proof of love is trust." — *Joyce Brothers*
8. "To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance." — *Oscar Wilde*
9. "The giving of love is an education in itself." — *Eleanor Roosevelt*
10. "There are two basic motivating forces: fear and love. When we are afraid, we pull back from life. When we are in love, we open to all that life has to offer with passion, excitement, and acceptance."

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." *Corinthians 13:7-8*

Lectors—February 20th & 21st

4:30pm — Terry Engelmeyer

6:30am — Dana Wenstrand

10:30am — GiGi DeSa

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Thank You

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Birthdays

2-18 Lucille Hunt

2-19 Pat Emge

2-19 Vaughn Livingston

St. Mary's Shenandoah Parishioners who would like to have their Birthdays & Anniversaries in the Church Bulletin, please email them to: saintmaryoffice.shen@gmail.com. Thank You

*God is good! All the time
All the time.....God is Good!*

BAPTISM: Please call the Church office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

1ST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTS: Eligibility to receive these Sacraments includes being Baptized, in 2nd grade or above, enrolled in the Religious Education Program, and meet Sunday class attendance requirements including extra Sacrament Lessons. Please contact Lynda Marshall for more information.

CONFIRMATION: This Sacrament is offered every other year to 10th and 11th graders who have received their 1st Communion and Reconciliation Sacraments, meet the criteria of two years attendance in the Religious Education Program-Youth Ministry's Sunday classes and attend extra Sacrament Lessons. Please contact Lynda Marshall for more information.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Raphael at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in learning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Raphael.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Raphael to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home. Eucharist is taken to the homebound on Sundays by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you would like to register in the parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Raphael or stop by the Church Office. Forms are also available at the back of Church. Completed forms can be dropped in the collection basket.

UPDATE OF PARISH ROSTER: A constant effort of the parish office is updating our current registered parishioners email addresses, home addresses and home and cell phone numbers. Please address these changes to the church office. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register or pick up form in back of Church. If you are moving to a new location, or if parishioners know of someone who has moved, please call the parish office.

If you are in need of sacramental records or would like **Masses** offered for anyone, please contact the Church Office. Envelopes are in back of Church. Masses are \$5.00 per Mass.

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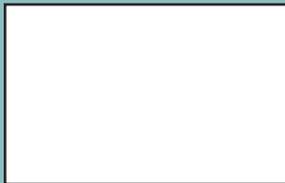


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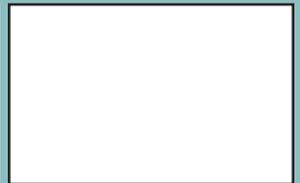
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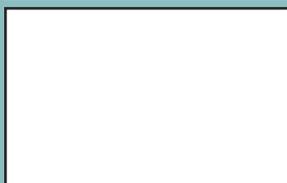
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