



# HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

## 6<sup>TH</sup> 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

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

“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.”

(Lv 13:8)

## PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

## SECOND READING:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

## GOSPEL:

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.

(Mk 1:41-42)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/  
Mk 1:12-15

## LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on their webpage:

[www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream](http://www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream)



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

We hear how ancient Israel was concerned about purity laws and the spread of disease, such as leprosy. How do you support people in your life who are suffering from disease or isolation?

### SECOND READING

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be selfless and kind to each other as a practical way of living out their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker who could benefit from your generosity toward them?

### GOSPEL

The healed leper disobeyed Jesus' command to remain silent and as a result, Jesus had to stay outside towns and in "deserted places." How do you deal with people in your life who disappoint or frustrate you?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### FEBRUARY 10—SATURDAY VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Anthony and Mary Drago  
*Requested by their family*
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: Parishioners  
St. Thomas More: † Rita Whewell  
*Requested by Maureen Karsten*
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † TBD

### FEBRUARY 11—SUNDAY: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00 am St. Michael: Parishioners
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Barbara James  
*Requested by her sister, Judith Enos Bachand*
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † The Maguire Children  
*Requested by their sister*  
St. Patrick: † Kenneth Bartling  
*Requested by Rocco and Deborah Tarulli*
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Ronald Swanson  
*Requested by Jeanette McElrone*
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Daniel Masakowski  
*Requested by his wife, Yvonne*
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary  
*Requested by Carl Annino*

### FEBRUARY 12—MONDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Peter Mitchell  
*Requested by Rose Marie Mitchell*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Antonio Leandro and Manuel Antonio Leandro  
*Requested by Maria Teresa Leandro*
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Viola Balestracci  
*Requested by Joan Balestracci*

### FEBRUARY 13—TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Eduardo and Jose Pacheco  
*Requested by their sister*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Maria Simao  
*Requested by the Reynolds family*
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Joseph Giomblanco  
*Requested by his family*

### FEBRUARY 14—WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Connie and Bill Kmetz  
*Requested by the Crowley family*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Dorothy Travers  
*Requested by Judith Enos Bachand*
- 11:00 am St. Michael: † Skip Thavenet  
*Requested by the faculty and staff of St. Michael School*

- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Michael Keenan  
*Requested by his wife and family*
- 6:00 pm St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † TBD
- 7:00 pm St. Patrick: † Lendley Kate Sampsel  
*Requested by her family*  
St. Thomas More: † TBD

### FEBRUARY 15—THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Mem and Walt Banker  
*Requested by the Crowley family*
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Michael Keenan  
*Requested by the Pijar family*
- 7:00 pm St. Michael: † TBD

### FEBRUARY 16—FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Madeline Kaiser  
*Requested by her family*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Deceased Members of the Rufo Family  
*Requested by their family*
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Michael Keenan  
*Requested by the Rosary Group*

### FEBRUARY 17—SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Lawrence Mazzocchi  
*Requested by Mary Mazzocchi*

### FEBRUARY 17—SATURDAY VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Joseph F. Bonomo, Sr. and Helen M. Bonomo  
*Requested by their children*
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: † Janet Chapman  
*Requested by Margaret Chapman*  
St. Thomas More: † John Rukstals  
*Requested by the Volack and Storey families*
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † Alice Burdick  
*Requested by her daughters*

### FEBRUARY 18—SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Thomas and Florence Crowley  
*Requested by their family*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: Parishioners
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Christine Sebastianelli  
*Requested by the Szewc family*  
St. Patrick: Parishioners
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Amelia and Salvatore Musella  
*Requested by their daughter*
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Intentions of the Barscz and Wozniak Families  
*Requested by Charlene Corkhill*
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † John and Margaret West  
*Requested by their family*

# Saint Mary Stonington

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## Sunday Mass

5:30 pm (Saturday), 8:00 am

## Weekday

8:00 am Monday—Friday  
except Thursday



# Saint Michael Pawcatuck

60 LIBERTY STREET

## Sunday Mass

4:00 pm (Sat.), 7:00 am,  
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am  
(Traditional Latin Mass)

## Weekday Mass

7:00 am Monday—Saturday

## Confessions

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



# Saint Thomas More North Stonington

87 MYSTIC ROAD

## Sunday Mass

5:00 pm (Saturday)



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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Arenth, Keelin Arseneault, Dale Barile,  
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Russell Coupland, Robbie Damask, Douglas Delaney,  
Rev. Giles Dimock, Carly Domer, Alfred Fratoni,  
John Fratoni, Barbara Fuller, Gerry Gianutsos,  
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Helen Lauterio, Ledyard Lewis, Sean Madden,  
William Martley, George McCullen, Keith McGrath,  
David Motherway, Joseph Pacheco,  
Nancy Pampel, Glenda Panciera, Maria Parkinson,  
Brenda Pavo, Michael Quick, Kendra Richard,  
Raoul Roy, Judy Schiller, Barbara Smith,  
Brandon Smith, Kimberly Theodore

*Please pray for those who serve our country.*

## STEWARDSHIP

### ST. MARY • ST. MICHAEL • ST. THOMAS MORE

February 4, 2024

Weekly Offertory _____	\$ 9,847.33
EFT _____	\$ 5,105.43
Kitchen and Steeple _____	\$ 140.00
Rice Bowl _____	\$ 135.00
Cemetery _____	\$ 75.00

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### Electronic Funds Transfer

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, email Amy Bennett at [abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com).

## ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY

Single graves, as well as two, three, and four-grave lots are available in St. Michael Cemetery. Cost is \$1,400 per grave. For more information, please contact Fr. Perkins at: (860) 599-5580 or [frperkins@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:frperkins@stmichaelpawcatuck.com).

## A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

### 5 Week Video Presentation

The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Two Sessions: **Mondays: February 19, 26, March 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30pm in the St. Michael Church Hall** OR **Tuesdays: February 20, 27, March 5, 12, and 19 at 9:00am in the St. Mary Church Hall.**

Each participant will receive an accompanying book and workbook. Please register by Monday, February 12th, to ensure that we have enough materials for everyone. To register or for more information please contact Fr. Ellis at [frellis@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:frellis@stmichaelpawcatuck.com).

## ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

**Sunday, February 11th, 4:00pm at St. Mary Church**  
The Our Lady of Fatima Society will pray the rosary the second Sunday of February at St. Mary Church.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Nina Council #43 holds regular meetings on the second Monday of every month. **The next meeting is on Monday, February 12th, at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Church Hall.** Please call Grand Knight Kevin Batzle at 860-861-2679 or Deputy Grand Knight Jim O'Boyle at 860-535-2222 for further information.

## LENTEN FOOD DRIVE FOR THE PNC

There will be a Lenten Food Drive for the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Requests include: cereal, canned fruit, Spam and soup. Please no glass jars. Items can be dropped off at church between February 17th through March 3rd. Thank you for your generosity!

## SWEET BREAD FUNDRAISER FOR SMS

The Daughters of Isabella will have a Portuguese Sweet Bread Fundraiser for St. Michael School and Sacred Heart School. Loaves are \$8.00. **The last day to order is March 21st.** Pick up will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 43 Hatch Street in Mystic on Wednesday, March 27th, from 1:00—3:00pm, and Thursday, March 28th, from 9:00am—1:00pm. Please make checks payable to the Daughters of Isabella. Call or email Joan Balestracci at 860-536-2308 or [joanbalestracci@gmail.com](mailto:joanbalestracci@gmail.com) or Irene Romanella at 860-536-0453. Thank you!



## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

#### Mass and Distribution of Ashes

7:00am † St. Michael  
8:00am † St. Mary  
11:00am † St. Michael  
6:00pm † St. Michael (Latin Mass)  
7:00pm † St. Thomas More

### DAILY MASS

7:00am Monday—Saturday † St. Michael  
8:00am Monday—Friday (except Thurs.) † St. Mary  
7:00pm Thursday † St. Michael

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

6:00—7:00am Mon., Wed. & Fri. † St. Michael  
6:00—7:00pm Thursday † St. Michael  
8:30—10:00am First Friday, March 1st † St. Mary

### CONFESSIONS

3:00—3:45pm Saturday † St. Michael  
4:15—4:45pm Saturday † St. Thomas More  
6:15—6:45am Sunday † St. Michael  
7:15—7:45am Sunday † St. Mary  
11:00—11:30am Sunday † St. Michael  
7:30—8:15am First Saturday, March 2nd † St. Michael  
7:30—11:30am Saturday, March 9th † St. Michael

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

7:00pm Friday † St. Mary

Portuguese Holy  
Ghost Society



Fish Fry, Fridays until Mar 29  
11am - 7:30pm  
26 Main St. (in the Borough)



## Saint Patrick Church

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### Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am

### Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday — Friday except Weds.

### Confessions:

4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays  
 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Monday of month

Rev. Kevin M. Reilly, Pastor  
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 secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org

Richard Georgetti, RCIA Coordinator  
 Elizabeth Limkemann, Organist  
 Richard Schumacher, Choir Director

## STEWARDSHIP

### January 28, 2024

Offertory _____	\$5,053.00
EFT _____	\$1,195.00
Capital Campaign Paid to Date _____	\$3,969,892.70
Capital Campaign Gift & Pledge Totals _	\$4,579,348.15

*We are grateful for your generous support!*

## SHARE-A-DAY FOR GIRLS

The Sisters of Charity will be having a Share-A-Day for girls in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 on Saturday, Feb. 17th, from 9:30am to 6:30pm at the Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 West Main Street, Baltic, CT 06330. The theme is "Lent is preparing for Easter." No charge and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Call (860) 822-8241 or e-mail [srmaryjacinta@gmail.com](mailto:srmaryjacinta@gmail.com).



## 2024 Lenten Mass Times and Reconciliation

### Ash Wednesday, February 14th

12:05pm and 7:00pm Masses

### Weekday Masses during Lent

12:05pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

### Mondays during Lent

5:00pm—6:00pm Confessions

### Fridays during Lent

7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Confessions to follow

### Saturdays during Lent (usual Mass time)

4:00—4:45pm Confessions; 5:00pm Mass

### Sundays during Lent (usual Mass times)

8:30am and 10:15am Masses

### Tuesday, March 26th

10:30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Norwich

### Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday, March 29th

3:00pm Passion, Confessions to follow

7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Confessions to follow

### Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday, March 31st

8:30am and 10:15am Masses

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called **Operation Rice Bowl**.

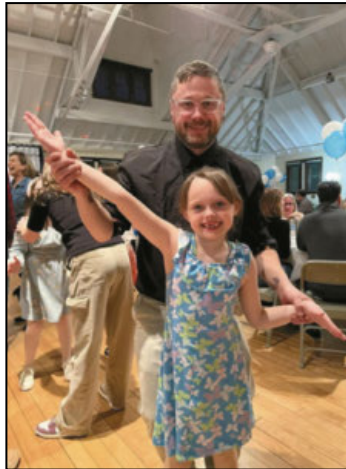
For 51 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl — a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving — what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich.

Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25 percent will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL FAMILY DANCE

To culminate Catholic Schools Week and to commemorate our 150th anniversary, St. Michael School celebrated with a family dance at the Westerly Armory last Saturday night. Everyone enjoyed a delicious pasta dinner prepared by our PTO, then parents and their children danced the night away!

It was such a fabulous time shared by so many of our St. Michael School families, we are looking forward to keeping this tradition going!



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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Blessed Imelda Lambertini



Blessed Imelda Lambertini (1322-1333) was born into nobility in Bologna, Italy. Her parents recognized her extraordinary spiritual gifts early on and, when Imelda asked to live with the Dominican sisters, they agreed and enrolled her into the Dominican convent of Val di Pietra

when she was only nine years old.

From the moment she entered the convent, Imelda developed a love for the Mass and the Eucharist although, according to the tradition of the time, she was considered far too young to receive it. Despite being denied her first Communion, she would spend hours in prayer and Eucharistic adoration, frequently begging her superiors to allow her to receive the Eucharist. Sometimes, while in prayer, she was known to enter deep states of contemplation.

In May of 1333, on the Feast of the Ascension, young Imelda experienced a remarkable and public event following Mass. As she knelt in prayer, a Eucharistic miracle unfolded before everyone's eyes. The sacred Host miraculously lifted into the air and suspended directly above her, shining a radiant light onto her. This miracle, witnessed by the sisters as well as by the priest who was celebrating Mass, persuaded her superiors to allow her to finally receive Communion.

As the story goes, Imelda was allowed to stay in the chapel for a time to pray after the miraculous event but, when the sisters who went to collect her, they found that she had died. She was still kneeling in prayer with a smile on her face. They determined that she had died of pure joy.

Blessed Imelda is considered a model of childlike faith, exemplifying the importance of approaching Christ in the Eucharist with a pure heart and childlike joy.

Blessed Imelda, pray for us!

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## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Question:

**What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?**

### Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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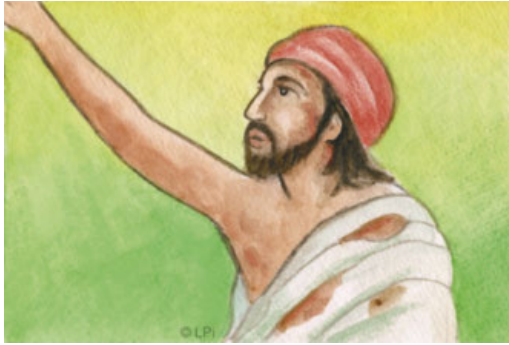
## LIVE THE LITURGY

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal. @LPi



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't



handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

## Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

"Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch," our teacher told us. "Without each other, we curl up and die."

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

*"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"*  
— Mark 1:41

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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*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."— Mk 1:40-41*

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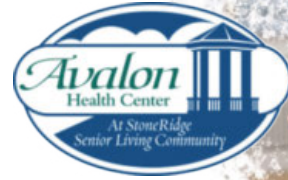
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