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Sixth Sunday
Of Ordinary Time

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Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

February 14, 2021

In ancient times, the disease of leprosy was something everyone was terrified of contracting. If someone began to show symptoms there were certain protocols that they would have to follow to keep others around them safe. In an instant, the person's relationships would change and they were forced into a semi-exile from the community. For each of these castaways, we can imagine that they had a choice to make. On one hand, they could use their circumstances to draw closer to God in prayer even through the physical evil they were experiencing. However, others would choose to grow bitter, hateful, angry, and even violent.

When we look at our own lives, there are things that we say and do that force us also into a place of semi-exile. When we knowingly sin, this propels us from our normal lives, damages our friendships, and we find ourselves unclean. Yet, God doesn't leave us there. With great compassion and mercy, he invites us to willingly approach him and ask for him to heal us. We have a God who desires us to be in communion with him and with our neighbor. We are all in need of God's healing and mercy. As we approach this Lenten season this week, ask the Lord to take you by the hand and bring you to where you are meant to be. "Repent, and believe in the Gospel!"

Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian Buettner, Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

"En tiempos antiguos, la enfermedad de la lepra era algo que todo el mundo estaba aterrizado de contraerse. Si alguien comenzaba a mostrar síntomas había ciertos protocolos que tendrían que seguir para mantener a otros a su alrededor seguros. En un instante, las relaciones de la persona cambiarían y se vieron obligadas a un semi-exilio de la comunidad. Para cada uno de estos naufragos, podemos imaginar que tenían una opción que tomar. Por un lado, podrían usar sus circunstancias para acercarse más a Dios en la oración incluso a través del mal físico que estaban experimentando. Sin embargo, otros elegirían amargarse, odiarse, enojarse e incluso ser violentos.

Cuando miramos nuestras propias vidas, hay cosas que decimos y hacemos que nos obligan también a un lugar de semiexilio. Cuando pecamos a sabiendas, esto nos impulsa de nuestras vidas normales, daña nuestras amistades, y nos encontramos impuros. Sin embargo, Dios no nos deja allí. Con gran compasión y misericordia, nos invita a acercarnos voluntariamente a él y a pedirle que nos cure. Tenemos un Dios que desea que estemos en comunión con él y con nuestro prójimo. Todos necesitamos la sanación y la misericordia de Dios. Al acercarnos a esta temporada de Cuaresma esta semana, pídele al Señor que te lleve de la mano y te lleve a donde estás destinado a estar. "¡Arrepentíos y creed en el Evangelio!"

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Ash Wednesday is February 17

The 40 days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday (excluding Sundays). Lent consists of fasting, prayer, and penance. Lent is a particular time when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and living for God. Join us for Mass this Wednesday at 7:00am, 12:00noon, or 7:00pm (bilingual).

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:00pm
12:00noon in Spanish

Weekdays 12:00noon

Wednesdays 6:30pm in Spanish

Holy Days 7:00am, 12noon, 7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekdays 11:15am (English)

Saturdays 3:00pm (English)

Sundays 11:15am (Spanish)

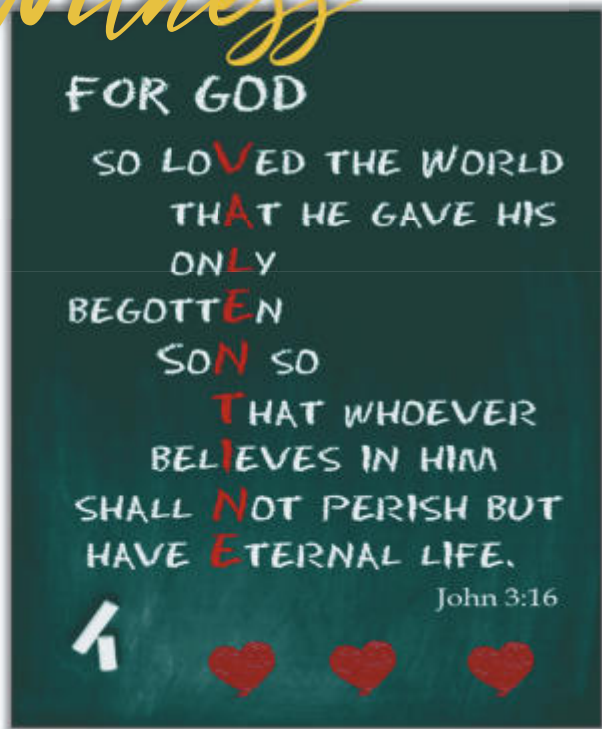
Wednesdays 5:45pm(Spanish)

NEW TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH?

Whether you're just visiting or are searching for a place to worship, we're delighted you have come and we hope you have felt comfortable.

We are ready to assist you with your questions and needs. Our parish family is growing and there is a place for you!

Witness



Love Saint Joseph

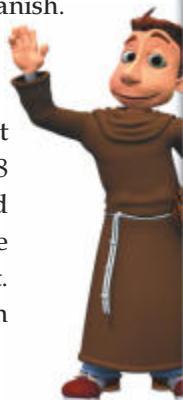
"Love Saint Joseph a lot. He deserves your affection. It will do you good to get to know him because he has great power before the Lord and before the Mother of God." - St. Josemaria Escriva

Make this Lent Extraordinary

Why am I here? What is the life I was made for? Is there a God? Does He even care about me? These are some questions we all ask ourselves. Are there answers? *The Search* unapologetically reveals that you were made for God, that your home is found beyond yourself, and that Jesus is the way. This Lent, we invite you to journey through *The Search*. Take this journey individually, with another person, or even a group. It is so easy! Just visit www.formed.org and type in our parish name for free viewing! This series is also available in Spanish.

Lent for Kids

Formed.org has videos for kids too! Check out "Brother Francis" as he helps children up to 8 years old understand how to live a joy-filled Catholic life. There are videos on prayer, the Mass, and a special video on the season of Lent. Just sign onto Formed.org and use the parish name for your FREE subscription.



Service Opportunity Available

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and there will be many people joining us at Mass who work downtown, are visiting the area, or just in the neighborhood. We want to be sure they receive a warm welcome. Would you help us greet and usher at the 7am, 12noon, and 7pm Masses? Please contact Vanessa at the parish office for more information on how to help.

Save Your Fridays

For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." Make this treasured devotion part of your Lenten journey and join us Fridays from 6pm-7pm.

Take a Day for Yourself

It's not too late to register for the 2021 Oklahoma Catholic Men's and Women's conferences, who are excited to continue in their mission of fanning the fire of faith, even in the face of incredible Covid challenges. We can all stand an opportunity to enrich our faith and focus on a loving God who provides for us always. Register at: www.catholicmen.net www.okcatholicwomen.com

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