

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

MASS:

Sunday 10:00 am

Our True North Star

Going through some old boxes in the basement recently, I came across a small black and white photo my Dad had taken in 1955 of yours truly camping in our backyard.

The fact that I was playing in the backyard at age five did not surprise me. What surprised me was that I appear to be sitting quite contentedly in front of a "tent" that someone had rigged up for me from a large blanket slung over two clotheslines.

In retrospect, that surely must have been one of the only photos showing me content with a tent, if you will. By the age of 12 or so, I had become a very mediocre Boy Scout and a chronic complainer about mosquitos, pelting rain, mud, insufferable heat or cold, and almost anything else associated with camping in the great outdoors.

Looking back, I did enjoy one thing about camping. My folks had gotten me a forest green Sears sleeping bag endorsed by Ted Williams, a childhood hero and the greatest hitter in baseball history. He had retired in 1960 but Sears, at the time an outdoor camping powerhouse, had shrewdly signed the superb fisherman and WW II pilot to a contract firmly linking him in the public mind to their outdoor products. I loved that sleeping bag and kept it for years as a thick mattress of sorts in a non-camping role in my first shabby apartments.

Seeing that photo again reminded me of how our current impressions of our life in the distant past may not always be accurate. The photo showed me that the idea I have always disliked camping was not true. That is surely an insignificant matter; what other, more important aspects of my past am I "certain" about that may in fact have happened quite differently than I remember?

We need to be willing to acknowledge that our perceptions and our memories (even about more recent events) may sometimes be faulty or incomplete. This is especially true as we age and merge events from one year into another in our minds.

Those of us 65 and older have come through tumultuous change in our lifetimes. That's why we need to hold fast to our Catholic faith as the one, true, certain, constant North Star to guide us through each day the Lord grants us to live. No need for any revisionist thinking about that!

— Lou Jacquet



Fish Dinner Update

Our St. Brendan Lenten drive-through fish dinners (takeout only) will begin on Friday, Feb. 19. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinners will be served from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Lunch is sandwich and a choice of side, \$7; Dinners are \$11 for adult, \$6 for children 12 and under.

Call 330-799-3683 to order ahead from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, and beginning at 8 a.m. on Fridays.

Workers are still needed to take orders from cars in the parking lot from persons who have not pre-ordered. These workers are needed 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays.

Workers are also needed for cleanup in the evenings and to wash dishes in the sink during the day and evening on Thursday and Fridays.

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Sunday, February 14

10:00 a.m. Mike Infante

By Patty Infante

Wednesday, February 17

9:00 a.m. Joe and Mary Bartos

By Leo and Debbie Weilbruda

Sunday, February 21

10:00 a.m. Harold Shaulis

By Deb Flora

Please Pray For Our Sick

Ralph Ruggiero, Randy Bennett, Joe Gorman, Dorothy LoSasso, Joseph Molinari III

Pray for the Faithful Departed, May They Rest from Their Labors

Maureen LaLama

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SS. Cyril and Methodius: 'Apostles To The Slavs'

Here is an arresting thought to reflect upon as the Church celebrates the feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius each year on Feb. 14: If it were not for these two highly educated and skilled Greek brothers now remembered as "the Apostles to the Slavs," Catholics in several countries would have no liturgical language with which to celebrate Mass or the Divine Liturgy down through the centuries to the current day.

It's true. Cyril (born Constantine) and Methodius created the written Slovak language in the mid 800s (Old Church Slavonic) and composed a liturgy still used to this day by Russians, Serbs, Ukrainians and many others. They were, as one Catholic historian puts it, "in a sense the founders of Eastern European Christianity."

The brothers had been born in Thessalonica, Greece, but moved to Constantinople (present-day Istanbul, Turkey) for studies and became important figures there. Methodius then became a monk while Cyril remained as an imperial official until becoming a secular priest. He entered a



monastery in 867 A.D. but lived only two more years.

Methodius had become a bishop in Greater Moravia (later known as much of Central Europe and Poland) and spent the rest of his life working on the written alphabet he and Cyril had developed for the Slovak language. The Slavic alphabet eventually became known as Cyrillic. Curiously, developing that written alphabet made the brothers many enemies among the princes of the day and even in higher Church circles.

Along the way, Methodius was deposed as bishop and imprisoned by King Louis the German. He was released after two years thanks to an appeal from the pope. At one point, the Church even charged him with unorthodoxy because of the brothers' work on the new language, which was actually banned for a time. Methodius was eventually cleared of the charges by the Church but was harassed by German bishops until his death in 885 A.D.

Many churches around the world have been named in the brothers' honor, including SS. Cyril and Methodius in Youngstown, long the mother church of the local Slovak community.

In 1980, Pope John Paul II named the two brothers co-patrons of Europe along with St. Benedict.

Saints Cyril and Methodius, whose intellectual gifts brought the Gospel to untold numbers of persons who would never have known it otherwise, pray for us.

— Lou Jacquet

Sunday's Scriptures: Jesus, The Healing Presence of God

We have two readings this Sunday that deal with the problem of leprosy.

In the first reading from the Book of Leviticus, chapter 13, we look at the Jewish law concerning what happens to a person after they contract leprosy and other skin diseases. Because of the fear of contagion, a person who has a scab or blotch on the skin which appears to be a leprous sore must be presented to one of the priests who declares the person either clean or unclean.

If the person is determined "unclean" or leprous by the priest, he must live apart from the community, making his dwelling outside of the camp or town. He stays far away; he is excluded from his loved ones and neighbors. He lives in isolation or only with other lepers.

In our Gospel, Mark tells us the story of a leper who comes to Jesus, kneels down, and begs Him for a healing. He says to Jesus: "If

you wish, you can make me clean." This man is courageous and full of faith in the authority of Jesus, and in His power to heal.

Jesus is moved with pity. He does something very unexpected and unacceptable. He could have healed the leper by simply speaking a word of healing. But instead, Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the leper while saying, "I do will it; be made clean." The man's body is healed from leprosy, and his loneliness, isolation, and shame are erased by the human/divine touch of Jesus.

Jesus reveals to the leper and to those witnessing this miracle a new face of God. Jesus reveals that God loves each person individually and wants each person to be saved and whole, physically and spiritually.

Jesus reveals His very deep love and compassion when He touches the man. By the act

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Lenten Ashes, Stations

St. Brendan's will be distributing blessed ashes at two Masses on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. The Masses will be celebrated at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on all Fridays during Lent at 3 p.m. in the church, except at noon on Good Friday. Please consider joining us for this beautiful ritual.

Fish Dinner Update

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Those who will be working in Maxwell Hall should realize there is currently no heat there; dress accordingly. All workers must park nearest to the playground. For more information and to volunteer: Patty Infante, 330-799-3339.

Jesus, The Healing Presence

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of touching a leper, Jesus is now considered "unclean." Mark finishes this story by revealing that Jesus now remains outside in deserted places. But we have one more surprise to the story. The common people, in spite of whether Jesus is clean or unclean, keep coming to Him. They realize their need to be near Him. To them, this need is greater than the prescription of cleanliness.

Let us pray: Lord, help us to realize our need for You and to come ever closer to You.

– Geri Jacquet

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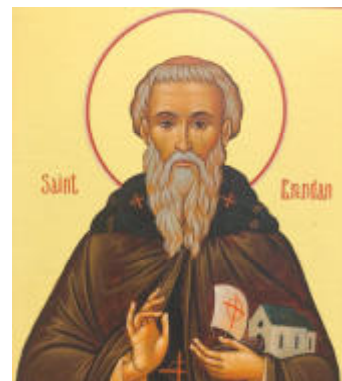
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