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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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Feb 13th, 20th &
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COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel* Vivir VALIENTEMENTE *el Evangelio*

Sunday, Feb 14, 2021 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time **The healing we all desire**

“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.’” – Mark 1:40-41

Last week we read the story of Jesus healing a woman with a fever. In this weekend’s Gospel, we find Jesus encountering a man with leprosy who our Lord heals of his affliction. The church and community saw leprosy as both a spiritual and physical disease. It was considered to be a punishment from God.

According to the law at the time, lepers were banned from the community. In order to be reunited, they had to prove to the local priest that they were healed. In this case, the leper knows the power of Jesus to heal if He wills it. The leper says to Jesus, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” In essence, he believes Jesus has the same healing power as God. Jesus had pity and cleansed him of his affliction. Keep in mind that this was also a spiritual cleansing, so that he can be healed in the eyes of God. Jesus orders him to go to the local priest and offer what Moses prescribed according to the Levitical law—in essence, to do penance.

This healing is the same healing we all desire, a healing from the scourge of sin. Like leprosy, sin could not be cured except by a divine intervention. We utilize the sacrament of reconciliation to relieve us and be healed of our spiritual afflictions which separate us from God and others.

Have the courage to recognize your own afflictions and, like the leper, ask the Great Physician, our Lord, to bring healing to your heart, your soul and your mind. Remember, those that asked for healing and had faith received it. Making a good confession is a great way to start.

Bishop Gregory Parkes

ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 17th 2021

Mass Schedule:

8:00am Mass followed by Imposition of Ash

9:30 ECC Children

11AM– Mass followed by Imposition of Ash

4PM– Mass followed by Imposition of Ash

7PM– Stations of the Cross & Imposition of Ash

11:15 AM Drive by Communion and Imposition of Ash

4:15 PM Drive By Communion and Imposition of Ash

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ 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.”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 R. (7) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile. **R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.** Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,” and you took away the guilt of my sin. **R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.** Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart. **R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Reading II 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Alleluia Lk 7:16 R. Alleluia, alleluia. A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Mk 1:40-45 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.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. 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. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from ever



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GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LEPROSY	WELL	GIFT
JESUS	WARNED	HEALED
POWER	SHOW	WALKED

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GOSPEL

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

PRAYER

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

MISSION

Visit the sick. Make a card. Take a treat to share. Give them something to read. Pray for them before you leave. You will brighten their day.

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LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Lent begins on **February 17** this year. As you reflect on what to do for Lent this year, why not consider **DOING** something as well as **GIVING UP** something.

The season of Lent is fast approaching and our parish is excited to offer a great resource to help make this Lent a grace-filled and fruitful season. We invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for **FORMED** Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer:

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

Date	Time	Intentions	Office
Sat, 2/13	4:00pm	† Heda Soldo † Maureen Riley	Closed
Sun, 2/14	8:00am	† Mate Gagro Pat & Toni Discenza	Closed
	10:00am	† Teresa Oster † Grace Mamo	
	4:00pm	For the parish family	
Mon, 2/15	8:00am	† Don Abair † Conte Family	8:30am-12pm
Tues, 2/16	8:00am	Judith Useche Claudia Useche	8:30am-12pm
Wed, 2/17 ASH WED	8:00am	† Charlie Monaghan	8:30am-12pm
	11:00am	Mare Gagro	
	4:00pm	Aurville Griffith	
Thurs, 2/18	8:00am	† Ramon & Lita Sarte † Drury Gallagher Sr.	8:30am-12pm
Fri, 2/19			8:30am-12pm
Sat, 2/20	4:00pm	† Carmen Ramalho † William & Marylou Marth	Closed

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Dine in or take out at Glory Days Palm Harbor on Fridays during Lent: February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Save your itemized guest check (not the charge card receipt) and do one of the following (1) take a photo of it with your phone and email to kathrynjkranz@msn.com, or (2) drop it off in the designated boxes at the church entrances, or (3) drop it off at the church office, or (4) mail it to the church to the attention of the Ladies Auxiliary. Glory Days will donate a percentage of sales from the itemized guest checks collected.



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK- GOT QUESTIONS?

FORMED HAS ANSWERS??

Get acquainted with **FORMED**. Watch and Learn. Check out some short 2 minute answers to questions about Forgiveness, Penance, Salvation. Begin your Lenten Soul Searching on **FORMED**. Go to www.formed.org

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Suggested things to begin with:

- 1-Fasting and Sack Cloth
- 2- Temporal Punishment Due to Sin
- 3-Power to Forgive Sins
- 4-Discipline His Son
- 5-Does John teach assurance of Salvation?

Explore and see what else of FORMED is of interest to you. There is so much. This is just a place for you to get started this Lenten Season.

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