



Sunday, February 11th, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family Church

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Rev. Joseph Son Nguyen, Pastor

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday –Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays 8:15a.m

Anointing of the Sick Sacrament: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month 12:30 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays: 9:00am-9:30am / First Fridays 9:00am-9:30am



Ash Wednesday, February 14 Mass Schedule

8:30 a.m.

12 noon

4:00 p.m.

**Distribution of Ashes will be during
Mass.**

The Work of Christmas ☺

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings are back home,
When the shepherds are once more with
their flocks, then the work of Christmas
really begins:

To find the lost

To heal the broken

To feed the hungry,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace to all people!!

Your Contributions- Thank you

Sunday, February 4th, 2024: \$5,764

Online Giving: \$1800

National Needs 2nd Collection: \$2,127

Thank you for your generosity!

News from Our Parish

- **Stations of the Cross at 11am Fridays**, followed by fish fry lunch. Starting this coming Friday, Feb. 16.
- **Our Lenten Retreat is Friday, March 1st**, starting with 8:30 a.m. Mass, (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass). Retreat: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon (lunch included). Minimum donation is \$10 per person. Please sign up in the vestibule of the church or parish office.
- **Diaper drive** for the life centers of Orange County. Please bring your donation to the parish office or leave on the Our Lady of Guadalupe donation table in the vestibule of the church. This year they need diapers sizes 5-6

News from Our Diocese

- Individual tickets are NOW available for the **21st Annual Conference on Business & Ethics on February 28, 2024** at the JW Marriot hotel in Anaheim. Don't miss your chance to reserve a seat! February 14th will be the last day to purchase tickets for \$300. Thank you for supporting catholic education. To get tickets or learn more about the #1 Breakfast Conference in Orange County, visit OrangeCatholicFoundation.org/CBE
- All are welcome to attend a speaker session featuring guest speaker Fr. Robert Spitzer entitled 'Science and Marian Miracles' on **Friday, Feb. 16 at 7:00PM** at St. Hedwig Catholic Church.

Restoration (Catholic Reflections)

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

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 14, God gave Moses a purification rite to be used for those who were cured of leprosy. This detailed rite that spanned several days was used to reintegrate a healed leper back into society. After Jesus healed the leper in today's Gospel passage, He ordered him to "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Thus, Jesus not only healed the man but instructed him that he was ready to be restored to the community.

At that time, leprosy was a horrible disease, not only for its physical effects, but also because the leper was not permitted to be a part of the society. This was because leprosy was quite contagious. By keeping those infected separate, the disease did not spread as easily to others. As we ponder this healing, try to imagine not only the pain caused by the leper's disease, but especially the pain caused by his isolation. Obviously, there were no phones at that time, no video chatting, and no means of communication from a distance. Therefore, isolation would have meant a complete loss of the person's relationship with his family and friends, as well as his former livelihood, home and all that was a part of his life. On a spiritual level, the various illnesses that Jesus cured are, in part, to be seen as symbols of sin. In the case of leprosy, we should see this illness as a symbol of the effects of mortal sin. And mortal sin, unless it is cured by God's forgiveness, has the effect of completely isolating a person from the life of grace. One becomes cut off from a relationship with God, as well as every other relationship that is centered in Christ. When one commits mortal sin and remains in that sin, that person is not capable of true love, since all grace is gone from their life. Therefore, their relationships become self-centered, demanding and unholy.

For those who have fallen into mortal sin, this leper is a symbol of the way out. First, he came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. He humbled himself before our Lord, acknowledging that Jesus was the answer to his ailment. He then begged Jesus for help. But the way he begged Jesus is also revealing.: he did not demand a healing but instead simply professed his faith in the fact that Jesus could heal him. And then he knelt there in trust and hope. This leper teaches us the perfect way to approach our Lord when we struggle with serious sin. **Reflect**, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down.

Most merciful Lord, You desire all of Your children to be healed of the many sins that keep them from communion with You and with Your people. Please give me the faith and trust I need to always be able to humble myself before You so as to receive the restoration to Your grace I so desire. Jesus, I trust in You.

Our Lenten Fish Fridays Fundraising



Exciting News! Our Fish Fridays is about to start After 11 a.m. Friday Stations of the Cross devotion ... with a minimum donation of \$10 per person you can get the following delicious fish plates:

Friday, Feb. 16 fish, fries, coleslaw + fruit or cookie
Friday, Feb. 23 fish burgers + chips + fruit or cookie
Friday, March 1 clam chowder + crackers + fruit
Friday, March 8 fish tacos + fruit or cookie
Friday, March 15 fish, fries, coleslaw + fruit or cookie
Friday, March 22 clam chowder + crackers + fruit

If you would like to participate, please sign in in the front of the church or parish office during office hours. You can also call at (562)430-8170. You can enjoy your lunch in our parish hall or take it home. Thank you for your participation. Please let your friends and neighbors know about this!!!!

Laugh Out Loud

Why wouldn't the Pharaoh let the
Hebrews go?
He was in de-Nile ☺

Prayer Intentions for the Week

Monday 8:30 a.m. February 12

Edward Ellingson, RIP

Epiphane Dieu Do, RIP

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. February 13

Nguyen Sang & Hoang Khuyen, RIP

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. February 14

Fr. Augustine Lan, RIP

Betty Esparza, Sp. Int.

Wednesday 12 Noon February 14

Marven Ellingson, Sp. Int.

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. February 14

Carlos Alvarez and Bruna Vidal, RIP

Thursday 8:30 a.m. February 15

Brian Fitzpatrick, RIP

Paul Soesanto, RIP

Friday 8:30 a.m. February 16

Mary Mai To, RIP

Saturday 8:30 a.m. February 17

Roy Klotz, RIP

All departing and departed Souls.

Saturday 4:00 p.m. February 17

The Greb children, Sp. Int.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. February 18

Margie Dodero and family, Sp. Int.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. February 18

Celia Bennett, RIP

Fr. Gilbert Romero, Sp. Int.

Sunday 12 Noon February 18

Dennis Rasimas, RIP

Herb Shinkle, Sp. Int.