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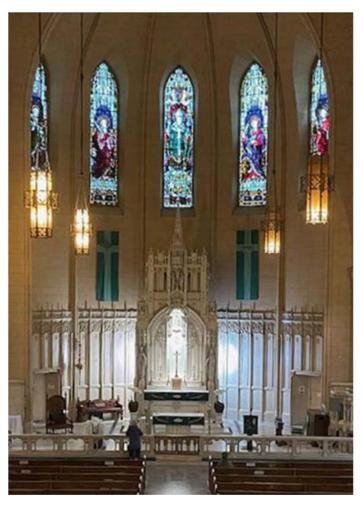
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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.



February 11, 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31



February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper (3) who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation (1). He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy (Ps). We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus (2).

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Imagine waking up one day to find a sore or scab and knowing that your life could be forever changed! From the time of Moses, those who were found with persistent skin diseases (known at the time as leprosy) were separated from the community, isolated from family and friends, judged by others and kept apart. What faith the man in today's Gospel must have had to approach Jesus! He not only put his physical life in Jesus' hands, he trusted that the Lord would look at him with mercy rather than judgment, that Jesus would see him rather than his disease. Jesus looks on us with mercy as well, and waits for us to cry out, "If you wish, you can make me clean." The man is a model of faith, and of the witness of one who cannot help but declare the power of God. He acted as Saint Paul urged the community in Corinth to do, giving glory to God through his actions.

Out and In

The leper who had been cast out was healed. He was suddenly free to interact with others, to dwell with family, to rejoice in the company of friends. He encountered the healing, merciful love of Christ and found new life. The one who healed him, Jesus, was made to stay outside of the towns and villages to which he went, surrounded by people who needed his healing touch. Jesus' love is greater than whatever might trouble us. He looks with compassion on those who are broken, breaking himself open for the sake of others. Jesus puts himself in the place of those who are in need. Those who are on the margins of life or of the faith community are held closely in the loving gaze of the Lord. Those who are ill are assured of God's care and compassion. Those who are weak find strength in Christ, who is ever ready to attend to the needs of the hurting, lost, and broken.

Act In Faith, Act On Faith

n what ways are you isolated, hurting, or broken? Does someone else judge you unfairly? Are there circumstances that are beyond your control that overwhelm you or dictate the way you live your life? The Lord waits for your call, your cry in faith. Do you know the healing, compassionate, caring love of God for you, in prayer, sacraments, or the attention of others? Witness to the powerful love of God through your attitudes and words, your actions and interactions with others. Imitate Christ. Show mercy to others. Be a healing presence when relationships are torn apart. Have you encountered the love of God in your life? Give witness to this love at home, work, parish, and the world. Give glory to God as you act on faith.

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Holy Union

The union of man and wife is from God.

~ St. Augustine

New Mass Schedule

We have returned to our pre-COVID-19 Mass schedule on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

Sunday Masses:

5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday.

We will also have a monthly Tagalog Mass at 2:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month and a monthly Charismatic & Healing Mass at 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month.

Weekday Masses (Monday - Saturday) 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m. (Vigil Mass on Sat)

Confession will be available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Appointments are preferred.

Looking for Lay Ministers

The proclamation of the Word of God at Masses and other Liturgies is one of the sources of faith, wisdom and understanding God and Jesus have given to the Church. Because of its importance, the Church takes great care in ensuring that the Spoken Word is proclaimed with dignity and reverence. As a parish, we try our very best to fulfill these expectations.

The source and summit of our life as a people of God are the gifts of Christ's Body and Blood, the Eucharist, and the community gathered to share in this Eucharist. Over time, the Church has seen the need for Lay Faithful to assist with the distribution of Communion at Masses and other Liturgies. As well, Eucharistic Ministers assist the parish by bringing Communion to people who are unable to attend Mass.

If you're looking for a way to serve your parish, or if you've ever wanted to be a lay minister and serve during Mass, now is your chance. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Lenten Recollection

Everyone is invited to our Lenten Recollection on Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the church followed by Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners born this week.

Esther Oh	02/11	Juan Guzman	02/14
Eleanor Lawsin	02/12	Daisy Young	02/14
Shaina Quizo	02/12	Maria Claustro	02/15
Thelma Dicola	02/13	Christian Mattias Ojala	02/17

Please Pray for our Holy Father's Intention for February



<u>Pope's Intention</u>: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

We will have our regular weekday Mass schedule here at St. Patrick on February 14th, Ash Wednesday. As we have done in the past, in addition to our regular Mass at 12:10 p.m., we will have a second Mass at the same time downstairs in Bitanga Hall to accommodate the overflow from the church.

Prayer For Ash Wednesday

Merciful God,

You called us forth from the dust of the earth; You claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days Bearing the mark of ashes,

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And bless our journey through the desert of Lent

To the font of rebirth.

May our fasting be hunger for justice;

Our alms, a making of peace;

Our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,

For in his cross you proclaim your love

For ever and ever. Âmen.

Preparation for Lent

Abstinence ~ Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast ~ Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on Ash Good Friday.

Wednesday and

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal per day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. If you are in doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Stations of the Cross

Everyone is encouraged to join the communal praying of the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass during Lent. Stations of the Cross prayer books are available in the gift shop for a small fee. The Santo Niño Novena, normally prayed on Fridays, will not be prayed in lieu of the Stations of the Cross.

Living God's Word

Jesus, you came to bring us into deeper communion with the Father and one another. Give us the courage to reach out, as you did, to those in need of our compassion and help. Let us not be afraid of the opinions of others when we see that good can be done. Amen.

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Compassion and Generosity

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

George Washington

Saints & Special Observances

WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday: optional memorial ~

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: *Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25* Friday: *Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15*

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Today's Readings

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

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

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Kickoff Sunday

I hope all of you received the letter highlighting this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of youth, young adults, seminarians, social ministries, and everyone who you support through the Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider giving to the 2024 AAA. Through our generosity, we join others throughout our Archdiocese in answering God's call to discipleship by supporting His work.

This year's theme is from Matthew 22:39, "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." As Catholics, we use our gifts and talents to serve and demonstrate our love for our neighbors. Indeed, instead of asking who our neighbors are, Catholics ask, "...is there anyone who is not our neighbor?"

One way we support our neighbor through the Annual Appeal is via the Restorative Justice ministry. The Restorative Justice program assists crime victims and their families, former offenders, the incarcerated and their families. The family of one young man killed in San Francisco said there were frequently times that they did not know if they'd be able to go on, and that without the Restorative Justice ministry, they "...would not have been able to meet other families already supported by this ministry, and through this support group they find comfort in the journey of their healing."

Our assessment this year is \$34,508. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request. You impact lives.

In Love

I met in the street a very poor young man who was in love. His hat was old; his coat was worn; the water passed through his shoes; and stars passed through his soul.

World Marriage Day

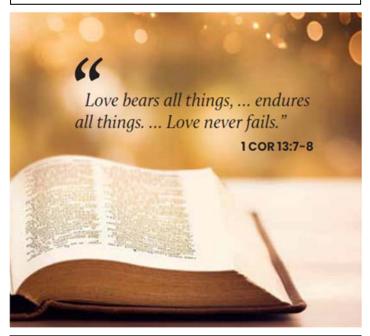


Today is World Marriage Day, which honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. The idea of

celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981, when couples encouraged the Mayor, the Governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day". The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and was adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership. By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day", designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.

Prayer

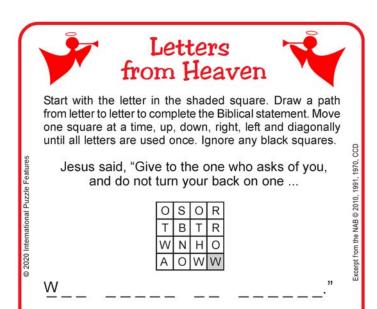
"Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind and Body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen" - Fr. Bill Dilgen, S.M.M.



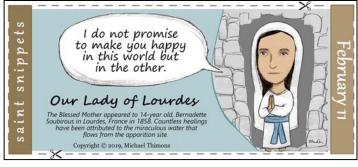
Mission Doctors Association 2024 West Coast Retreat/Seminar

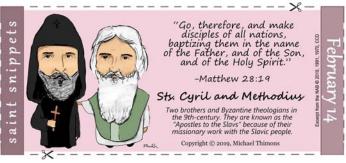
Mission Doctors Association will offer the 2024 West Coast Retreat/Seminar on March 8-10, 2024 for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering short-term mission service. This will be held at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. This weekend is offered free of charge to those considering serving at a Mission Hospital or Clinic in Africa or Latin America.

Visit the website: www.MissionDoctors.org or Call the office for more information (213) 368-1872.



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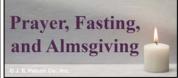












Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

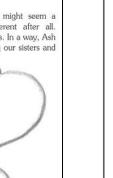
This week we celebrate both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. It might seem a strange combination of celebrations, but perhaps they are not so different after all. Valentine's Day is about sending messages of love to people who are dear to us. In a way, Ash Wednesday gives us different examples of how to show love for God by loving our sisters and brothers.

The Gospel for Ash Wednesday tells us that one of our Lenten practices should be prayer. In the first heart, write the name or words of a prayer that you can pray every day during Lent to show how much you love God. You can write a prayer using your own words, too.

Another Lenten practice is fasting, or doing without something, so that you can have more time or resources to give to others. In the second heart, write one thing you will promise to give up or do this Lent What will you do with the extra time or money you have as a result? How will your action help another?

The third Lenten practice is almsgiving, that is, giving to the poor some of your time, talent, or money. Discuss with your family which person or group most needs your help. In the third heart, write your goal for giving aid to this person or group.

When Wednesday comes, you might think of Ash Wednesday as the start of a time when you can show your love for God and for others, not only on Valentine's Day but throughout the days of Lent and beyond.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



THE LEPTOSY LEFT HIM

AND HE WAS MADE

CLEAN

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"I like modern ideas... and collections do take a long time. But install EZ Pass at the door? No, thanks."

For the Glory of God

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to "do everything for the glory of God." In today's scriptures Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit "the many," as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.

The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us "with the joy of salvation."

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Reflecting on God's Word

These first days of Jesus' ministry present him preaching, teaching, and healing to bring people to know that God is near. His message and his deeds bring people back to full life in the community. By casting out demons and curing the sick he restores to full humanity those suffering from possession and illness. Today we find Jesus confronting a condition that must have been even more excruciating—leprosy.

To be a leper was to be cut off from others in all ways. You were cast out of the community, isolated, doomed to live in deserted places, no longer part of the human family, unable to participate in any social events, and considered unfit to worship God. It was assumed that if you had leprosy, you had sinned in some way. Your life was summed up in the words the Law of Moses told you to cry out whenever anyone came near, "Unclean, unclean!"

For Jesus to touch a leper meant that in the eyes of others he also became unclean and unfit to associate and worship with others. Even so, when a leper asked for healing, Jesus was unequivocal in his reply: "I do will it. Be made clean" (Mark 1:41). It is easy to hear in his response the authority of the Son of God, set on giving glory to his Father. Yet Jesus, ever respectful of the law, sent the man to the priest, as commanded in the book of Leviticus. In Jesus, pity took precedence over the law, but did not abolish it.

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Feast of Faith The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

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Give God the Glory

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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Stigmatized

In Biblical times any skin disease was labeled leprosy, and lepers were forced to live in isolation, ostracized from the rest of the community. Any illness was thought to be the result of sinfulness, either the sins of the sufferer or of his or her parents and ancestors. People with mental illnesses were believed to be possessed by evil spirits, and they too were shunned and driven out of towns and villages to fend for themselves. These attitudes were common throughout the ancient world. The open sores of skin diseases and the strange behavior of mentally ill persons were a stigma all could recognize. "Stigma" is a Greek word that originally referred to a tattoo or brand that was cut or burned into the skin of criminals, slaves, or traitors in order to identify them as blemished or morally polluted persons. Many of us today fear people with diseases such as AIDS; similarly, we are uncomfortable around someone who behaves oddly because of a mental illness. Those who have such illnesses often suffer more from people's negative attitudes toward them than from the condition itself. In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus' encounter with a leper. We see that Jesus does not turn away from this suffering man, but walks toward him. He talks to him, takes pity on him, and stretches out a healing hand. Today, the Catholic Church is a world-wide provider of care for suffering people, including those with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, through Catholic hospitals and clinics, organizations such as Catholic Charities, and the hospices of Blessed Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, to name but a few. There are many opportunities in our local communities for us to step in and help. Let's be like Jesus and walk toward the ones in need.

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Jesus' Way

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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God's Word Today

Being a disciple of Christ means being an imitator of Christ. When we hear a Gospel passage such as today's, we may think that we could never come close to imitating Christ. After all, he had such miraculous power. The story of the cleansing and curing of the leper may have something deeper to teach us. In the Lord's time, people were simply not to go near a leper. To touch a leper was unthinkable. It rendered the person ritually impure and susceptible to contagion. Just listen to today's first reading to find out how lepers were to be treated. Jesus goes beyond the usual boundaries and, moved with pity, heals the man. We are called to be like Christ—to move beyond those boundaries that prevent healing and reconciliation from occurring. Some of these boundaries we set up ourselves. As the cleansing word of God is proclaimed today, let us pray that God will help us to reach across established boundaries to embrace and be reconciled with those whom today's world sees as "unclean." From Saint Margaret Sunday Missal, copyright © J. S. Paluch Company

LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL **PRAESIDIUM**Meeting - Sundays at 11:30 am in Bitanga Hall



The Legion Family Worldwide On all continents In over 170 countries 4 million active members 5 million auxiliary members



The Founder Frank Duff 1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in

almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members

developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes

and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings

sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Lent, the Church's annual pre-baptismal retreat, prepares us to gather around the Easter font, renew our baptismal vows, and receive new life from the water as the elect are plunged into Christ's death and resurrection. This core meaning is more or less available, depending on whether we journey with catechumens in the parish and on the vigor of our liturgical celebration of the Triduum. Some persist in seeing Lent as a lonely journey in the wilderness; yet this week we enter the Lenten fast in solidarity with one another. The smudged foreheads you will spy throughout Ash Wednesday on buses, street corners, and supermarket aisles remind you that you are hardly alone in your desire to enact a spring cleaning regime for your spiritual life.

Long ago, this kind of repentance was available to Christians only once. Ashes and sackcloth were not raiment for a day, but permanent habits for public sinners. Fasting became a way of life, and if they sinned severely again, there was no hope of restored communion. Happily, this system did not endure. It produced reluctant Christians who even held back from baptism, like St. Augustine did, out of fear. Today we have recovered an ancient tradition that conversion and repentance are constant themes on life's journey, and that Lent is an annual opportunity to revive our baptismal identity, both as individuals and communities.

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The Pain of Isolation

When Winston was five years old, he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. In the early 1950s many young children with this disease were taken from their families and placed in a quarantine hospital. By today's standards of parenting, that's a frightening thought. Experts now tell us how important the early formative years are. Quarantined children surely must have felt isolated and frightened. Parents must have felt robbed. Lepers and their families must have experienced similar feelings in the severe isolation that was brought about by their disease.

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Comment

The law described in Leviticus is harsh. The Israelites were not only frightened of the dreaded contagious disease of leprosy, but fresh in their memories was the plague of boils God sent the Egyptians and their livestock. They knew God sent the plagues because Pharaoh opposed God's will. They feared the same would happen to them if they did not obey God's law. At the time of this law, the people perceived a close connection between sickness and sin. If someone contracted this deadly disease, it must have been because they or their parents had sinned. So great was the people's ignorance about leprosy that they quarantined people who had any sort of skin disease. If by chance the victim was cured, he or she had to appear before a priest. If the priest agreed that the person was healed he or she could return to the community.

It is his observance of this law that endeared Jesus to many people the day he cured the leper. Kneeling and beseeching, the leper came to find Jesus. So strong was the man's faith, so desperate his situation, so hopeless his isolation, that he risked breaking the law to come into the midst of the people. Jesus was so moved to compassion that he proceeded to do things that would bring him some wanted and unwanted notice. First Jesus cured the leper. He had the power to defeat the disease. He had a divine power by which he could show others God's love. But not everyone was ready to know this love. Jesus knew there would be problems with careless stories of healings and miracles, so he asked the leper to go quietly among the crowd and show himself to a priest. Jesus respected the law described in Leviticus and encouraged the leper to carry it out. It was important to the community that the man be declared clean and return to a normal life among the people. The healed leper did not, however, go about this quietly. In his grateful excitement, he told everyone he met about this awesome man Jesus. What Jesus feared had now come to be. He could no longer walk openly into a city. Nevertheless, many people that day came to believe in him.

Reflection

One of the greatest fears we have about many diseases today is the fact that there is no remedy and little treatment. It's a fear not unknown to those (and their loved ones) who suffer from AIDS, cancer, cystic fibrosis, and tuberculosis. People in Jesus' day did not know when leprosy would strike. They weren't even sure what skin diseases were truly leprosy so they lumped them all together. They only knew the ugliness and contagiousness of the disease.

It's what we do with our fears that challenges and defines us. Fear of the unknown can paralyze us in thought and action. We become stuck in our ignorance and either avoid the truth or disguise it in some way. Jesus allows us to become "unstuck." He went directly to the leper who begged for healing. We, too, beg for healing. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, Jesus Christ heals in us the things that separate us from him. When we celebrate Eucharist, we are gathered and reaffirmed in the community of believers. Jesus Christ gives us the healing power of salvation. Over and over we have seen what the power of Christ and his love can do. We only need the heart to be healed and purified. This seems easy enough until the moment we are faced with the temptation to give in to our weakness. Like the leper, we need to recognize our sinfulness, seek help for its cure, and turn away from that which infects us.

Jesus is there waiting for us.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, most beloved song text in the Christian world today? An astute and surprising answer might be the *Gloria*, "Glory to God in the Highest." In three weeks' time, the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us.

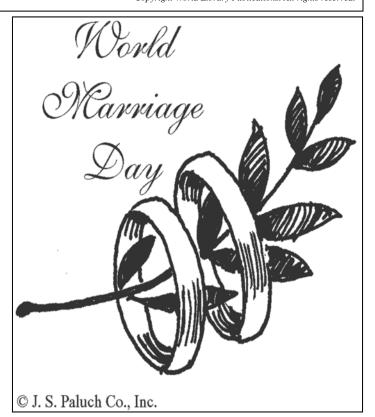
For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart.

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The Inner Word: What's in your Heart?

S aint Paul says the key to his ministry is acting not for his own benefit but for that of many.

- ⇒ Can the same be said of your life and work?
- ⇒ As a leader, you work to bring people together around a common faith. Do you work for unity through respect and generosity?

Applying the Word: Offering proof

Jesus told the former leper not to neglect the required offering as "proof of cleanness." Obviously, those who suffer from a genuine "leprous" condition that contributed to their exile must give some evidence that they are prepared to embrace the life of the community once more. The addict must undergo rehab. The ex-con cannot return to criminal activity. The homeless should be willing to contribute sweat equity for their housing. The faithless spouse must show concrete signs of renewed fidelity. Biblical leprosy cannot simply be absolved from the outside, after all. It must be internally rejected as well. First and foremost, lepers must seek and believe in the healing they need. Divine healing is possible, but it doesn't come to those who do not want it with all their hearts. ~ Alice Camille

Scripture links

Where God wanted us to be: Gen. 1:26-31, 2:8-17, 12:1-7

Biblical exile: Gen. 3:22-24; Jer. 13:15-27, 14:17-18, 25:1-14; also Jer. 30:18-22, 31:1-17

Uncleanness from within: Mark 7:1-23; Matt. 23:25-28; Luke 11:37-44, 19:45-46

Conditions of returning: Jer. 4:1-2

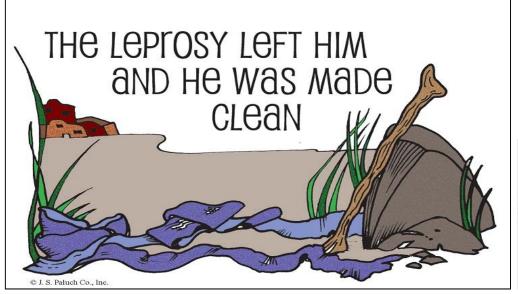
Catechism links

(Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph numbers)

Our place: CCC 225; 299; 340; 344; 355-361; 374-379; 2407; 2809

Exile: CCC 714; 1608; 2443-2449 Faith in healing: CCC 2616

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COOTIES!

HAT IS IT about us human beings that we have such a need to divide people into the "ins" and the "outs"? It starts young. When I was in kindergarten Charlie Goebig decided that one unfortunate girl in our class had cooties and that we should all run from her on the playground. It was an unimaginably cruel thing to do, and I'm sorry to say we all did it.

A year or so later while shopping with my mother before Christmas I wandered into the toy section to expand my wish list. I was looking at some army men when I spotted her-my allegedly cootieinfested classmate looking wistfully at a doll house. She noticed me and her face turned Santa Claus red. She looked frightened, as if I would yell, "Cooties" and go running out of the store. Lucky for us both, I was more under the spell of Santa than Charlie Goebig. I asked her what she wanted for Christmas. We talked for just a few minutes before her mother called her to leave, but I realized she was just like me—a goofy little kid trying to figure out

When Jesus meets the leper in this Sunday's gospel, he tells him, "I do will that you be made clean." The cleansing that most of us need is a purity of heart so that we don't see conditions, but people just like us.

-Tom McGrath





Lectio Divina for the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (Lectio)

Read the following Scripture two or three times. Mark 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 the 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 everywhere.

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- · What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing <u>lectio divina</u> as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (Oratio)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.





Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

"If you wish, you can make me clean." How can I rely more fully on God's healing and mercy? What areas of my life need healing?

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, [and] touched him, When have I felt the hand of God comforting me and guiding me? How can I model God's compassion in my own life?

"I do will it." How can I better discern God's will for me? How do I more fully conform my life to God's will?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Prayer for those who are discerning God's call to priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or consecrated life.

Closing Prayer:

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.

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.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

(From Psalm 32)

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Lectio Divina for Ash Wednesday

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of selfrestraint.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Ash Wednesday)

Reading (Lectio)

Read the following Scripture two or three times. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

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Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Do not let your left hand know what your right is doing. When have I sought attention and acclaim for my acts of charity? How can I be more selfless in sharing my time, treasure, and talent?

Do not be like the hypocrites. When have I failed to practice what I claim to believe? When have I held others to standards higher than those to which I hold myself?

Anoint your head and wash your face. How do I show my faith in words and actions? How can I share the joy of the Gospel?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight." A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

(From Psalm 51)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Commit to Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

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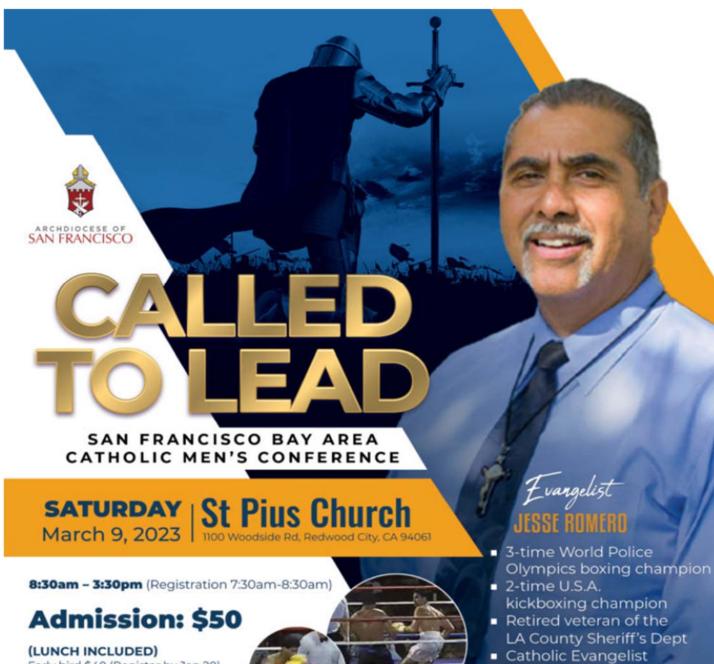
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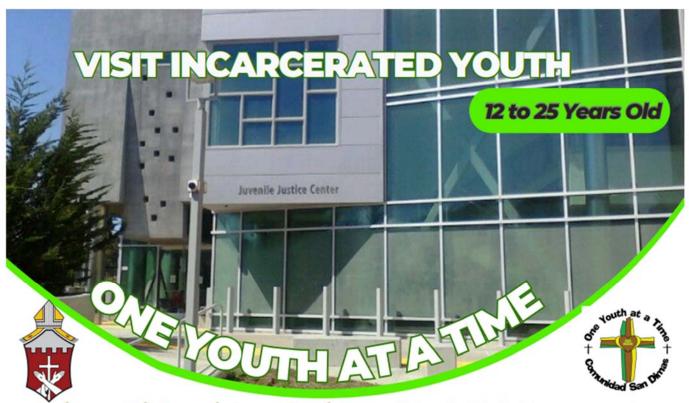
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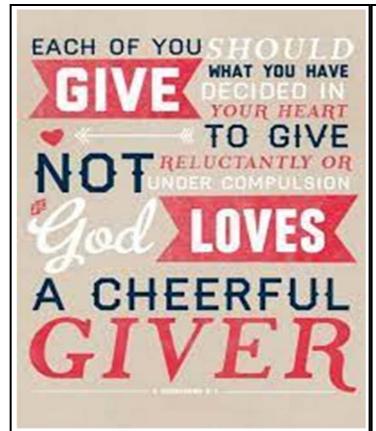
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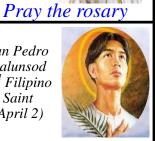


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