

“MOVED WITH PITY, HE STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND”

by Fr. Jeremy Myers

Mark 1:40-45

We come to the close of this rapid-fire first chapter of St. Mark's gospel today with the story of the cleansing of the leper. Similar in some ways to the story of the healing of Simon's mother-in-law, which we heard last week, this healing once again points to the compassion that the Lord Jesus had for those who suffered in any way. As we move through the forthcoming chapters of Mark's gospel, we will see again and again that Jesus reaches out to people in need. "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'Be made clean.'" As we surely know from experience or from observation, illness isolates the sick person. This isolation was especially pronounced in the time of Jesus for those persons who were afflicted with skin disorders, collectively called leprosy in the Scriptures. They were not allowed to mingle with others and were required to announce their presence by shouting out, "unclean, unclean," so that others could move away from them. They were truly separated from the rest of society. Here, we see Jesus move to bridge the separation. He touches the man with leprosy—clearly forbidden by the law—and expresses his desire that the man be made clean so that he can be restored to the community. Jesus' aim throughout scriptures is to go to the margins of society where lepers, sinners, and prostitutes and other cast-offs lived. Then, he invites them back into the community because God disowns none of his children. All are embraced by the Heavenly Father. A story out of Oregon a year ago offers us a similar message. The story concerned a 21 year old college student named Luke who was studying to be a paramedic. One day, he went to Portland to celebrate his girlfriend's birthday. While he was there, someone broke into his car and stole his backpack and computer. Everything important was on that computer—class notes, papers, job applications. Two days later, an exchange student from the United Arab Emirates named Masoud was approached by a man who offered him a computer for \$200. Masoud, new to the country, was naïve and gave the man the cash. Later, when he turned on the computer and saw the pictures and files he realized the computer had to have been stolen. He called the number he found on the computer and told Luke he had found his computer. Luke said, "This guy with a thick accent told me he had my computer. He told me the story and said it was his fault. With his accent, I thought it was a scam. I told him if he really had the computer, he should take it to the police." That is exactly what Masoud did. So, the police called Luke to come pick up his computer at the station. The police were just as surprised as Luke and they gave him Masoud's number. Luke called Masoud and thanked him, insisting on paying him the \$200 he had spent on purchasing the stolen computer. But Masoud refused. He told Luke it was his honor and duty as a Muslim to return the property to its owner. Further, Masoud said, "I saw a photo of this man in his paramedic uniform. Those are good people. They help people. He is a good man. I don't want my money back." That was Luke's first experience with a Muslim and it changed his perspective. He gained a new awareness of immigrants like Masoud. Masoud shows us what Jesus was teaching us by his actions. We all are capable of showing compassion to others. We can heal wounds of all sorts by our reaching out to those in need.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

One of the most wretched of diseases is leprosy. In the Bible, leprosy referred to any revolting skin disease. Leprosy is a symbol of sin. We should strive to have a greater horror of sin than we do for the physical disease of leprosy. Likewise we must have confidence that if our souls are leprous with sin, Jesus will heal us with his forgiveness.

SEXTO DOMINGO EN DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (B) *Una de las enfermedades más desdichadas es la lepra. En la biblia, la lepra se refiere a cualquier enfermedad de la piel repugnante. La lepra es un símbolo del pecado. Debemos esforzarnos por tener una mayor horror del pecado que nosotros por la enfermedad física de la lepra. De la misma manera debemos tener confianza en que si nuestras almas están leprosa con el pecado, Jesús nos sane con su perdón.*



As we begin this penitential season of Lent, it is good to remind ourselves of these penitential practices associated with Lent: **Fasting** - one meal a day and two smaller meals which, if added together, do not exceed the main meal in quantity. Fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and applies to Catholic adults from their 18th birthday until the beginning of their 60th year. **Abstinence** - refraining from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Those bound by this practice are all persons who have completed their 14th birthday.

*Al comenzar este tiempo penitencial de la Cuaresma, es bueno que recordemos estas prácticas penitenciales asociados con la Cuaresma: **El ayuno** - una comida al día y dos comidas más pequeñas que, si se suman, no excedan la comida principal en cantidad. El ayuno es obligatorio el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo y se aplica a los adultos católicos desde los 18 años hasta el comienzo de su 60 aniversario. **Abstinencia** - abstenerse de carne, incluyendo sopas hechas con carne, el Miércoles de Ceniza, el Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. Aquellos obligados por esta práctica son todas las personas que han completado su 14 años de edad.*

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May God bless you for your generosity and support.

"Thank God every day when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues, which the idle will never know."

Basil Carpenter

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We want to wish a happy anniversary to all couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this week, especially Tony & Mary Leone, who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary today, February 11th, and Rollie & Vicki Balak on February 14th.

We want to wish a happy birthday to all in our parish family celebrating a birthday this week, especially Rebecca Rumley today, February 11th, John Harazda on February 13th, Nick Bullard on February 16th, and Gabriel Gonzales and Nicole Wilson on February 17th.

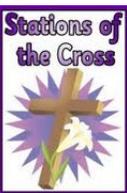
We begin the holy season of Lent this Wednesday, February 14th, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday service with distribution of ashes will be at 6 p.m.



Comenzamos el tiempo santo de Cuaresma este miércoles, 14 de febrero con la celebración del Miércoles de Ceniza. El servicio de Miércoles de Ceniza con distribución de cenizas será a las 6 p.m.

A collection will be taken up this Wednesday, February 14th, for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection will be used to assist Catholics, many of whom live in countries once dominated by the Soviet regime, with rebuilding their communities.

Una colección será tomado este miércoles, 14 de febrero para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Esta colección será utilizado para ayudar a los católicos, muchos de los cuales viven en países en vez dominadas por el régimen soviético, con la reconstrucción de sus comunidades.



Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday of Lent at 6 p.m. Please join us in this traditional Lenten practice and prayer.

Las Estaciones de la Cruz se celebra todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las 6 p.m. Por favor, únase a nosotros en esta práctica tradicional de la Cuaresma y la oración.

There will be a second collection next Sunday for Black and Indian Missions.

Habrà una segunda colección el próximo domingo para Misiones Negras e indias.

MASS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018

†John & †Karla Cunningham
by Golden Family



LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Lector	Anita Morales	Servers	Jayce Jaresh Luke Jaresh Taylor Gonzales
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Crone Margaret Pack Suzanne Cunningham	Ushers	Ken Podborny Jeff Smith
Gift Bearers	Ralph Gargiulo Family	Ministers to Homebound	Toby & Bridgette

Next Sunday, February 18th, is Commitment Weekend which is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Dallas raise necessary funds for The Bishop's Annual Appeal. Each year, we commit ourselves to reflect on God's great generosity and respond with a gift of our own that supports and enhances the lives of those around us. This year's theme for The Bishop's Annual Appeal is "Be the Miracle," so take a moment to visit the Dallas Catholic Diocese's website before attending Mass next weekend and watch a few short videos that capture how God uses your gifts to perform miracles every day. You can view the videos by visiting www.dallasbishopsappeal.com. Please come to Mass next Sunday prepared to make a commitment to the appeal. *El próximo de domingo, 18 de febrero, es el Fin de Semana de Compromiso, el cual nos ofrece una oportunidad para ayudar a la Diócesis Católica de Dallas a recaudar los fondos necesarios para la Campaña Anual del Obispo. Cada año, nos comprometemos a reflexionar en la gran generosidad de Dios y, en respuesta, ofrecer un donativo de nuestra propia generosidad que apoye y mejore las vidas de quienes nos rodean. El tema de la Campaña Anual del Obispo de este año es "Sean el Milagro", así que tome un momento para visitar el sitio web de la Diócesis Católica de Dallas antes de asistir a Misa el próximo fin de semana y ver unos videos de corta duración que reflejan la manera en la que Dios utiliza sus dones para realizar milagros día tras día. Por visitando www.dallasbishopsappeal.com puede ver los videos. El próximo fin de semana venga a Misa preparado para realizar un compromiso con la campaña.*



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