



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Welcoming all, we, the Spirit-filled parish of St. Thomas More, value our Roman Catholic faith by celebrating the sacraments, breaking open the Scriptures, and joyfully offering ourselves in service to others. Under the inspiration of our patron saint, we seek to build a caring community that embraces the values he modeled of friendship, integrity and courageous love of God.

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Rev. Kiet Ta
Rev. William Krekelberg
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Deacon Stan & Mrs. Fran Necikowski
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon John & Mrs. Michelle Selig

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Fax: 949-551-5879
Religious Education: 949-551-8029
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

Office Hours by Phone:

The parish office is closed to the public, and answering the phones during the following times: Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

As of February 6, 2021, indoor church services were again allowed by the State, with restrictions. Beginning February 10th at STM, all Masses will move indoors with a maximum occupancy of 25% or 200 people. This includes Ash Wednesday, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, weddings, baptisms and funerals. The patio will be available for any overflow. Please bring your own chair. The church will not be open for individual prayer, however, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open for individual prayer Monday – Friday from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. In-person gatherings of prayer groups, Bible studies, ministry meetings, etc. are still not allowed. Please refer to our website and social media often for updates.

For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.

Daily Mass:

Monday – Saturday

8:00 AM

Vigil Mass Times

4:00 PM Vietnamese/English

6:00 PM English

Sunday Mass Times

8:00 AM English

10:00 AM English

12:00 PM Spanish/English

5:00 PM English

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

Adoration: Every Friday 9:00am to 10:00am

Saturday "Drive-Up" Confessions:

12:00pm to 2:00pm

We will continue to livestream all Masses

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A leper came to Jesus and begged him: "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately.

Mark 1:40-42



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MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention

Sunday 2/14	8:00am	Patricia Hoying Hamberg
	10:00am	Pro Populo
	12:00pm	†Dr. Ernestina Avalos-Zuñiga
	5:00pm	†Nga Tran
Monday 2/15	8:00am	†Teresa Leyrer
Tuesday 2/16	8:00am	Abraham Villela
Wednesday 2/17	8:00am	Fr. Kiet Ta
	6:00pm	Pro Populo
Friday 2/19	8:00am	Edward and Renee Andrade
Saturday 2/20	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Fadi Zikoor
	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dilkes
	8:00am	†Teresa Leyrer
	8:00am	†Janice Bado
	8:00am	†Oscar Tuano
	8:00am	†William Haburjak
	4:00pm	†Manuel Contaoi
6:00pm	Pro Populo	
Sunday 2/21	8:00am	Amber Alvarez
	10:00am	†Joseph Welch
	12:00pm	Steve & Teresa Lemire
	5:00pm	†Teri Kreyche

Welcome!
We are glad you are here.

- ◆ Face coverings must be worn.
- ◆ Please maintain physical distancing.
- ◆ Our Bishop's special dispensation still applies. If you are over 65, or if you have an underlying health condition, or if you are truly afraid of catching the virus, you are not obligated, but you are always welcome to attend Mass in person. If you think you are sick, especially if you think you may have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who tested positive, please join us via livestream.
- ◆ We ask for your cooperation and patience as we navigate the directives in response to the pandemic. Even during these challenging times, we continue to worship our Lord as a faith-filled community.
- ◆ Please know that we have all possible safety measures in place and look forward to seeing you all back at St. Thomas More.



Rest in the Love of Christ

Tulio Acuña
Theresa Kreyche



As Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of

repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel.

Lenten Regulations:

Fasting: Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

My Dear People,

Today's theme on the Readings: 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 our 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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

In Christ,
Father John

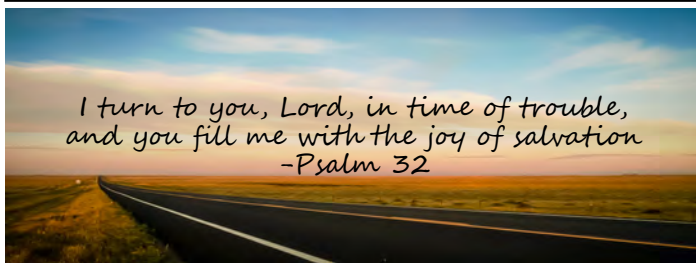
Collections and Expenses

2-1-2021 to 2-7-2021

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$10,203	\$12,144	\$22,347
Believe & Grow	\$768	\$1,866	\$2,634
BGT- Phase 2	\$2,210	\$11,150	\$13,360
Building Fund	\$463	\$1,536	\$1,999
Other Income	\$1,125	\$366	\$1,491

Regular Expenses	\$35,022
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Building Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property. **Thank you for your generosity!**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: J1 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: 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; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

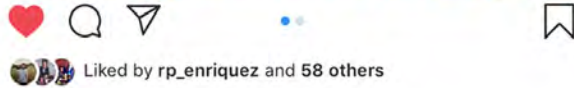
Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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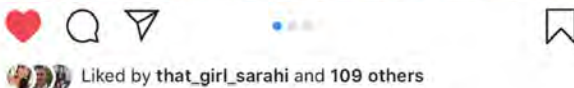


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Bible Studies will continue to meet on Mondays at 7pm. If you would like to attend the bible studies, please email confirmation@stmirvine.org and we will send you the ZOOM Link.

Core Team meetings will begin in February. Thank you to all the core team who have continued to minister to teens throughout the pandemic.

Virtual Life Nights will return late February. A big thank you to all the teens who have participated in the last few months.



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Confirmation Classes continues to take place online. We are no longer accepting registrations for classes..

Confirmation 1 Classes Dates Are


- Wednesday, February 3 at 7pm
- Wednesday, February 24 at 7pm
- Wednesday, March 10 at 7pm


Confirmation 2 Classes Dates Are

- Wednesday, February 10 at 7pm
- Wednesday, March 3 at 7pm
- Wednesday, March 17 at 7pm

R.E.P. CORNER



 The REP Office would like to wish all of our teachers, students and families a real "sweetheart" of a Valentine's Day!

 The REP Office will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day.

 Classes are well underway! Our students, teachers, and families have been AWESOME as we have moved our classes on-line! However, we are still in need of a few teachers and parent volunteers, especially for 3rd-5th grades and First Communion prep in the afternoons. ☺☺☺

Please contact the REP Office at (949) 551-8029 or rep@stmirvine.org with any questions, if you still need to pick up a book or you would like to volunteer.

The Library Corner

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Happy Valentine's Day

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Library will be closed until further notice.

St Mark informs us how Jesus, moved by pity, touched the leper and he was immediately made clean. Jesus shows us both His divine power and His divine compassion in this act of healing. As Catholics and sinners, we need the same faith and confidence of the leper to believe firmly in the power and the mercy of Jesus. The Leper said to Jesus, *"If you will, you can make me clean."*



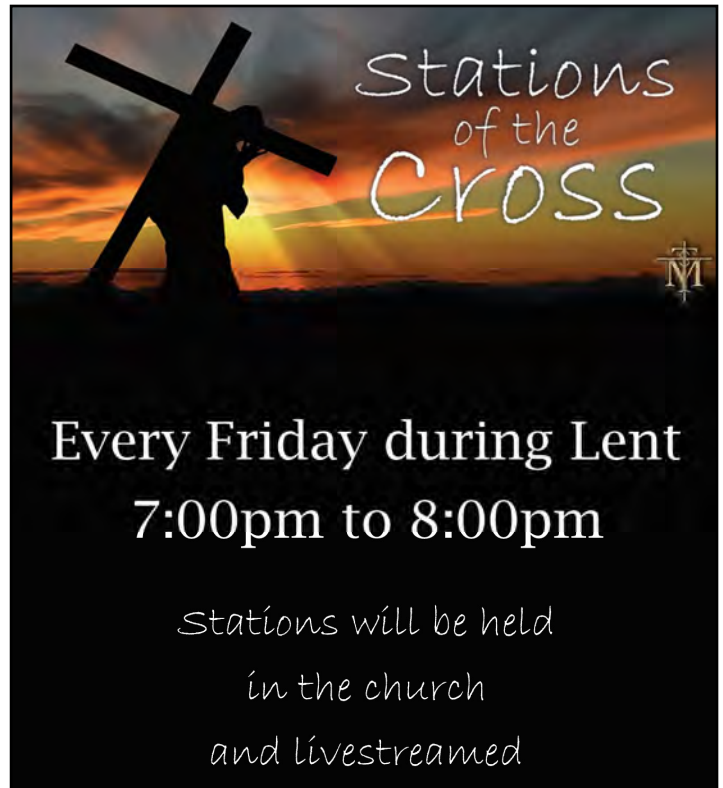
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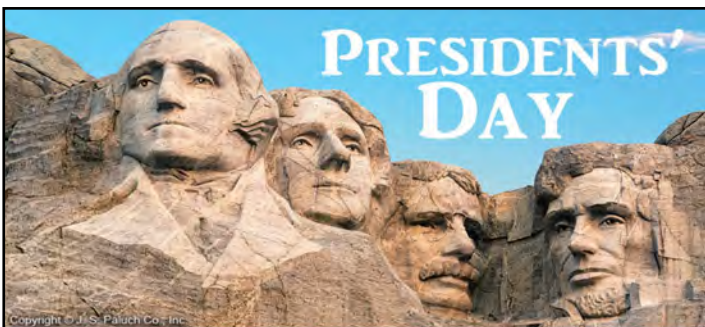
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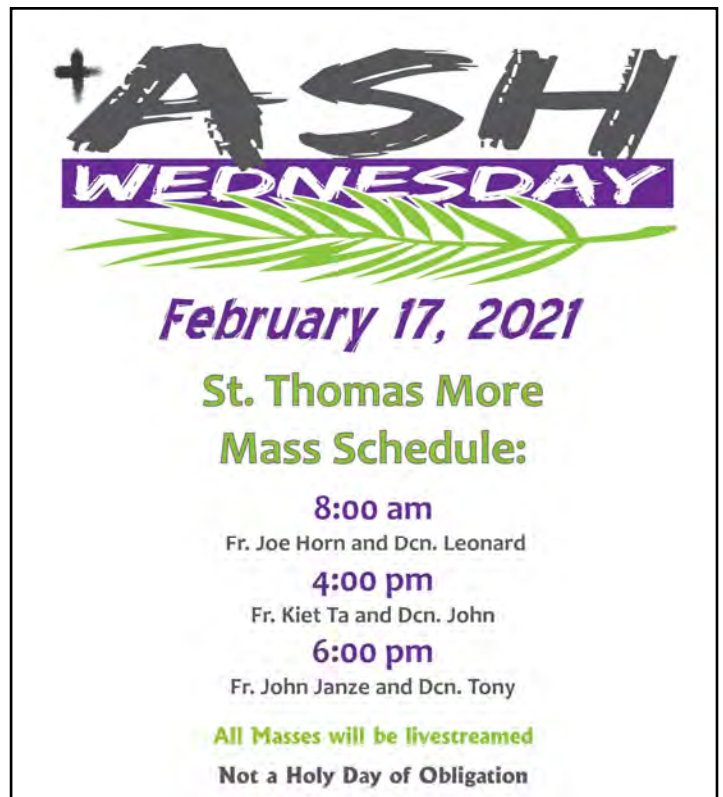


PRESIDENTS' DAY

In observance of the Holiday, the office will be closed on Monday, February 15th

Phones will be answered from 9am to 2pm

For an emergency outside of these hours, please call the after hours emergency number at 949-228-2127



+ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021


**St. Thomas More
Mass Schedule:**

8:00 am
Fr. Joe Horn and Dcn. Leonard

4:00 pm
Fr. Kiet Ta and Dcn. John

6:00 pm
Fr. John Janze and Dcn. Tony

All Masses will be livestreamed
Not a Holy Day of Obligation



Baptism

HOW DO I GET MY CHILD BAPTIZED AT ST. THOMAS MORE?

To have your child baptized at St Thomas More you must be registered in this parish. Please contact the parish office at 949-551-8601 to schedule an appointment to meet with our Baptism Coordinator, Windy. Parents and godparents are required to take a Baptism Class. We offer two styles of classes. We offer an in-person class on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00am or a virtual zoom class on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00am. Pre-registration for the class is necessary. Certificates of attendance will be provided as needed. Parents will also have a conference with the deacon. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics and, if married, married in the Catholic Church. Baptisms are held on the third Saturday of the month at 9:30am.



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Number of Donors:	240
% Registered Families	7%

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day
- Monday: Presidents' Day
- Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
- Friday: Abstinence

**Pray for all those affected
by the
Coronavirus**

Peace
I leave with you;
My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I
give it to you. Do not let your
hearts be troubled or afraid.

- John 14:27

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February 20

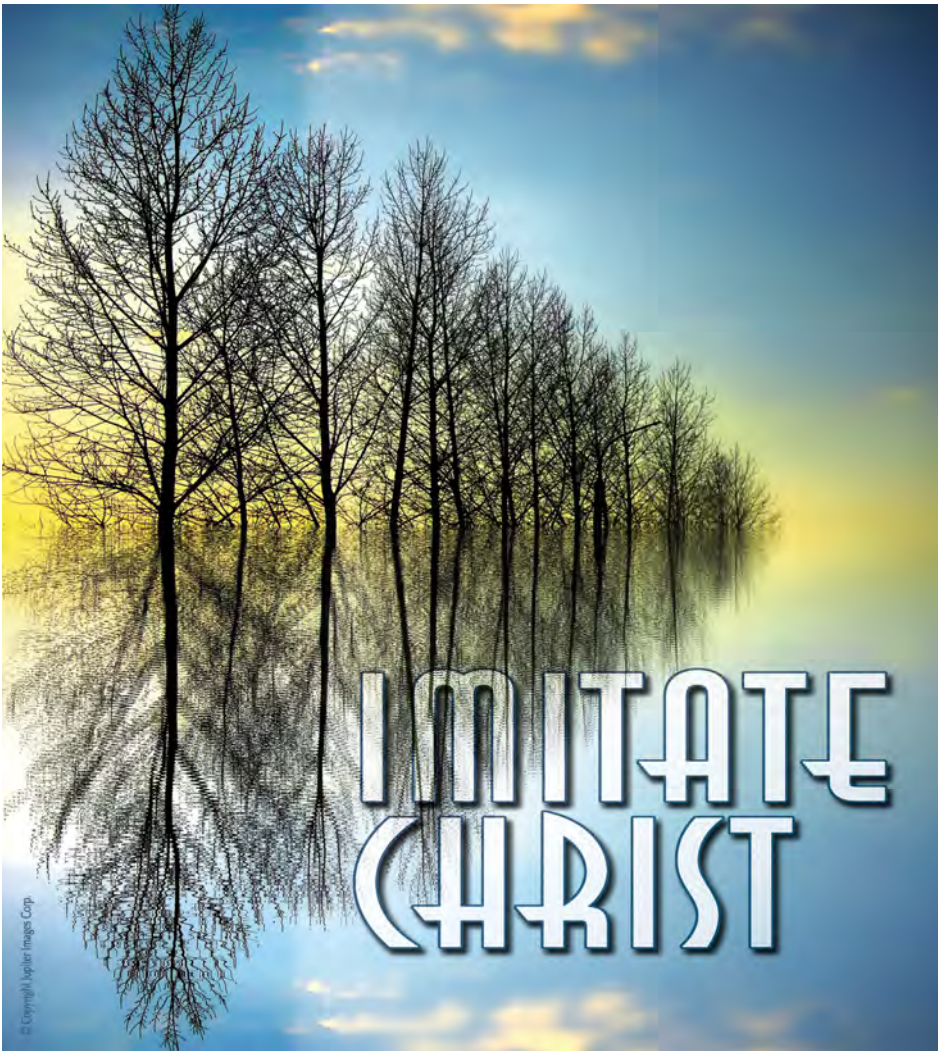
More than anything else, I want to console our Lord.

St. Francisco Marto
One of the three Portuguese children who witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917

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HOLY UNION
The union of man and wife is from God.
—St. Augustine



**FEAST OF FAITH
The Gloria**

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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Jesus healed a man with a terrible disease called leprosy.
 Jesus told him not to tell anyone.
 But the man spread the news about it anyway.
 Count the number of times this man has shouted, "Healed!"
 Then write that number inside the bandage roll at the bottom.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul told the Corinthians something we need to keep in mind for our everyday living.
 To find out what it was, use the number code provided.
 Some letters have already been written in.
 If you need help, read 1 Corinthians 10:31 in your Bible.

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“Whether you eat or drink do everything for the glory of God.”
 1 corinthians

MY MOM MAKES MY CLOTHES CLEAN. JESUS MAKES MY SOUL CLEAN.

A leper came to Jesus, beseeching him and falling on his knees before him, and saying, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Mk 1:40-41


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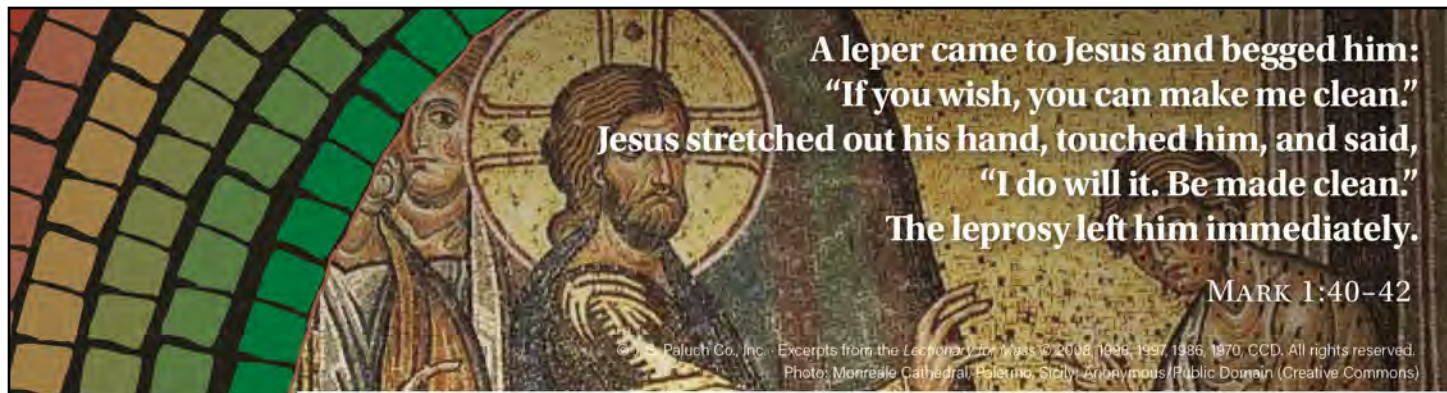
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**A leper came to Jesus and begged him:
 “If you wish, you can make me clean.”
 Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,
 “I do will it. Be made clean.”
 The leprosy left him immediately.**

MARK 1:40-42

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HEALING AND HOPE

The readings from Leviticus and from the Gospel of Mark today speak of healing and hope. Leviticus outlines procedures to prevent the spread of leprosy, a skin disease understood to be a great danger to the community. Those with the disease were isolated and ritually impure. Absent some cure from God, they were considered beyond hope. Their lives were like a living death, and likely they saw no future hope in their lives. Jesus’ healing of a leper was thus a profound sign of the promised reign of God, which Jesus had earlier announced. The healing was like raising the leper up from death, and thus a hint of Jesus’ resurrection. Where are there “lepers” today, those isolated or outcast from our communities? Who are those our society considers beyond hope, or deems not worth the trouble to offer hope? How can we imitate Jesus in offering a healing touch to them?

SURRENDERING CONTROL

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus’ ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can’t enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus’ displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the “powerlessness” of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In today’s passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with “whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live “for the glory of God” when we organize our lives around God’s values and purposes. We find our identity within God’s story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God’s work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life’s messiness connects with our identity and calling.

TODAY’S READINGS

- Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
- Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1
- Mark 1:40-45