

Restoration

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

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.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am

12:30 pm English Mass

Daily Mass: 7:00 am

Reconciliation: Sundays at 10:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

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welcome

to our parish

Daily Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for
Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home
or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your
tempted priests; for Your young priests;
for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your
priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You
the priests dearest to me; the priest who bap-
tized me; the priest who absolved me from my
sins; the priests whose Masses I assisted
and who gave me Your Body and Blood
in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted
in any other way, especially *list all priests.*
O Jesus, keep them close to Your heart,
and bless them abundantly
in time and in eternity. Amen.

Plan your Lenten Journey: *Prepare your heart and soul*

Prepare to better receive Him
in Holy Communion.

With our hearts made ready,
we will celebrate the season of Lent that
puts Jesus in the center of our celebrations.

Some catholic resources:

<https://www.ewtn.com>
<https://www.catholicculture.org>
<https://ascensionpress.com>
<https://mycatholic.life>
<https://www.goodcatholic.com>



Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish To all visitors who are join-
ing us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord
Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

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the bulletin
Catholic "net flicks".*



Weekend Mass Schedule:
Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am
12:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule
Mondays thru Fridays— 7:00 am Mass

Announcing the Eucharistic Revival 'Treasures of the Faith'

The Diocese of Spokane—in partnership with
the Western Dominican Province—is pleased
to announce a series of upcoming events in
continuation of the Eucharistic Revival in the
diocese. In September 2023, thousands gath-
ered in Spokane for the first Diocesan Eucharis-
tic Expo— Expo'23. Now, as a new year be-
gins, and to bring the Eucharistic Revival to the
local parish communities, the diocese announc-
es *Treasures of the Faith*, a quarterly gathering of
Eucharistic Adoration with confessions, inter-
cessory prayer, music, meditations from the
Dominican Friars, and a talk on Eucharistic
Miracles from Dr. Scott French.

**First Event: March 1-2, 2024 at Our
Lady of Lourdes Cathedral**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

11	Sunday	Pro Populo
12	Monday	
13	Tuesday	
14	Wednesday	
15	Thursday	
16	Friday	
17	Saturday	
18	Sunday	Pro Populo



*St. Anne ... Pray for us!
Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!*

Experience the Fullness of Lent's Forty Days

A Holy Lent navigates the forty days of Lent
and helps you receive all of its graces. It's
your personal journey into the Heart of
Christ through the graces of His passion,
death, and resurrection. *A Holy Lent* begins
on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter.

Sundays: immerse yourself in a beautiful
Lenten Scriptural reflection.

Mondays: dive into an introduction to
your Lenten theme of the week.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: absorb
powerful lessons on truths of the Faith.

Thursdays: enter your spiritual "Upper
Room" for a reflection day.

Fridays: discover the power of fasting
and sacrifice and put it into practice

Saturdays: be guided into a focused exa-
men along with a Marian reflection

<https://www.goodcatholic.com/product/a-holy-lent/>

Seven Sisters Apostolate

**That our prayers may find the heart
of every priest and bishop.**



A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Ho-
ly Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole
intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wast-
ing" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deep-
er conformity to Christ.

**Please contact Linda Pearson if you are
interested in joining her at 509-879-0753
or email sookiesue@msn.com**

Seven Sisters Apostolate is having their first
meeting February 14th, after 9:00 am Mass at
St. Anne Parish, Medical Lake. For all those
interested —Please join us in the Church.