

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.

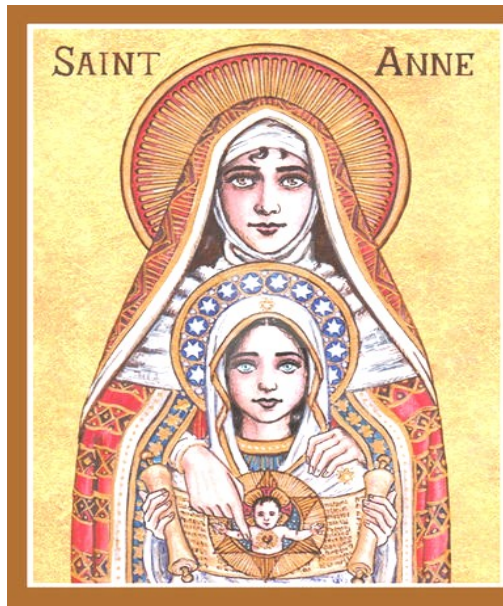
Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty 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.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Daily Mass: Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am
First Saturday's ONLY @ 9:00 am

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony: The family should be registered and active at St. Anne 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.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Father Ishida.

Parish Office: Please email or leave a voice message.

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(meets 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm)

Father Ishida, Betty Patterson, Evie Noder,

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Jeff King, Judy Luce

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Step 1. **Sign up as a Parishioner (it's FREE)** : search for **St. Anne Medical Lake**

Step 2. Then enter your name and create a password.

welcome
to our Parish

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>



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**



Lectors Needed!

We are looking for
additional parishion-
ers willing to serve
as a lector.

If you would like, you could read at a daily
mass once or twice with a small group at-
tending before committing and being in-
cluded on the weekend schedule.

For more information or to sign up,
contact Cheryl at 299-4191.

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

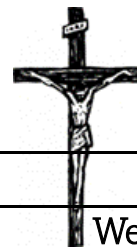
A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that
a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for
the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—
a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of
prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

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

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!



Welcome to St. Anne Parish To all visitors who are joining 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. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

St. Anne Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm—confession @ 4:30 pm
Sundays @ 9:00 am - confession @ 8:30 am

**Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following
Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.**

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays & Fridays— 6:00 pm Mass
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 9:00 am Mass
ADORATION
Mondays & Fridays @ 5:00 pm;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays—following Mass
CONFESSION
Mondays & Fridays @ 5:30 pm;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am

We love
having you as part of our flock

Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

Text the word **westplains**
to the number **84576**

Diocesan news
to your inbox
every Friday

SCAN TO SIGN UP

Date Change!
sorry for the confusion.

We need a little help
After Mass on March 24!

Father and our Sacristan, Theresa, need some
help preparing the church for Lent.

We need a strong, young person who is willing
to climb a ladder and to help cover statues,
pictures, etc. and to move the tomb outside.

Please plan on staying after Mass on 03-24 for
a little while to help out. Ladder provided.

Thank you!

St. Anne Events!

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Parish Council Mtg @ 6:00 pm in the Hall

Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall
Ash Wednesday Mass Times
 9:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Mass

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

Thursday, February 15, 2024
Day 1 - Consecration to St. Joseph
St. Joseph's Feast Day is March 19,
fore, we will begin a 33 Day Prayer &
y Challenge starting on February 15.
Interested in leading this group?
Please talk to Father Ishida.

Friday, February 16, 2024
Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm
Join us for fellowship & SOUP Dinner.
Look for the sign up sheet in the vestibule.

Schola Cantorum—Choir

Please join our new schola (Choir)
to assist with singing the Holy Mass,
We would love to have you.
Please contact Linda @ 509-879-0753
or email at sookiesue@msn.com

All voices are welcome!