



THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 11, 2018



Dear friends in Christ,

The first reading and the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time mentions a disease in the past that cut people off from the life of the community both physically and emotionally. The people who were affected with this disease were close to death because of the neglect of society and even of their loved ones. People did not want to come close to them because of the fear of catching it and it was forbidden by the law. That disease was leprosy. Today this disease may not happen in this country as it does in the third world countries.

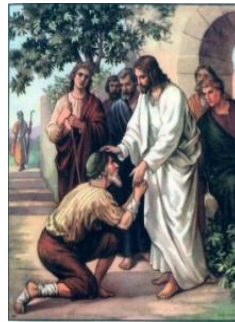
You and I do not have this disease physically, but we may have it spiritually. When we misuse our free-will and commit grave sin against God, we separate ourselves from Him; from receiving the Eucharist which is the source of life of the Church/the believers. By committing mortal sin/grave sin, God is rejected, His love is refused, His wisdom is not accepted, His commandments are “changed” because of our sinful desires. With “spiritual leprosy” in us and with pride, we tell God that we do not want Him and we are unfaithful to His covenant.

Pride
Envy
Gluttony
Lust
Anger
Greed
Sloth

Pride (the first one on the list of “Seven Deadly Sins”), jealousy, resentment, hatred, unkindness, unjust anger, artificial contraception, masturbation, pornography, fornication, adultery, living together without the Sacrament of Marriage, and so forth are some signs of “spiritual leprosy.” Somehow and sometimes we have carried in us the sign(s) of “spiritual leprosy” haven’t we? And we pretended that we were “clean and OK.”

Fortunately and thanks be to God, our Lord Jesus Christ has the way to cleanse us from our “spiritual leprosy,” and to help us not carry that disease again. His way is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this sacrament no matter how “red” the leprosy is, it will be cleansed, and we will receive the help/grace from God to stay away from it.

My friends, whatever “spiritual leprosy” we have, Jesus Christ wants to cleanse us. What we need to do is come to Him, “kneel down and beg Him” as the leper in the gospel did. Jesus will be “moved with PITY;” He will stretch out His hand and touch us, and we will be made clean. However, the first thing we should ask ourselves is: do we recognize that we have some signs of “spiritual leprosy” in us, and do we trust in God’s mercy or not?



“I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.”

In Christ’s love,
Fr. Tien



STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$3,696
Envelopes & Cash	\$3,306
Online Giving	\$ 390
SECOND COLLECTION	\$ 956

Attendance

<i>Grateful Givers</i> Saturday 4:00 pm	160
Sunday 9:00 am	87
11:30 am	322

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our parish.

CLASSES – MEETINGS

Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30-11:30 am

Monday ... Women’s Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am
(Second Monday of each month)

Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm

Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am -12:30 pm

Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm
(First Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday...Confirmation Class ... 7:00 pm

Wednesday...First Communion Class ... 7:00 pm

Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-4:30 pm



Our condolences and prayers are extended to Carol Cukla and family on the death of her husband, Joe. Joe's funeral will be this Tuesday, February 13th at 11 am. May the soul of Joe, along with the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in God's loving peace.

This coming Wednesday, February 14th, is "Ash Wednesday," the beginning of Lent. This is the day of "FASTING and ABSTAINING from meat." Ashes will be distributed at Masses on that day at 9 am and the 7 pm Spanish Mass.



Come to our Fat Tuesday Celebration on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 pm in the Family Center. Faith Formation will have pancakes, bacon, sausage and cake for all to enjoy! After our celebration we will process upstairs to bury the Alleluia under the Altar. Everyone is invited to participate in this tradition.

The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday evening during Lent. This is one of many practices that we can undertake during Lent and make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. They commemorate 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion from the time He was condemned to His burial. Join us this Friday, February 16th at 7:00 pm as we meditate on Christ's final walk through the streets of Jerusalem carrying the Cross.



Lenten Soup and Sandwich will be this Friday, February 16th at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Soup will be provided by the RCIA this week. Please bring your own sandwich.

The Youth of our Parish will have their next fund raiser on Saturday, February 24th after the 4 pm Mass. They will be tempting your taste buds with authentic Mexican food! Tickets will be sold at the door, Please support our youth!



The Women's Guild will meet this Monday morning, February 12th, at 11:00 am in the Church parking lot. We will carpool to Frog Town for luncheon social.....Dutch Treat!

There will be NO First Communion Class on Wednesday, February 14th. Classes will resume on February 21st.



Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Dean Birchard, Jim Broadwell, Alexander Canelas, Pauline Catania, Tom Coffey, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Dan DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Dennis Ensley, Casper Erb, Danny Fowler, Debbie Fouts, Dorothy Gordon, Lisa Graber, Ron Gralewski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Bill Himschoot, Charles Hoefeyzers, Carl Huebler, Sarah Hughes, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Lucy LaRoche, Brandon Lowery, Christopher Marinari, Debbie Matthews, Fred Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Sue Merry, Lad Mezera, Jean Mezera, Millard Michaels, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Laura Moore, Kathy Obenshain, Wanda Orf, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, Elijah Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Elijah Whiteside, Teresa Williams, Brailyn Grace Williamson, Larry Wilson, Thomas Wimpey, Alice Yuzzi, Art & Mary Ann Zoeckler.

Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Peggy Gibson

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

4:00 P.M. ✕Michael Vizzo by Anthony & Emily Vizzo

Sunday, February 11

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Nick & Marguerite Murphy

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, February 12

9:00 A.M. Carol Allison by Charlene Galbrecht

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 A.M. ✕Ann Grabeck

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Saint Valentine

9:00 A.M. ✕Jim & Pearl Himschoot by Marie Cook

7:00 P.M. ✕The Holy Souls in Purgatory- En Español

Thursday, February 15

9:00 A.M. ✕Kevin O'Malley

Friday, February 16

9:00 A.M. ✕The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

4:00 P.M. ✕James Davenport, Jr. by Marie Davenport

Sunday, February 18

The First Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. ✕Jacqueline Debetta by Jack Debetta

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Friday at 3 P.M.

Parishioners & all armed forces: Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Ricke, Elizabeth Scoone.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor. He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

~Saint Teresa of Calcutta~