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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM  
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM  
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &  
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM  
9:45-10:15 AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM  
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

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## Gospel Reflection

The Healing and Restoration of the Leper is explained in the book of Leviticus, chapters 13 & 14. Anyone suspected of having this disease had to go to a priest for examination (Leviticus 13:2-3). If found to be infected, “anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp.” (Leviticus 13:45-46).

Those who have been healed from leprosy must seek the following ceremonial purification “These are the regulations for any diseased person at the time of their ceremonial cleansing, when they are brought to the priest: The priest is to go outside the camp and examine them. If they have been healed of their defiling skin disease, the priest shall order that two live clean birds and some cedar wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop be brought for the person to be cleansed” (Leviticus 14: 2ff). Thus, the priest declares a person infected with leprosy or healed from it.

In Jesus’ time curing a leper was equivalent to raising the dead. The priests could only declare him healed but could not heal him. They were not able to cure him because the healing of leprosy was reserved to God (2 K 5:7).

Prophet Isaiah had revealed the signs of the presence of the Kingdom of God: “the eyes of the blind shall see, and the ears of the deaf be opened; Then the lame shall leap like a stag, and the mute tongue sing for joy” (Is 35:5ff). “He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners... (Is 61). The healing of a leper was therefore much more than an exceptional gesture. It was the proof that the messiah has arrived in the world.

When Jesus asked the healed leper to present himself to priest and offer for his cleansing, was a proof for them that the kingdom of God is at hand.

By touching the leper and thus becoming ritually unclean, Jesus identified himself with the leper. The irony is that Jesus risked becoming “unclean” in order to make the leper “clean”.

Just as Jesus stretched out his hand to the leper and touched him and made him whole, Jesus stretched out his hands on the cross to make humanity whole again.

## Today’s Readings

### First Reading *(Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46,(77B))*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

### Responsorial Psalm *(Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11)*

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

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

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

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,” and you took away the guilt of my sin.

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

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

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

### Second Reading *(1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1)*

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

### Gospel *(Mark 1:40-45)*

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.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.”

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

## Ash Wednesday Timetable



8:00am & 6:00pm

In Church



Frances Adams	Verna Mae Ladner
Michael & Toddy Arceneaux	Larry Lind
Ralph Baldwin	Walter Lonnbourg
Nelsie & Johnny Banks	James Lovett
Emilee Battaglia	Layla Mallett
Marge Blaisdell	Woody Mauffray
Gene Breazale	Charles Meador
Ida Brown	Kathleen Micell
Claud Burk & Linda Burke	Barbara Moran
Michael Girdinia	Mary Louise & Sonny Moran
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo	Warren Moran
Margaret Cuevas	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Howard Edwards	Shirley Morris
Peggy Glynn	Patrick Murphy
Christine Greenwood	Bernadine Necaie
Merle Haas	Janet Necaie
Verna Haas	Tyrone & Faye Necaie
Jennie Hoda	Christopher Nugent
Wayne Hoda	Joy Patin
Amanda Jones	Joan Rhode
June Kenney	Brooke Rolison
Mary Kenney	Tina Roundtree
Donald Koenenn	Carla Santiago
Shelly Koenenn	Karrie Schultz
Barbara Ladner	Jerry Shavers
Willard & Cecile Ladner	Mike Shubert
Patsy Ladner	Timothy Scott Steen
	Maura Strong
	Josie Thomas
	Gary Veglia
	Denise Walker
	Shaylynn Whitfield

## Financial News

Insurance	\$42,034.01
Diocesan Support	\$23,058.96
School Supplement	\$23,536.83
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$140,879.28
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$229,509.08
Amount needed each Week	\$4,413.63
Last Sunday Collection	\$3240.83
Shortfall	\$1172.80

## Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 8:30am (Chapel)

Friday 6:00pm (Church)

### 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

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 13**  
4pm - Charles Haas †

**Sunday, February 14**  
8:00am— Parishioners  
10:30am— Karen Koenenn †

**Monday, February 15**  
8:00am - Seth Knight

**Tuesday, February 16**  
8:00am - Charles Haas †

**Wednesday, February 17**  
8:00am - C J & Barbara Cameron

**Thursday, February 18**  
8:00am- Agnel & Aline Moran † & Family

**Friday, February 19**  
8:00am - Nicholas Ficarro †

### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

Amir Darwis \_\_\_\_\_ US Army  
National Guard

Drew Ladner \_\_\_\_\_ US Marine

Darrell Little \_\_\_\_\_ US Army

Devin Nelson \_\_\_\_\_ US Army

Brandan Witt \_\_\_\_\_ USAF

Evan Cameron \_\_\_\_\_ USAF

Dillon Lacoste \_\_\_\_\_ US Navy

*Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

## Lent

### Fasting

Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On all weekdays of Lent the US Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal— and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

### Abstinence

All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity (as on March 19 in 2021)

In their Penance and Abstinence pastoral, the U.S. Bishops declared: "the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation..." They also stated: "we preserve for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice."



The bishops of the Province of Mobile, together with our Presbyteral Councils, have declared the Church year beginning November 29, 2020, the First Sunday of Advent, and ending November 21, 2021, the Feast of Christ the King, to be **The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish** in all our dioceses.

### "Attention"

Please be sure to be added to the Catholic list when are admitted to the hospitals. The Priest Chaplains will not know if you are in the hospital unless you are on the list.

**Don't forget to bring in your Claiborne Hill Receipts**  
Thank you all for saving your receipts and Please keep up the good work.

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