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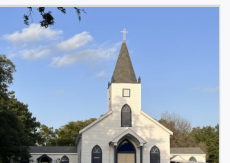
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Masses



- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: (Chapel)
 (Monday, Thursday, Friday (8:00am Chapel)
 Wednesday (5:30pm Chapel)
- First Friday :
 (of the Month) Anointing of the Sick
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart
 Adoration 8:30 - 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

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TODAY'S READING'S

Reading I Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

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 Ps 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.

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

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Reading II 1 Cor 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 Mk 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.

Reflection:

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands (see Numbers 12:12-15; 2 Kings 5:27; 15:5). Considered "unclean"—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead (see Numbers 12:12). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see Leviticus 0:6; Ezekiel 24:17). So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see 2 Kings 5:8). Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet—He is God visiting His people (see Luke 7:16). Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see 2 Kings 5:7), and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see Isaiah 55:11; Wisdom 12:18). The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see Exodus 14:6; Acts 4:30). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be made clean"). And, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word "does" what He commands (see Psalm 33:9). The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin. Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

<p align="center">Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024 (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)</p> <p align="center">Mass Time: 8am Church 6pm Church</p>	<p align="center">Stations of the Cross Friday's 6:00pm (Church) 1st week: Fr. Mark and the Parish Council will be leading the 'Stations of the Cross'</p>	<p align="center">Special Collection on Ash Wednesday Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa</p> <hr/> <p align="center">Special Collection next weekend Black & Indian Mission</p>																																																					
<p>What are the instructions for fasting during Lent? On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent: Everyone of age 14 and up must abstain from consuming meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Everyone of age 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to usually a medical reason.</p>	<p align="center">The 3 Main Practices of Lent</p> <p>Fasting: Fasting allows us to make room in our hearts for Jesus, creating space to encounter him. ... Prayer: Try adding more prayer to your day, whether it's going to daily Mass, sitting with the Scriptures, or adding an extra fifteen minutes of chapel time to your day. ... Almsgiving:</p>	<p align="center">Lent Fish Fry Friday's Annunciation Lady's Club will be having their Fish Fry every Friday during lent except Good Friday. Starting February 16th - March 22nd</p>																																																					
<p>If you need to reach Fr. Mark or if you're hospitalized and from our parish and need spiritual assistance please feel free to call. To reach Fr. Mark please call 228-273-9565</p>	<p align="center">Please call the office with mass and special intentions for your loved ones. Dates are open.</p>	<p align="center"> Church Cleaning Team 4 this week</p>																																																					
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