

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2018

Sunday, February 11

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Michael Rohs from Diane Rohs

12:00 **BW** Dolores Ann Rolfes from Linda and Gregg Price

**Monday, February 12**

12:10 Robert Hollars from Carol and Larry

**Tuesday, February 13**

12:10 Joel & Clare Conlon

**Wednesday, February 14**

*Ash Wednesday*

12:10 Robert Joseph Carle from Mom and Steve

**Thursday, February 15**

12:10 Blanche Gerstner from Carol and Larry

**Friday, February 16**

12:10 James Michael Gangloff from the Family

**Saturday, February 17**

12:10 Gus Juengling from Mary Agnes Walter

7:00 **AM** Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

**Sunday, February 18**

*First Sunday of Lent*

8:30 **DE** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **CW** Gus Juengling from Mary Agnes Walter

12:00 **CW** Ron Koettters from the Family

### 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Rose Church who has pledged to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help Each year. You can find extra envelopes in the back of church for your convenience this weekend. To make a pledge securely on line, please visit [Catholic Appeal.net](http://CatholicAppeal.net). Thank you.

We will have **Adoration and Stations of the Cross** followed by **Benediction** next Wednesday, February 21st. Adoration will begin following the 12:10 p.m. Mass and will continue until the Stations of the Cross, which begin at 7:00 p.m. It is very important to have people in the church continuously during this time. If you would like to volunteer to remain in the church for one-hour increments, please see the sign up sheet in the back of church. We need at least two volunteers in the church at all times.

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

**Mason Miller Crossland** was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism February 4th here at St. Rose Church.

Robert Safrin and Lucy Davis were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony February 6th here at St. Rose Church.

**Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of ashes is Wednesday, February 14th at 12:10. The collection will be for Central and Eastern Europe.**

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 14 and Good Friday, March 29, 2018 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast—that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled:

Let the Pascal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind. (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110)

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Canons 97 and 1252)

With regard to the obligatory days listed above, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one, as is the obligation to observe, wholly or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. Failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious.

People should seek to do *more* rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.



*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.*

Mark

### Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 9: 8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

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**Opening Prayer**

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

After many weeks we have come to the conclusion of the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark. What a whirlwind it has been. From the opening sentence announcing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, son of God, to John the Baptist, the calling of disciples, casting out demons, healing the sick, including Simon's mother-in-law, preaching in synagogues, and now concluding with the healing of someone with a skin disease, the story has been like riding a roller coaster. We reach new heights and move swiftly from episode to episode.

The healing performed by Jesus is not merely a healing of the skin disease, though it is certainly that. By telling the man to show himself to the priest, Jesus is, in effect, setting up the situation so the man will be brought back into community. Once the priest declares the infection gone, the afflicted person may return as a full-fledged member of the people, without having to cry out "unclean, unclean" as he goes about his business. It is for this reason, among others, that scholars and preachers say that Jesus' ministry was about inclusion. He ministered to those on the margins, or even outside of the community, like this person with a skin disease, and Jesus made them whole. Once whole, the excluded persons could be welcomed back. By the end of the first chapter of Mark the stage has been set. What will happen to this wonder-worker? Will his fame spread beyond the backwater of Galilee? Who else on the margins or outskirts of society will he embrace? What kind of whirlwind will this be?

**Closing Prayer**

Hear our prayers, O God, for all the family of humankind. Mend our broken relationships with one another; heal us of the leprosy of selfishness and injustice; make us clean and whole in your love and compassion. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, the healing Christ. Amen.



**For Reflection:**

• Have I ever felt like a "leper"—segregated, isolated, estranged, misunderstood?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**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.

**Readings for the week:**

6th Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	1st Sunday of Lent
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45	Jas 1:1-11 Ps 118:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mark 8:11-13	Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mark 8:14-21	Jas 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Matt 6:1-6, 16-18	Deut 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Luke 9:22-25	Isa 58:2-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Matt 9:14-15	Isa 58:5b-14 Ps 82:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 5:27-32	Gen 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Pet 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15