

The Courage to Heal

Leprosy was a highly contagious skin disease that led to certain death for anyone who caught it in Jesus' time. For good reason the Jewish law demanded that a leper live set apart and scream out as he walked along to keep everyone at a safe distance. Imagine the pitiful scene of everyone discreetly but purposefully moving away at the sound of someone screaming, "Unclean, unclean!"

Yet the leper doesn't scream to keep Jesus away. He walks right up to our Lord and confesses his faith in Jesus' power to heal him of this incurable bacteria. He humbly admits his contagious illness and places himself before Jesus. And unlike anyone else might do, Jesus doesn't run away, he walks toward him. He does the unthinkable. He touches him!

We need not be ashamed of our deadly sin that eats away at our heart and cripples our ability to love. Go to Jesus, expose it to him, and let his loving touch transform you.

The terrible disease of leprosy was still a major problem well into the nineteenth century when St. Damian, a Belgian missionary, went to the Hawaiian Island of Molokai to serve as parish priest to all

the lepers quarantined on that island. Not fearing to touch them, he cared for them for many years until, as expected, he contracted the disease and died of it.

This is what it means to be a Christian! Be like Jesus. Be not afraid of your wounds or those of others, no matter how repellent, and give of yourself to care for them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Scenes From the Life of Christ: The Healing of the Leper*, circa 1481-1482
Artist: Cosimo Rosselli
Location: Sistine Chapel

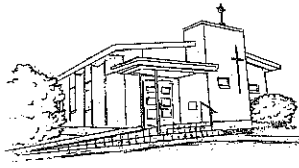
For Reflection

How at peace am I with my own wounds, sins, and imperfections?

Am I mature and free enough to ask for help and also reach out and help others in their moral or physical suffering?

*"If you wish, you can make me clean."
...[Jesus] said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."*

(Mark 1:40-41)



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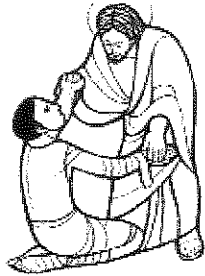
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February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



*"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
God has visited his people." / "Un gran
profeta ha surgido entre nosotros. Dios ha
visitado a su pueblo."*

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Lectors:

8:00am Angélica Velásquez & Evelio Salas

10:30am Alan Nolan & Jorge Pimentel

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8:00am Rigoberto Pantoja, Mary Rodriguez,

Alondra Acevedo, Adriana Rodriguez & Ana Karen Gutiérrez

10:30am Sam Skrhak, Marcia Thigpen & Anna Mooney

Altar Servers:

8:00am Gustavo Gutiérrez, Marializ Rebolhar

Anthony Pantoja & Elián Martínez

10:30am Jared Martínez, Kaitlyn Pantoja

Elizabeth Mooney & Evelyn Ortega

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Lectors:

8:00am Aleyda Dominguez & Nancy Pantoja

10:30am Martin Cruz & Tony Fox

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8:00am Minerva Benitez, Angelica Velasquez

Magdalena Salas, Justina Pantoja, Adriana Rodriguez

10:30am Sofia Mendoza, Bobby Spanos & Mary Leos

Altar Servers:

8:00am Elia Salas, Ariana Vences

Enrique Pantoja & Rodolfo Torres

10:30am Kameron Spanos, Teresa Mooney

Evelyn Ortega & Chantal Ortega

This week in our Parish

Esta semana en nuestra Parroquia Sunday, February 11

8:00am +Antonino Avilés, +Marcela Romero, +Cirilo Benitez,
Columba Perez Lopez, +Efrain Esquivel & +Vicente Esquivel
+Florencio & +Cesar Lopez, +Uriel Espino

9:20am—10:20am CCE Classes / Catecismo

10:30am Sister Rosario...Daughters of Charity, +Janice Allen

4:00pm—5:30pm 10th grade Confirmation

5:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting

5:40pm—6:40pm High School Youth Fellowship

6:45pm—8:15pm 9th grade Pre-Confirmation

Monday, February 12

7:00pm RCIA /RICA

7:00pm Rosary / Rosario

Tuesday, February 13

6:30pm Mass in Spanish / Misa en Español

7:00pm English / Spanish Ultreya

Ash Wednesday, February 14

12:00pm Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingue

NO CCE Classes / No Habrá Clases De Catecismo

6:00pm Mass in English / Misa en Inglés

6:00pm Our Lady of San Juan in Moody...Bilingual Mass

7:30pm Mass in Spanish / Misa en Español

Thursday, February 15

6:30pm Mass in Spanish / Misa en Español

7:00pm Charismatic Group / Grupo Carismatico

Friday, February 16

8:30am Mass in English / Misa en Inglés

9:00am-8:00pm Adoration / Adoración

6:00pm Stations of the Cross in English

7:00pm Vía Crucis en Español

Saturday, February 17

4:30pm Confessions / Confesiones

6:00pm **Moody:** Sunday Vigil Mass/ Vigilia de Domingo

Sunday, February 18

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Men's Conference February 17th in Round Rock: those that signed up will meet at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Bagby Ave, Waco, TX at 5:30am. The buses will leave at 5:45am. Please be on time; any questions call Pete @ 254-315-5394.

Conferencia de Hombres el 17 de febrero en Round Rock: los que se registraron se van a reunir en la Iglesia Católico del Sagrado Corazón por la calle Bagby Ave en Waco, TX a las 5:30am. Los autobuses darán salida a las 5:45am. Por favor lleguen a tiempo; por cualquier duda llama a Pete al 254-315-5394.

CCE News: Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday and there will be no Wednesday CCE classes on this day. We encourage you bring your children to mass on this day as part of their class so they can receive the ashes. Classes will resume the following Wednesday, February 21st.

Noticias de Catecismo: No habrá clases de catecismo el miércoles, 14 de febrero ese día es Miércoles de Ceniza. Recomendamos que traigan sus hijos a Misa este día como parte de su clase para que puedan recibir las cenizas. Las clases reiniciarán el siguiente miércoles, 21 de febrero.

**Saint Eugene invites you to our
2nd Annual Lenten Retreat**

Special guest speaker: *Msgr. Bill Brooks*

(Former pastor of St. Jerome Catholic Church, Hewitt)

When: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Where: Saint Eugene Catholic Church

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

We'll have a "Pot Luck" lunch so please bring a dish to share with everyone!

NO CHARGE to attend.

You must only come prepared to have an encounter with Jesus!

**San Eugenio te invita a vivir nuestro
2do Retiro Anual de Cuaresma**

Invitado Especial: *Padre Víctor Mayorga*

(Parroquia Santa Teresa en Bryan, Texas)

Día: Sábado, 17 de febrero, 2018

Lugar: Iglesia Católica de San Eugenio

Horario: 9:00am-2:00pm

¡Se les pide traer **comida para compartir** con todos!

TOTALMENTE GRATIS

¡Solo hay que venir dispuestos a tener un encuentro con Jesús!

Middle school youth fellowship... Wednesdays 5:45-6:45

Middle School news

- Thanks to the Mercado family and Little Angelo's for supporting our St. Valentine Dance. We had a great event and a successful fundraiser for summer camp.
- Gracias a la familia Mercado y Little Angelo's por apoyar el Baile de San Valentín. Tuvimos un gran evento y una exitosa recordación de fondos para las actividades de verano.
- **Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally...** March 3, 2018... St. John Vianney, Round Rock

High school news:

- Thank everyone for their prayers for DCYC. We had a wonderful experience and are already looking forward to next year's event.
 - Gracias a todos por sus oraciones para DCYC. Tuvimos una experiencia maravillosa y estamos esperando el evento del próximo año.
 - **Godstock** is an outdoor concert event for high school students this April 21-22. Deposit required see Ms. Jennifer for info
 - **Godstock** es un concierto al aire libre para estudiantes de secundaria este 21 y 22 de abril. Depósito requerido vea a la Sra. Jennifer para más información
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*****Pro Life news*****

The Spring Prayer Campaign will begin February 14 on Ash Wednesday, please playfully consider signing up. Please see Jennifer Nolan for more info

*****Noticias de Pro-Vida*****

Campaña de Oración de Primavera comenzará el 14 de febrero el Miércoles de Ceniza, por favor considera en registrarse. Comuníquese con Jennifer Nolan para más información

Higher Education Special Collection

- A special collection will be taken up today to support campus ministries in the Diocese of Austin. These include communities at the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Baylor University, Texas State University, Mary Hardin-Baylor, St. Edward's University and other smaller college campuses. The goals of Catholic campus ministry are to build a faith community, bring the message of Christ to the academic world and prepare future leaders of society and our Church. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.
- Una colecta especial será realizada hoy para apoyar ministerios universitarios en la Diócesis de Austin. Estos incluyen comunidades en la Universidad de Texas, Texas A&M, la Universidad de Baylor, Texas State University, Mary Hardin-Baylor, St. Edward's University y otros pequeños campus universitarios. Las metas del ministerio universitario Católico, son construir una comunidad de fe, llevar el mensaje de Cristo al mundo académico y preparar a futuros líderes de la sociedad y de nuestra Iglesia. Por favor sean generosos al apoyar esta valiosa causa.
- For more information/Para más información: www.austindiocese.org/special-collections

Pastor: Rev. Boniface Onjefu: Tuesday—Friday / Martes—Viernes..... 9am—2pm
Secretary: Maria Ortega: Monday—Friday / Lunes—Viernes..... 8am—3pm
Director of Religious Education: Aurelia Montoya
RCIA Coordinator: Claudia Mooney
Confirmation/Youth Coordinator: Jennifer Nolan

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus continues his healing ministry by curing a leper. Who are those who are considered “unclean” in our society today? Who are those that must remain separated from the community? They might be those coming out of jails, or those suffering from mental illness. They might be suffering from a disease that we fear – like Ebola or AIDS. They might be undocumented immigrants who fear that their families might be deported and torn apart. They might be the poor just struggling to keep their lives together. How can we continue the ministry of Jesus today by reaching out to those who feel rejected and cast out of society?

Esquina de la Doctrina Católica Social

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús continúa su ministerio sanador curando a un leproso ¿Quiénes son aquellos que en nuestra sociedad consideramos “impuros” en la actualidad? ¿Quiénes son aquellos que deben permanecer separados de la comunidad? Puede que sea aquellos que están saliendo de la cárcel, o aquellos sufriendo por una enfermedad mental. Puede que estén sufriendo por una enfermedad que nosotros tememos – como el Ébola o el SIDA. Puede que sean inmigrantes indocumentados que temen que sus familias puedan ser deportadas y rotas. Puede que sean los pobres luchando por salir adelante ¿Cómo podemos continuar con el ministerio de Jesús hoy acercándonos a aquellos que se sienten rechazados y alejados de la sociedad?



PARISH SUPPORT

Offerings to God on 02/04/2018.....\$1,959.00

Thank you for your continued love and generosity to St. Eugene. I know that the Lord sees what you do and that He will bless you!

Gracias por su continuo amor y generosidad a San Eugenio. ¡Sé que el Señor ve lo que haces y Él te va Bendecir!

Fr. BO

Fr. Boni

— Rosary every Monday in the Church at 7pm, everyone is invited.

—Rosarios todos los lunes en la Iglesia a las 7pm, todos están invitados.

—There will be a **Pastoral Council Meeting** today Sunday, February 11th at 5:30pm in Parish Hall.

— Hoy domingo, 11 de febrero a las 5:30pm va haber una junta del **Consejo Pastoral** en el salón parroquial.

Ash Wednesday Schedule /

Miércoles de Cenizas

12noon Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe

6:00pm English Mass / Misa en Inglés

6:00pm Our Lady of San Juan in Moody

Bilingual Mass (Visiting Priest) /

Nuestra Señora de San Juan en Moody

Misa Bilingüe (padre visitante)

7:30pm Spanish Mass / Misa en Español

Calendar

Monday

February 12

Weekday

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 13

Weekday

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 15

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 16

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 17

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 18

First Sunday

of Lent

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Dear Padre,

Why is church often packed on Ash Wednesday, even though it is not a holy day of obligation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well—but it's standing-room only on Ash Wednesday. There's something undeniably elemental about the ugly smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. It is as if to say, "I'm Catholic and proud of it."

Ash Wednesday is unique because it signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our

baptismal commitment to be his people in the world. As we recall and celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

The symbols of Ash Wednesday touch us powerfully. When we hear, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," we are reminded of our vulnerability and dependence on God. Despite our mechanisms of power, ultimately, like dust in the wind, we can be whisked away in an instant and brought to our knees.

At the same time, we are called to scale the spiritual heights to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel, affirming that

we are a people with an enduring destiny and a sacred mission in the world. Together we get our ashes and turn back to the Lord.

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A Word From Pope Francis

[Jesus says] he is the real instrument of the Father's mercy, who goes to encounter everyone, bringing consolation and salvation, and, in doing so, he manifests God's justice. The blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf regain their dignity and are no longer excluded because of their disease.

—General Audience, September 7, 2016