

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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The Story Of The Leper

Though in the story today, our English Bible refers to the person cured as a "leper," the term means anyone with a skin disease. They had to be living apart from the community for as long as the infection lasts. So the healing performed by Jesus is even more than a healing of the skin disease. Once cured, the man will be brought back into the community. Jesus' ministry was about inclusion. Jesus made people whole. Once whole, the excluded person could be welcomed back.



Living Liturgy

Ash Wednesday February 14

Mass and Distribution of Ashes
8:00 a.m. and NOTE Time 6:30 p.m.



Lenten Regulations

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The blessing and imposition of ashes takes place on Ash Wednesday only. **Ash Wednesday** is not a holy day of obligation; however, in the spirit of Lent, the faithful are encouraged to receive ashes as a reminder and sign of our humanity. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics 18 years of age but not yet 60. Those bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs; however, eating solid food between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. **Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence.

Way Of The Cross



The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

We encourage all parish families to participate in praying these beautiful prayers as we follow Christ's passion, death and resurrection for the salvation of all mankind. We particularly encourage parents to bring their children, so they might come to better appreciate God's great gift to us.

Offertory Giving

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, whom we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday Feb. 4	
Envelopes	\$3,505.00
Loose	<u>1,915.72</u>
Total	\$5,420.72
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$231,744.00
Cumulative Income	<u>217,901.68</u>
<Behind>	<\$13,842.32>
St. Joseph's Altar Coll.	\$1,114.00

Catholic Charities Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Charities.

Mardi Gras Schedule

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, February 12, through Wednesday, February 14**, in observance of the Mardi Gras holiday. The office reopens **Thursday, February 15**, at 1:00 p.m.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Service



The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will be Sunday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. The celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. The event will not satisfy your Sunday Mass obligation. Contact the Church Office at 985-863-7935, ext. 3, **before March 2** to register in order for us to make a reservation with the Archdiocese for you.

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, February 12 Lincoln's Birthday
(Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13)



No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, February 13 Mardi Gras
(Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21)



8:00 a.m. Bill Spansel Family

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday
(Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)



8:00 a.m. Annarita Drake

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, February 15
(Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)

8:00 a.m. Debby Goodey

Friday, February 16
(Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15)

8:00 a.m. Fr. Warren Cooper

Saturday, February 17
(Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32)

5:00 p.m. James & Dolores Brewin, Charles Loper, Nancy Hunt, Fr. Warren Cooper, Frieda Lafont, Melissa Ravannack, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Curtis & Vita Owens, Steve Lewellen Jr., Gloria Heikamp, Rosemary Poche, Ken & Adele Salzer, Tina Mangano, Roszczynialski Family, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr.

Sunday, February 18
(Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15)

7:00 a.m. Marlene Ragusa

8:30 a.m. Bernard Appleton Jr., Bruce Frederick, Suzanne Renckly, Dean Story, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Jimmy Russell, Henry Jorns, Dorothy Meyers, Edward & May Hanzo, John Lacourrage, Larry & Vicky DuBois, Ben Spansel, Andrew Lambert, Ursula M. McGuire

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

WEEKLY EVENTS

Confirmation Registration—Parent & Candidate Meeting—Sunday, February 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

St. Joseph Altar Guild—Baking will be Friday, February 16, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the Parish Hall. Donations of baking materials, your labor or financial contributions will be gratefully accepted. Contribution envelopes for St. Joseph's Altar are available at the entrances to the church.



Widows' Group—Friday, February 16, at Lester's Seafood Restaurant, 64724 Highway 41, Pearl River, for lunch then return to the Parish Hall. For information, contact Pat Langsford at 985-863-3445.

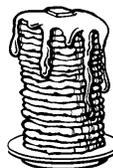
Pro Life Oratory Contest

St. Tammany Right to Life is again sponsoring its annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest, Saturday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Youth Center, 910 Crossgates Boulevard, Slidell. Contestants must be high school juniors or seniors. The speeches should be five to seven minutes in length and do not have to be memorized. Topics include "The Tragedy of Abortion, Euthanasia, Infanticide or Embryonic Stem Cell Research." Cash prizes will be awarded. To register or for information, call 985-640-3680.

K.C. Raffle For Gas Barbecue Grill

Win a deluxe four-burner gas barbecue grill by purchasing a raffle ticket from a member of our local Knights of Columbus Council. Tickets are one dollar. The drawing will be February 18 during the Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available from any SPPC Knight or in the Parish Office.

K.C. Pancake Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 18, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall at \$5.00 per plate. Proceeds are used to finance scholarships for our own Church Parish's high school seniors. Come join us!

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of Sts. Peter and Paul Church.**



Pray For The Sick

Lyn Adams, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Fr. Warren Cooper, Deacon Pat Downey, Larry DuBois, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Margaret Jorns, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Pam King, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Carlene Ragusa, Norris Ripp, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Lorraine Steilberg, Eola Veillon

Slidell Pro-Life Walk

The Slidell Pro-Life Walk will be held Sunday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m. We will walk from the Slidell Pregnancy Help Center, 550 Gause Boulevard, to St. Margaret Mary Church, recite prayers and return. It is approximately 1.1 miles. Refreshments will be served in the Center after the walk. For details, call Paul at 985-641-4097 or 985-645-3545.

Update Of Church's Website

The new website for the church has been updated and is now operational. The URL is the same—www.sppcprla.com The website will be updated frequently with additional information forthcoming. There will be photos of church events, activities, etc., included on the website in the near future. **For the children in our parish, consent forms will be distributed during CCD for parents to sign and return regarding the release of photos** (no last names of children will be listed on the website). If your child is not in CCD, consent forms will be available at the main entrance of the church or in the Church Office. **For adults in the parish, if you do NOT want your picture on the website, please contact the Office immediately.**

We hope that the new information on the website will be helpful to you. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Schallenberg at 985-290-0472.

“Safe Haven Sunday”

The family home is to be a safe haven. But, the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. Next weekend, February 17-18, the First Sunday of Lent, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating “Safe Haven Sunday.” This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring parent can use to protect themselves and our precious young people from online risks. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. For additional information, contact the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at tmccaffery@arch-no.org or www.nolacatholic.com

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

“That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.”

Human Trafficking

Our Lady of Lourdes will host the February Respect Life Gathering, “Hidden in Plain Sight: Human Trafficking in Our Midst,” Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the church, 400 Westchester Boulevard, Slidell. Guest speaker is Debbie Shinskie. For information, call Patricia Arnold at 985-214-9525 or email pfarnold1@gmail.com

A Lenten Reflection

Catholic Women in Action, a committee of the Catholic Foundation, invites you to reflect on how you can spiritually prepare during Lent for Easter. Fr. Jared Rodrigue will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 1501 W. Causeway Approach, Mandeville. Reflections will follow, and the session will end at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Susie C. Veters, Marian Stations of the Cross.

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center

The following events will be held at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie. Register at <http://asc.arch-no.org>; email archspirctr@arch-no.org; or call 504-861-3254.

“**Prayer: Real Soul Food**”—Thursday, February 15, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.. Cost is \$25.00 (adjustments can be made).

“**Discerning God's Presence in Every Moment of the Day: The Search for God's Will-The Search for Spiritual Freedom**”—Mondays, February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26. Cost is \$50.00.

Come And See Weekend

Come and See Vocation Weekend for high school juniors and seniors, and college-age men will be held March 23-25, at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington. Spend a weekend with seminarians. See what day-to-day life is like at the seminary. There is no charge for the weekend. Registration deadline is March 16. For more information, call Fr. Kurt Young at 504-861-6298. Registration forms are located in the Parish Office and on the bulletin board outside the Office.

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Make The Journey Back To God

During Lent

Why do we begin the holy season of Lent with ashes on our foreheads—a sign of repentance? Throughout the year we may have turned from God in many small ways and perhaps significant ones, too. While God respects the freedom He has given us as His children, He urges us to come back to Him to reconcile. Our wise Father knows that it is the only way we can be truly happy.

The Church has identified three tools we can use to make our Lenten journey back to God more effective; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These tools will help us to clear the static in our connection to God and help us take our places as His true children.

Lent

“The annual Lenten season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinizes, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the world of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises” (Ceremonial of Bishops, 249).

- Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday.
- Lenten weekdays are not commemorated on Solemnities and Feasts. Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week take precedence over all Solemnities and Feasts.
- All Memorials of saints occurring during Lent are observed as optional. Hence, they may be omitted or observed as commemorations.
- *Alleluia* is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil; nor is the *Te Deum* sung at OR on Sundays of Lent.
- During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing. It would be advisable for those preparing liturgical celebrations to consider the purpose rather than the strict letter of this

law as certain musical pieces, for example, may in the local situation indeed foster the spirit of the Lenten Season. On the Fourth Sunday of Lent (“Lætare”) and on Solemnities and Feasts, musical instruments may be played and the altar decorated with flowers.

- The presentations of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer normally take place during the week after the first and third scrutinizes.
- If marriages are to take place during Lent, couples are to be reminded that wedding plans should respect the special nature of this liturgical season; they should refrain from too much pomp or display.
- The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and penance. The gospels and readings from the Hebrew scriptures have been selected for their mutual relationship.
- Beginning Ash Wednesday, Prayers Over the People are provided in the *Roman Missal*. They are either obligatory or optional, depending on the day. When used, they augment the simple blessing given at the end of Mass.
- It is fitting that the Lenten season conclude, both for the individual Christian as well as for the whole Christian community, with a communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation according to the Rite of Penance, so that all may be helped to prepare to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery. Such a celebration should take place before the Easter Triduum, and should not immediately precede the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. However, where there is genuine pastoral need, the sacrament of penance may be celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and in such situations opportunities for celebrations of reconciliation would be encouraged. “ *The Spirit of Lent*” Mark Searle, in Assembly, Notre Dame Center for Liturgy