

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$3,074.00	\$1,901.00
Number of Families contributing	102	76
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (5 Weeks)	\$19,852.00	\$19,980.00
Received to Date	\$14,423.00	\$11,536.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,429.00	\$8,444.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$242.00	\$1,230.00

Twenty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$20.00	\$50,742.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$90.00.

24 **CHILDREN** contributed \$177.00.

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE totaled \$346.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ash Wednesday takes its name from the fact that many Christians anoint their foreheads with ashes on this day. The practice dates back to early Christian times.

It reminds us that, like Jesus, who died on Good Friday, we too are marked for death. It also reminds us that if we want to rise to eternal life, as Jesus did, we must repent. That is, we must let our broken heart show our sorrow.

What might be an appropriate way to let my heart show my sorrow this Lenten season? Why might this be appropriate?

When the soul has laid down its faults at the feet of God, it feels as though it had wings. —EUGENIE DE GUERIN

The Lord says, "Repent sincerely and return to me with fasting and weeping and mourning. Let your broken heart show your sorrow."

—JOEL 2:12-13

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Mary Melissa and Family in loving memory of Reverend Peter Clarke on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on her 70th Birthday;
3. the Gallons in loving memory of Johnny and Catherine Ann Gallon on their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary;
4. the Family of Pete "Mockhem" Mulholland and Peyton Sherlock in loving memory of them on the 5th Anniversary of their deaths;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 17th, will be celebrated at 12 NOON. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of 6 ½ weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for Easter. The ashes are symbols of being sorry for things we have done and want to get rid of them forever. This is also a reminder to us that we all come from ashes and to ashes we return.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

Feb. 19: Legion – O.L. of Presentation

Feb. 26: Legion – O.L. of Epiphany

Mar. 5: Religious Education Teachers

Mar. 12: Lectors

Mar. 19: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.

Mar. 26: Society of Mary Immaculate

Apr. 2: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

DIVINE MERCY Beginning Ash Wednesday, the Divine Mercy Novena will be held daily at 3:00 P.M. in the Church during Lent.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children for achieving 1st Semester Honor Roll:

John Daley Carroll, Elegance Riley and Embassy Sherlock for achieving the Principal’s A+ Honor Roll.

Antonia Carroll, Creed Carroll, Elite Carroll, Honor Carroll, Isabella Carroll, Jim Richmon Carroll, Thomas Scotson Carroll, Gryphen Gorman, Juliet Riley, Easton Sherlock, Kody Sherlock, Merci Sherlock, Rafe Sherlock, Royce Sherlock and Vogue Sherlock for achieving the All-A Honor Roll.

Faro Thomas Carroll, Ireland Carroll, Kade Carroll, Onyx Carroll, Patrick D. Carroll, Patrick Dempsey Carroll, Richa Carroll, Scotland Costello, Polaris Mack, Mike Thomas O’Hara, Patrick Brando Riley, Radiance Riley, Stella Riley, Drew Sherlock, Edge Sherlock, Gunner Sherlock, John Elvis Sherlock, Mega Sherlock, Minka Sherlock, Stalyon Sherlock, Sutton Sherlock and Hagee Richard Smith for achieving the A-B Honor Roll.

Congratulations to Nolan Carroll for achieving 1st Place in the Catholic Bee at Our Lady of Peace School.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Bishop’s Annual Appeal*. Please be generous in this collection.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Among the questions asked in the examination of an applicant on the Chicago police force was this one: “What would you do to disperse a crowd quickly and quietly?”
The answer: ‘I’d pass the hat.’”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 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

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Jack’s Cathy on her 70th Birthday.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.
- Wednesday:** For Tommy Jude O’Hara on his Birthday.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.
- Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

WHEN THE LOAD GETS HEAVY

*When the load gets heavy and you feel despair,
Call on the Lord who’s always there.
He’s right by your side each hour of the day
To make your load lighter along the way.*

*Sometimes the road is bumpy and rough.
He knows your endurance, when you’ve had enough.
He gives you strength to overcome all
And He may let you stumble, but never fall.*

READERS

Sat. Feb. 13th, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Reed
Sat. Feb. 13th, 7:00 P.M. Dayna & Leah

Sun. Feb. 14th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

Sat. Feb. 20th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sat. Feb. 20th, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Bridgette Anna

Sun. Feb. 21st, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Taniel
- Tuesday** - Misty
- Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa
- Thursday** - Claire
- Friday** - Mary Cabrina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** - Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** - Kim Gallon
- Wednesday** - Rosie Cat
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **February 13th**
Front Mary Margaret
Right Cathy Pole
Left Kim Gallon

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

- February 13th** **February 20th**
Rose Melissa Rosie Cat

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- February 14th** **February 21st**
Rose Marie Rose Marie
Mary Cat Mary Cat

PRIDE & ANGER

A pot was once asked, “How do you remain cool in every situation?”

The pot answered, “I just remind myself that I am made of mud and will return back to mud. Then why have PRIDE and ANGER?”

A DIFFERENT DIRECTION

Sometimes what looks like an obstacle in your path is actually a gift meant to move you in a different direction.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

**A LENTEN PRAYER**

*Look with favor, Lord, on Your household.  
Grant that, though our flesh be humbled by  
abstinence from food, our souls, hungering after  
You, may resplendent in Your sight. Amen.*