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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

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

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.

FEAST OF FAITH The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

Feb 21st

Lector Jeff

Special Collection

Church in Central & Eastern Europe

February 17th

Black and Indian Missions

February 21st

COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions
and distress of everyone, and let your hand
give in proportion to your purse.

Wednesday, February 17th: Ash Wednesday
with ashes being distributed at 11:30 here at St
Andrew and 5:00 pm at St Regina



Dear Lord, As we enter
this Solemn and Holy
Season, we pray that
you would send your
Holy Spirit upon us that
we might prepare ourselves
for these coming 40 days of Lent.
Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth
and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so
that we can understand the magnificence of Your
Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your
Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of
Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are
obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good
Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old
and older must abstain from meat on Ash
Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and on Good
Friday.

The office will be closed
Monday Feb 15th for the
holiday.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Feb 7th

BUDGET \$1351.00

\$1400 .00

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\$480.00