

February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Psalm 32

1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

God Knows Best

Reading Leviticus, you might think how harsh God and his people are. They placed strict and humiliating Regulations on sick people, the lepers. For example, the lepers had to announce themselves and warn other people to stay away from them. Yet, as harsh as the regulations were their intent was the protection of all people.

God does wish to protect us. He has created us with intelligence that we may reason our way through many challenges. He gives his Peace that we may be calm enough to navigate troubled waters. God forgives the stain of sin that may hold us down and prevent positive forward progress. Psalm 32 says, "Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered."

In the second reading Paul offers what may be a good example of leadership and a way to good forward progress. He says, "Do everything for the glory of God." Paul further points out he did not seek his own benefit but the good of the many, that they may be saved. He concludes, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

As I contemplate Paul's words it compels me, as a priest, to seek the Lord's guidance that I may lead and guide the people well. God knows best. This leads to the message of today's gospel.

In the Gospel story notice the leper does not demand Jesus to cure him. He knows Jesus can. However, the man leaves the matter to Jesus' discretion. He approaches Jesus with humility. Jesus, the leper reasons to himself, knows best. He will know what the man truly needs. Thus the leper says, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

I have come to recognize God knows best. I might not always listen to God. I am still working on the skill of discernment. God knows if I should be healed and how I should heal. My own illness may be life altering. My feeble knowledge might cause me to make a wrong choice between options. Thus, as the leper I must let God lead and guide me. I also need to recognize when God's guidance is coming to me through someone he has placed in my life.

Whatever your current challenge is now take time to discern God's best judgement. Recognizing God's guidance is a matter of discernment. Discernment is a skill and art that develops over time with practice that is often mentored by someone of wisdom. Who might be that someone in your life?

When you do turn to God be not afraid. As you humbly seek his guidance you may note something special. You may notice how moved God is by your request for his help. In response to the leper's approach to God, God, it says in the scripture, was "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"

God will give you what you need. He will "cure" you in the manner best for you. God knows best.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	215
Tithes Collected:	\$6,115.00
Online Giving:	\$345.00
Total:	\$6,460.00
Thank you!	

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Gen9:8-15; 1Pet3:18-22; Mk1:12-15

Lent Begins February 17th!
February 17: Ash Wednesday Mass is at 7PM
Ashes will be imposed in a COVID safe Manner.

February 18: Reconciliation Service
7PM
Each year we have this service.
It permits us to reflect on what has breached
Our relationship with God and his
People. Then we reconcile and look to
A more fruitful future.

Special Lenten Project!
Lenten Prayers for Vocations
Instead of "giving up" something, like candy, we will DO SOMETHING.

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood
And Religious Life.

Sign Up.
There will be a signup list for households that will take on a special project to pray each week of Lent for vocations. This you will find in the foyer of the church. You will be loaned a "Vocation Cup" to bring home. Then you will select a time of each day, such as dinner time, to pray as a household for vocations.
Sign up!

Vocation Director to Preach
Fr. Matthew Gomez, the Vocation Director of our Archdiocese will preach the weekend before Ash Wednesday. This will kick off our Lenten Prayers for Vocations.

LITURGY FOR FEBRUARY 14th, 2021
6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-B

- **ENTRANCE HYMN: COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP**
(B. DOERKSEN)

COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP
COME NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE YOUR HEART
COME, JUST AS YOU ARE TO WORSHIP.
COME, JUST AS YOU ARE BEFORE YOUR GOD, COME

1. One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

- **GLORIA:**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we

bless you, we adore you,

we glorify you, we give you thanks

for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ

Only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God

Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High

Jesus...Christ.

With holy spirit in the

Glory to God the Father, Amen!

- **PSALM 32: I TURN TO YOU, LORD, IN TIME OF TROUBLE, AND YOU FILL ME WITH THE JOY OF SALVATION.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: LOVE GOES ON (Farrell)

1. Love is patient, love is kind, never ending, never ending; slow to anger, rich in mercy, love goes on beyond all time.
2. Love is faithful, love is true, ever joyful and forgiving; love endures when life is over, love is old and love is new.
3. Love alone has shaped our soul, and our hearts are always restless until love become our purpose, new creation to unfold.
4. Love our journey, love our goal. Though our faith may move the mountains, love alone can heal the broke; only love will make us whole.

- **COMMUNION HYMN: MIRACLE OF GRACE (C. Stephan)**

1. Miracle of grace, mystery of faith, calling us to venture to the deep. Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail, and we become the love that we receive.
2. **BREAD OF LIFE, BREAD OF LIFE, THOSE WHO EAT THIS BREAD SHALL LIVE AND NEVER DIE. BREAD OF LIFE, BREAD OF LIFE, YOUR TRUE PRESENCE IN THIS HOLY SACRIFICE.**
3. Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart with bread come down from heaven above. And like a

grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, dying here with you. Oh, let us rise!

4. Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed with your very body and your blood. Come claim your bride again with love that can not end, for what God joins no one can divide.

- **REFLECTION HYMN (IN THE STILLNESS (D.Pérez-Cuan)**

- **EXIT HYMN: EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH (R. Morgan)**

1. Praise Him in the sanctuary
Praise Him in the mighty heavens
Praise Him all the earth praise Him
2. Praise Him in His awesome power
Praise His great and holy name
Praise Him the whole world praise Him
3. From the rising of the sun
Let His praise be heard
From the east to the west
And the north to south

Let everything that has breath

Praise the Lord forever

Let everything in my soul praise the Lord

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13

4:00 p.m. † Dottie & Joe Ducato by Family

† Jean Ingraham by Marsha Marino

Sunday, February 14

9:00 a.m. † Bernetta Tomica by Joyce

10:45 a.m. Diane Marciszewski by Parish

† Candida Martin by Rosalie Ponte

Monday, February 15

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 a.m. † Norman Pratis by Parish

Wednesday, February 17

7:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Thursday, February 18

7:00 p.m. Parish Mission-Anointing

Friday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Lucas Zaky by Friends

Saturday, February 20

4:00 p.m. Edward & Mary Ellen Batcho by Batcho Family

† Jean Ingraham by Marsha Marino

Sunday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45 a.m. † Candida Martin by Rosalie Ponte

† Leonard Conforti by Linda Signorilli