

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

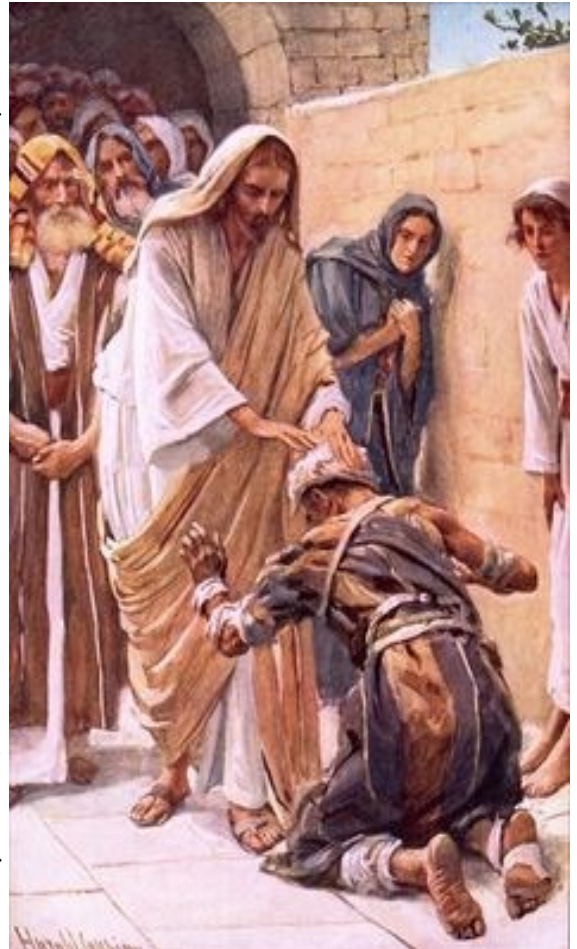
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B. FEB. 11TH 2024 "IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN." Mk. 1, 40

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.



Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

VI DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO B "SI TÚ QUIERES, PUEDES CURARME" MC. 1, 40

En el Evangelio de hoy, seguimos escuchando a Marcos relatar las curaciones milagrosas que Jesús realizó en Galilea. El Evangelio comienza con Jesús curando a un hombre con lepra. Sin embargo, en la época de Jesús, los tabúes religiosos y sociales dictaban el comportamiento de quienes padecían lepra y otras enfermedades de la piel. La Ley de Moisés preveía que los sacerdotes examinaran las enfermedades de la piel y, si se identificaba lepra, la persona era declarada inmunda. Las personas con lepra vivían aisladas de la comunidad. Se les ordenó rasgarse la ropa y anunciar su presencia con fuertes gritos cuando se desplazaran por la comunidad. Si las llagas de la lepra sanaban, la Ley de Moisés establecía un rito de purificación que permitía a la persona regresar a la comunidad.

En el evangelio de hoy, el hombre leproso tomó la iniciativa, acercándose a Jesús y pidiendo curación. Al hacerlo, el leproso violó las costumbres religiosas de la época al acercarse a una persona que estaba limpia. Su petición a Jesús puede interpretarse como un acto valiente y audaz. La confianza del leproso en la capacidad de Jesús para curarlo es evidente en las palabras de su petición. Pero sus palabras también pueden leerse como un desafío a Jesús, preguntándole hasta dónde estaba dispuesto Jesús a extenderse para sanar a alguien. Mientras curaba al hombre, Jesús lo tocó, lo que también violó las normas sociales establecidas. Esta es una señal importante de la profundidad de la compasión de Jesús por el hombre y una declaración importante sobre la interpretación de Jesús de la Ley de Moisés.

Aunque Jesús tocó al leproso, no rompió completamente con la Ley de Moisés. Le ordenó al hombre que no le contara a nadie sobre la curación y le dijo que se presentara a los sacerdotes como lo prescribía la Ley de Moisés. La primera instrucción parece casi imposible de cumplir. Ciertamente, el hombre querría compartir las buenas nuevas de su curación, y su rápida mejoría requeriría una explicación. La segunda instrucción honra la Ley de Moisés.

El Evangelio de Marcos nos dice que después de esta curación, a Jesús le resultó difícil viajar libremente. Hay varias explicaciones posibles para esto. Podría haber habido preocupación por las repercusiones de la violación de las normas sociales y religiosas por parte de Jesús. Al tocar al hombre leproso, Jesús se hizo impuro. La narración de Marcos, sin embargo, lleva a la conclusión de que el movimiento de Jesús se vio obstaculizado por su popularidad. A pesar de sus instrucciones, el hombre curado hizo correr la voz sobre el poder curativo de Jesús. Incluso cuando Jesús estaba en lugares desiertos, la gente lo buscaba en busca de su curación.

ASHES HAVE A LONG TRADITION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, FINDING ITS ROOTS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Ash Wednesday in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church is focused, not surprisingly, on the **imposition of ashes** on all the faithful who attend Mass or a prayer service. This ceremony is relatively brief, but has rich symbolism that is sometimes forgotten.

The prayer used by the priest to impose ashes on the forehead of an individual is meant to **remind us of our mortality** and the consequences of Adam and Eve's original sin. The prayer, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Ashes were used by many throughout the Old Testament **as a sign of their repentance**, asking God to have mercy on them. In the book of Judith, "all the Israelite men, women, and children who lived in Jerusalem fell prostrate in front of the temple and **sprinkled ashes on their heads**, spreading out their sackcloth before the Lord" (Judith 4:11). Afterwards, "The Lord heard their cry and saw their distress" (Judith 4:13). Most famously when the prophet Jonah preached in the city of Nineveh, "he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes" (Jonah 3:6). Each time when the people sprinkled themselves with ashes, repent of their sins and cried out to God for mercy, the Lord heard their cries and spared them from destruction.

This symbolism of repentance is why, in the current version of the Roman Rite, the words spoken at the imposition of ashes may be Jesus' injunction to "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Ashes are a rich symbol in the Catholic Church, one that connects us to a long biblical tradition of crying out to God for mercy, **showing to him our interior renewal by an exterior sign.**

Aleteia



SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: **Kim Hartford—Kathy Nathan**

9:00 am Sun. Mass: **Stefania Ortiz**

11:15 am Sun. Mass **Parish Choir**

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions - February. 10th—18th 2024

Saturday Vigil Feb 10th 4:30: + **Brian McConnell**

Sunday Feb 11th 9:00: - **Health of Alecia Selis**

11:15: + **Peter Coakley**

5:00 pm Misa en Espanol:

+ **Maurilio Salinas + Adam & + Consuelo Solano**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed. Feb 14th 12:00: - **For People of the Parish**

6:30 pm: - **For People of the Parish**

Thurs. Feb 15th 12:00: + **Ray Ramos**

Fri. Feb 16th 12:00: + **Jerry Fargo**

Sat. Vigil Feb 17th 4:30: + **Robert & Pat Byrne**

Sunday Feb. 18th 9:00: + **Ray Ramos**

11:15: - **Health & Healing of Lynn & Greg Ray**

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN
PEACE. AMEN.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 3 & 4, 2024:



*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

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- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

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- **First Communion:** Susan Franks (1st year) Jennifer Bodner (2nd year). Supply teacher: Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
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Ash Wednesday



Wed. Feb. 14th
12 noon English Mass w/ashes
6:30 pm Bilingual Mass w/ashes



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
AT 5:30 PM**



Serra Ministry Conference
Conferencia Ministerial Serra
Diocese of Monterey



*Glorify the Lord by your life
Glorifica al Señor con tu vida*

Speaker Line Up

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|  REV. STEVEN BELL Missionary Society of St. Paul |  AMY MCENTEE RCL Benziger |  MATT REICHERT Center for Learning, a division of OCP |  KOREN RUIS Director for Hispanic Initiatives for OCP |
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Register online at:
<https://www.tmconferenceservices.com/serra>



LENTEN TALKS, At St. Joseph's, Spreckels

Over 3 nights, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in a Lenten talks entitled:

SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS.


We will explore the identity of our God proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with a cross.
March 11, 12 and 13th at 7:00pm, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Hall.
St. Joseph's Parish, Spreckels

2024 LENTEN DINNERS

Friday February 23th at 6:00 pm
Friday March 8th at 6:00 pm
Friday March 22nd at 6:00 pm

**SAINT OF THE WEEK: FEB. 11TH
OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Today marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernade (Saint Bernadette) Soubirous. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to Saint Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. On March 25 she said to the little shepherdess who was only fourteen years of age: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity.



I-Breviary