

# 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him  
and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."

MR 1:40



Jesus, instead, "touched" the leper. He stepped over the imaginary line, entering into the danger zone of closeness with the leper. He got close enough to this man to smell the putrid odor of his decaying flesh. He could feel the man's foul breath on his face. He got closer still in order to touch the body of the leper, putting his fingers into the wounds of his oozing sores. He conveyed to this man that he wanted to heal him so much that he himself was willing to risk his life, to give his life. He was close enough to look directly into the eyes of a person whose face was horrifically disfigured and perhaps even unrecognizable. And Jesus touched him.

Sometimes we may feel that we have become disfigured, unrecognizable, because of the wounds we have received in our lives and the brokenness of our own sin. And Jesus touches us. We may consider certain people in our lives "lepers" in the sense that they think, speak, or act in ways that threaten us or walk outside the path of discipleship with the Lord Jesus. And Jesus touches them.

## SAINT MARY'S

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## CHURCH

### CELEBRATION OF MASS:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: 6:00 P.M. Tuesday  
8:30 A.M. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Parents must be registered, participating members in the Parish for at least six months and have attended an instructional class held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M. To pre-register for this class, please call the Parish Office at 883-2883.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Diocesan Guidelines require initial interview with the Priest to be held at least six months prior to the wedding. One must be a registered, participating member of the Parish at least one year prior to the wedding or registered with your family of origin.

**“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned”**



**Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024:**

**Mass with Distribution of Ashes**

**St. Mary Church at 8:30 am & 6:30 pm**

**Fasting and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent at 6:00 PM (St. Mary Church).**

**40 Hours of Lenten Eucharistic Adoration:**

**Wednesday, February 21 – Friday, February 23 2024 (St. Mary, Chapel).**

### **2024 Appeal for Catholic Ministries**

This weekend, our parish is conducting a follow up for the Appeal for Catholic Ministries. Please remember that the Appeal for Catholic Ministries is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Appeal for Catholic Ministries theme, *“Building the Kingdom Together”* was selected to remind us that our actions, our prayers and our financial investments in vital ministries of the Church are all given to honor and serve God. Each pledge makes a difference! Your generous support enables our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services that impact all parishes and people of all ages throughout Southeast Texas. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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### **GOOD NEWS**

**As a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team?** Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became “impure,” and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy.

**FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS**

### **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**

**The altar will be held on Sunday, March 17th in the Parish Hall. A sing up sheet has been placed in the entrance of the Church for anyone who would like to participate in the preparation or on the day of the altar also you can contact the Parish Office. St. Joseph Altar Aprons will be available for sale.**

**Please call the Parish Office if you would like a statement of your 2023 contributions**

### **Youth Group**

St. Mary Youth Group meetings are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**Youth Director, Patricia Daleo 409-656-9259**



### **Please Pray for Service Men & Women**

Garrett Jackson, Chris Rose, Kaden Baugh, John Lucky LeGault, Sheldon Becker, Bo McDaniel, Samantha McNamara, Taylor Doucet, Michael A. Peveto, Michael Chalambara, Troy Thomassee, John Ardoin, III, Charles Moody, William Travis Johnson, Charlee Thousand, Greg Lewis, James Dupre, Richard Powell, Brian Stancoven, Austin Chesson, Colis Dunham, Joseph Brown, & Nicholas Perez, Alec Doolittle



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.**  
(Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after Service)  
+Benny & Tibby Mazzola

**Wednesday, February 14, 8:30 a.m.**  
+Lillie & Jr. Clark

**Wednesday 14, 6:30 p.m.**  
+Jane & Brad Arsenault

**Thursday, February 15, 8:30 a.m.**  
L-Bridget & Greg Trahan

**Friday, February 16, 8:30 a.m.**  
(Holy Hour 7:30 — 8:30 a.m.)  
+Yvonne Guidry

**Saturday, February 17, 4:30 p.m.**  
+Clay & Inez Bourdier  
+Mike Calderon

**Sunday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.**  
St. Mary Parish Family

**Flowers February 10—11**  
**Blessed Sacrament**  
For all the Parish

**February 3—4 Blessed Mother Altar**  
In Memory of Arthur & Anabel Anderson  
from Bobbie & Lee Ford



### PRAYING FOR THE SICK.....

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the listing below you will find the names of those who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Vickie Reina Jowers, Rita Bourliea, Vivian DeJohn, Rosalie Clark, JoAnn Sparacino, D. Thomas Abshire, Jr., Steven Campbell, Jennifer Hinson, Joshua Bergeron, Pat Seay, Michael Savigano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, "Tacky" Stringer, Evelyn Giaratano, Joel Rivera, Camilo Molins, David Olson, Milton Westbrook, Lynne Theriot, Wayne Lofton, Karen Ball, Karen Brock, David Lester, Walter & Yvonne Trahan, Debra Harrington, Mandi McDaniel, Brenda Hill, Bonnie Buford, Angela Dean, June Burch, Janie Bauman, Felix Anderson, Mary Carolyn James, Letitia Calderon, Jeanette Burselson, Faye Richard, Wayne Smith, Cheryl Boyd Simar, Danny Simar, Doris Toups, DeAnn Lumpkin, John Patronella, Sr., Glenn McGuire, Kayden James, Rocky Breaux, Lydia Wolfford, Kim Berlinger, Brenda Lanclose, Troy Dore, Jack Spears, Kathleen Ramirez, Claire Howard, J.C. Russo, Paul Vandermaas, Jr., Joyce Broussard, Patty Stout, Sharon Fontenot, Donna Richard, Lillie Bourge, Connie Duprie **May they be touched by the healing hand of the Divine Physician, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and restored to the full and active life of our Church community and their families. (If you or someone you know should be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office).**

## February 11— 17

### MONDAY

**Knights of Columbus Assembly 1105 6-9 p.m.**

### TUESDAY

**Jesus and the Eucharist Bible Study 6:45—8:30 p.m.**  
**Catholic Daughters**

### WEDNESDAY

**Soup Kitchen 11:30—12:30 a.m.**  
**Religious Education Classes for all grades**  
**PreK—8th grade 5:30—6:30 p.m.**  
**High School 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

### FRIDAY

**Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.**  
**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

### SATURDAY

**Confession 3:00 — 4:00 p. m.**

### ST. MARY

**February 3—4**

ENVELOPES .....	\$ 7,706.00
LOOSE.....	\$ 509.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 8,215.00

**Thank you for your continued support**

### February 11—17 Chapel Sanctuary Candle All Souls

There are **DATES OPEN** on the Sanctuary Candle Calendar for anyone wishes to remember a loved one for a week at a time. For the Chapel or Church Sanctuary. Cost is \$5.00 per week.

### Scripture Readings For the Week of February 11, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45
<b>Monday</b>	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday</b>	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious</b> Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

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