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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021

Pastor :
Rev. Father Hamish Currie

Assistant Pastor :
**Rev. Father Clarence
Narendra**

Parish Secretary :
Sue St. Jules

Office Hours :
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday Masses :
Saturday Vigil Mass : 5:00 PM
Sunday : 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses :
Not at this time
No Mass on Wednesday

Sacrament of Penance :
Saturday : 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

Baptism :
Usually on the **3rd Sunday** of
the month. Please make
arrangements **one month in
advance** by contacting the Parish
office.

Marriage :
Please make marriage
arrangements **6 months in
advance** by contacting the Parish
office.

Papal Blessing :
Please allow at least **6 months**
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Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

Prayer Line :
Corona McNally
705-575-6975



Ash Wednesday (February 17) Celebrate at Home

Due to restrictions still in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Dowd is encouraging you not to miss out on Ash Wednesday and celebrate from home. Parishioners who would like to celebrate the beginning of Lent and distribution of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday are asked to come to the parish to pick up blessed ashes and a prayer service brochure, and pray at home with the members of your household. Blessed ashes will be available to pick up at the Parking Lot Entrance on Ash Wednesday, February 17 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information, a digital copy of the prayer service, or to watch a tutorial video on how to use the prayer service, visit: www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org

Weekdays Scripture Readings: 15th February to 20th February, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Genesis 4.1-15, 25	Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6.5-8; 7.1-5, 10	Mark 8.14-21
Wednesday	Joel 2.12-18	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9a	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58.9b-14	Luke 5.27-32

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THE OFFICE WILL NOW BE OPEN
9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

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Father Hamish



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Prayer Line

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or someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or
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may contact Corona at 705.575.6975

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*Practical tips for living the
Golden Rule in your daily life:*

Don't control others.

It's rare that people want to be controlled.

So don't do it.

*This is a difficult thing, especially if we are
conditioned to control people. But when you get the
urge to control, put yourself in that person's shoes.*

*You would want freedom and autonomy
and trust, wouldn't you?*

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Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

*We have only three days of the **Sixth Week of Ordinary Time**. **Ash Wednesday** begins the season of **Lent**.*

The first few days of this week are the last of the Ordinary Time readings until the day after Pentecost Sunday, which will end the Easter Season. The **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offers a dramatic look at leprosy. The first reading from **Leviticus** has clear instructions: A leper has to live away from the community, cover his head and call out, “**Unclean, unclean!**” as people go near him. It emphasizes even more what it means that Jesus speaks with and touches someone who was such a pariah as he heals the leper in **Mark's Gospel**.

On Monday and Tuesday in **Mark's Gospel**, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: “**he sighed from the depth of his spirit.**” As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious “**leaven**” of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter.

Beginning of Lent

The **Season of Lent** begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of **Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving**.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet **Joel** helps us begin our journey: “**return to me with your whole heart.**” “**Rend your hearts, not your garments,**” reminds us that this is an interior journey. The **Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51**, has the antiphon: “**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**” Paul, in his **First Letter to the Corinthians** says, “**be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**” In **Matthew's Gospel** Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, “**Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them.**”

On Thursday we read in **Deuteronomy** how Moses urges his people to turn away from sin. “**Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.**”

Friday and Saturday: It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us reflect on **Isaiah, Chapter 58**, as we begin. “**This is the fasting that I wish**” gives us the true picture of fasting: **letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion.** Jesus confirms his desire to help us, “**I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners.**”

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.