

## Pope Francis' suggestions for Lent.

**1. Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil**  
 "[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. **Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us.**" – General Audience, March 5, 2014

**2. Do something that hurts**  
 "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. **I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.**" – Lenten Message, 2014

**3. Don't remain indifferent**  
 "Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation." – Lenten Message, 2015

**4. Pray: Make our hearts like yours!**  
 "During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: *'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum'*. **Make our hearts like yours** (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference." – Lenten Message, 2015

**5. Take part in the sacraments**  
 "Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." – Lenten Message, 2015

## Prayer for the Week

O Lord, Only you know how hard life has been for me. Only you have seen each moment of my day and night. Only you feel my pain and understand my discomfort. Only you are beside me through my grief and sorrow. Only you have been within each moment to You have encountered sorrow and laid a glorious path Of hope, healing and the promise of heaven in my heart. Amen.

## Jesus Heals a Leper

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Mark 1:40-41

Based on Mark 1:40-45

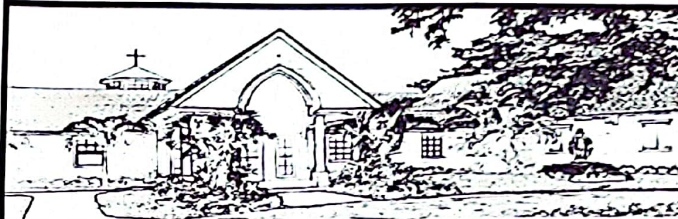


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*"If you wish, You can make me clean."*

*"Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name." (CF. Psalm 31[30]:3-4)*

*February 14th, 2021*  
*6th Sunday in Ordinary*  
*Time*

*1st Reading: Leviticus*  
*13:1-2, 44-46*  
*2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians*  
*10:31 – 11:1*  
*Gospel: Mark 1:40-45*

*February 21st, 2021*  
*1st Sunday of Lent*  
*1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15*  
*2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22*  
*Gospel: Mark 1:12-15*



Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder,  
 S.T.D., C.M.G. Archbishop  
 of Nassau.  
 Fr. Noël Clarke, Pastor  
 Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte,  
 Deacon

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
 SUNDAYS: 7:00 & 9:00am  
 WEEKDAYS: 6:15 am  
 Wednesdays - Adoration at  
 5:30pm & Mass  
 HOLIDAYS: 8:00 a.m.  
 Bible Study Monday  
 6:15pm—Virtual  
 CONFESSIONS:  
 SUNDAY: by appointment

**BAPTISMS:** Call Parish  
 Office to arrange

**A WARM AND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS!**

Please come again and if you would like to become a member, our contacts are listed above.

To our members, We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers!





## Let us Pray

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Sir Basil Albury, Alice Anthony, Paul Barnett Sr, Rosemary Black, Donnalee Colebrook, Dorothy Curry, Tommy Demeritte, Jacqueline Dyce, Carol & Sylvia Edgcombe, Michael Farrington, Hartman Johnson, Edward Kerr, Ruth Knowles, Terrance Knowles, Paula Lundy, Barbara Morley, Hosea Moss, Carmel Mortimer, Shirley Pinder, Mackey Rolle, Martha Roberts, Vernon Ritchie, Terry Rodgers, Kyandre Sands, Giovanni Small, Mable Smith, Dorothy Symonette, Lucinda Symonette, Jacinta White, and Monique Young, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you, or a member of your family is ill, or if you know of a parishioner that is ill, please notify the parish office).



## Daily Scripture Reading

**Monday** James 1:1-11  
15th Resp. Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76  
Gospel Mark 8:11-13

**Tuesday** James 1:12-18  
16th Resp. Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19  
Gospel Mark 8:14-21

**Wednesday** Ash Wednesday  
17th Joel 2:12-18  
Resp. Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6a, 12-13, 14 and 17  
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2  
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday** Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
18th Resp. Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Gospel Luke 9:22-25

**Friday** Isaiah 58:1-9a  
19th Resp. Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6a, 18-19  
Gospel Matthew 9:14-15

**Saturday** Isaiah 58:9b-14  
20th Resp. Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Gospel Luke 5:27-32

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### Memory Verse

"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."  
~Jeremiah 17:14~

## Happy Birthday Greetings are extended to:

Janniska Maycock, Monique Johnson, Rasheed Oshokoya, (Today) Ashton Butler, Lester Gittens, J'Shaun Richardson, (Mon) Winton Cooper, Annie Knowles, Kendino Rolle, Adrian Williams, (Tue) Makai Penn, Barbara Pinder, Stephen Sargent, (Wed) Ericka Demeritte, Michael Stubbs, Tyler Treco, (Fri) Tunde Davis, Johnell Wells, (Sat) ...and to all celebrating this week.



### Commentators & Lectors

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 14th, 2021

7:00am Deline Gittens — 1st Reader  
Rose Burton — 2nd Reader/Commentator

9:00am Derry Ferguson — 1st Reader  
Marissa Demeritte — 2nd Reader/Commentator

#### 1st Sunday of Lent — February 21st, 2021

7:00am Lananita Edgcombe — 1st Reader  
Daria Adderley — 2nd Reader/Commentator

9:00am Mary Musgrove — 1st Reader  
Phyllandra Bain-Wood — 2nd Reader/Commentator

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### Happy Anniversary

The parish community extends happy anniversary to:

♦ Ricardo & Alexandria Taylor celebrating their 18th on Monday, February 15th.

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### Archdiocesan City Wide Mission

The Archdiocesan City Wide Mission will be held from Monday, February 22nd to Thursday, February 25th  
Virtual livestream from 7.00pm nightly.

## Reflecting on the Word

### Open to New Life

On the one hand, there are suffering human beings like Job, slaves longing for the shade. On the other hand, there is God who cares about us, who heals the brokenhearted. Leprosy was a terrible disease in biblical times. Highly contagious, it was fatal, since there was no cure for it. The law could do nothing other than exclude lepers from participation in the life of the community.

There was more to it than that. The Responsorial Psalm 32 is a reminder that in biblical times people often regarded sin as the cause of disease. Lepers were therefore sinners, and the community excluded them from its worship. In a theocracy such as Israel, exclusion from the temple was a fate worse than death.

Jesus enters the scene as the healer of lepers. Those, for whom the law offers no hope, find in Jesus their savior, their key to re-entry into the human community.

We have our own "lepers" today. They are the wretched people of the world's slums, the ones dying of Covid-19, the ones sitting on death row. The law of society has nothing of hope to offer them. Their only hope is in the "great prophet [who] has appeared among us," and in those followers of Jesus like Paul, "seeking not my own advantage, but that of the many."

The mystery of the human condition is such that, in one way or another, all will face pain, reversal, and, ultimately, the mystery of death itself. Seen through the eyes of faith, however, this mystery is not closed in upon itself.

Through sharing in the cross of Christ, human suffering and pain have a redemptive meaning and goal. They have the potential of opening a person to new life. They also present an opportunity and a challenge to all, calling us to respond to suffering just as Jesus did—with love and care.

U.S. Bishops, 1987, *The Many Faces of AIDS: A Gospel Response* ~Gerald Darring

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#### HE FIRST READING~ Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent

and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!'"

Pollution! Covid! Discrimination! Trafficking! O Divine Physician, Give your healing touch. Send us in your name and power to rid the world of all that is infected now. Let nothing in this world remain outside your touch.

#### THE SECOND READING~ 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

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

Whether we eat or drink, or whether we dig ditches, compose songs, feed the hungry, write books, count stars in the skies, or in anything we do, Holy Spirit, let us do everything for the glory of God. Since in him we live and move and have our being. ~Anne Osdieck

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### Ash Wednesday Masses and Stations of the Cross

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held February 17th at 6.15am and 7.00pm in the Church.

Stations of the Cross begin on Friday, February 19th at 7.00pm in the Church.