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February 11, 2024 The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



This week at Holy Family...

Sunday, February 11th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in South Annex
- OCIA 11:00am in Parish Hall

Monday, February 12th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Catholic Daughters 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 13th:

- No Mass
- Knights of Columbus 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 14th:

- Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30am & 6:00pm
- Rice Meal at School 11:15am
- 1st Communion/Confirmation Class 4:00pm in South Annex

Thursday February 15th:

- No Daily Mass

Friday, February 16th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in the church followed by Soup and Bread in the church hall.

Saturday, February 17th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm
- Wine & Cheese

Sunday, February 18th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in the South Annex
- OCIA 11:00am in the Parish Hall

Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	2/10/2024	4:00pm
Sunday	2/11/2024	9:00am
Monday	2/12/2024	8:00am
Tuesday	2/13/2024	—
Wednesday	2/14/2024	8:30am 6:00pm
Thursday	2/15/2024	8:00am
Friday	2/16/2024	8:00am
Saturday	2/17/2024	4:00pm
Sunday	2/18/2024	9:00am

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No Mass
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No Mass
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- *Building Maintenance Fund*
- *Holy Family School Collection*
- *Youth Group Collection*

If you have your weekly/monthly donations automatically taken out of your bank account, here is a list of the "special collections" you may not know of. *Thank you.*

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Stewardship: A Way of Life!

Talent:

Thank you Kathy Meshishnek for being the lead point for this years HFS Book Fair.

Treasure:

The collection for the week of 2/4/2024
Actual \$9,431

*This week's topic at OCIA will be
"The Blessed Virgin Mary: The Saints"*

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, our OCIA program has started in the church hall at 11:00am after coffee and donuts. Please join us!

The Men of Holy Family Catholic Church are invited to come for a Holy Hour of silent prayer every Thursday at 6:00pm in the Church.

Kneeler for receiving Communion. We have several requests to have a kneeler to help those who wish to kneel during Communion time. Starting February 17th, there will be a kneeler on Father's side where he gives Communion for anyone who wishes to utilize it.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 8:45am in the church hall after morning Mass. Please join us!

Join us for Soup and Bread each Friday during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be at 5:30pm followed by Soup and Bread in the church hall



Reflection for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mercy is at the heart of the Christian life. No matter where Jesus went or what he did, mercy was essential. Jesus' healing ministry responds to the world's people's need for God's mercy.

God wishes for all of us to be made clean. No matter our circumstances or fears, Jesus makes us whole again. God's mercy is more significant than anything we may be experiencing. All we have to do is call on the Lord. Jesus knows our situation and wants to heal us. What's stopping you from calling out for mercy?

Some say they are waiting to get their lives in order before calling God. Jesus wants to meet us where we are. It is while on the journey that we can find our healing. God never gets tired of showing us mercy.

The leper in today's Gospel did not hesitate to approach Jesus, asking for healing. Even though he is considered "unclean" and lives outside of the community, Jesus heals him and restores him to it. Who are those who live outside of our communities? How can we help with their restoration?

Jesus is always in the business of healing and restoring us with our community. No longer having to live on the outside, the restored leper couldn't help but tell the story of his healing. May our re-entry into the community be a cause for rejoicing in our story of healing and God's compassion.

<https://spiritans.org/news/reflection-for-the-6th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-february-11-2024#:~:text=Reflection%20for%20the%206th%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time%20%2D%20February%2011%2C%202024,-Daily%20Readings%20and&text=Mercy%20is%20at%20the%20heart,people's%20need%20for%20God's%20mercy.>

Sunday Connection

Background on the Gospel Reading

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. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

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.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32, or pray the Prayer for Vocations.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/sixth-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>



The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 11) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Love Beyond Words".

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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<https://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/>

Ash Wednesday on FORMED

Fr. John Burns invites you on a pilgrimage this Lent using Return: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation. Fr. John will be your guide through what is the most difficult season of the Church, yet also the most transformative. Are you ready to enter the desert and experience the richness of the Paschal Mystery?

Introduction Trailer : <https://watch.formed.org/videos/trailer-return-lent-with-fr-john-burns>



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God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen.

Join us for Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday Feb. 14th @ 8:30am and 6:00pm

Volunteers still needed for these Ministries.

Please sign up on your MSP App or call the Parish Office.

This is the last weekend to

bring in old Palms.

Ash Wednesday this year is February 14th. There is a basket in the south entry to bring in your old palms so the school can burn them for their Ash Wednesday service.

Ministries Schedule

Please register for open positions on your MSP app or call the parish office. Thank you!

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Ash Wednesday 8:30am	Ministries provided by the HFS Children			Ushers are not needed for Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday 6:00pm	Not Filled	Pat Petty	Not Filled Not Filled	
Saturday February 17th 4:00pm	Brian Shinn	Pat Petty	Addy Aceveda Ella Miller	Leonard Babino Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday February 18th 9:00am	Christian Leer Pat Wolf	Kerri Bailey	Ashley Eggleston Anna Eggleston	Mark Ackerman Brian Babino Ron Gosselin Doug Weaver



Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the parish office at 758-6102 or email to dparis@dioceseofspokane.org if you would like someone to be added.

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Catholic Daughters, Our next

meeting is Monday February 12th, 2024 at Holy Family Church Annex at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you all there, Kathy

Letter from Father

11 February 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Are You Ready To Humble?!

Greetings,

Lent is a season of penance and ascetical warfare. The enemy is concupiscence (now there's a 15-cent word, you should look it up), the world, and the devil. The goal is pure hearts so that we can joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at Easter. Lent is, in its own way, a microcosm of our entire struggle on earth, just as the Paschal feast of Easter is a microcosm of our heavenly triumph in Christ. It is vital for us to remember that a good Lent takes focus and discipline, and it can easily be wasted. In my own experience, I often begin the Lenten season with the best of intentions. I imagine myself going full monk, fasting and praying as ardently as one of the monastic fathers in the desert. And *maybe* for the first week I succeed through sheer strength of will. Then, just when I am feeling good about myself, everything falls apart and I come face to face with my own weakness. We've all been there at some point, and so here are seven practical ways to have a good Lent.

First, have a plan. The fastest way to ruin Lent is to have good intentions but no plan. Be specific. "I'm going to pray more," isn't good enough. Once you've determined what you are going to do, stick to it every single day. Make it doable. Often, we are overly ambitious and commit to way too much. When we fail in our Lenten goals, we grow discouraged and give up completely. This is a victory for the devil. Make your commitments modest and practical, and your Lent will be the better for it.

Read a good book during Lent. The saints are constantly exhorting us to read good spiritual books, and there is no better time to begin this practice than during Lent. Reading Scripture or the writings of the saints is a great place to start.

Next, Lent is an excellent time to take an inventory of the state of your soul. What are your predominant faults? Do you have any hidden idols in your life? What is keeping you from following the will of God with all your heart? Use a thorough examination of conscience to help you assess your spiritual health. Remember, Lent is not ultimately about giving up sweets or other things we enjoy, it is first and foremost about repentance, which means giving up sin and returning to God. While taking inventory of your sins may be painful, it is a healthy pain that restores the soul.

Make sure to go to confession. After examining your conscience, the logical next step is to go to confession. Before receiving the sacrament of penance, though, remember the five requirements for a good confession: 1) Examination of conscience 2) True contrition for having offended God 3) Firm resolution to sin no more 4) Clear confession (don't hold any sins back) 5) Penance for the sins you have committed.

As St. Teresa of Calcutta said to her sisters, there are three things you must do; pray, and pray, and pray. Lent is a great time to plan and implement a daily prayer rule that can guide you the rest of the year. During this season, however, we should especially focus our prayers on repentance and contrition for our sins. Here are some suggestions for Lenten prayer.

Making a good Lent means that we must fast. This is something we should be doing all year round, not just during Lent. Still, Lent is a very good time to refocus our efforts and renew our commitment. We should especially focus on fasting from things related to our predominant sins.

While fasting from certain foods is an excellent ascetical practice, we do not have to limit our Lenten fasting to things we eat. Remember the words of Jesus: "If your eye offends you, pluck it out." Nothing should stand between us and the heavenly kingdom, and we should be intentional about cutting off those things that are causing us to sin.

Take the opportunity to give alms. During Lent, we especially remember the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. This is the greatest act of generosity in history, for Jesus died not just for his friends, but for his enemies. "God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The generosity of Christ should impel us to be generous and merciful to others, especially those poor and in need. This Lent, find a way to give. Remember the promise of Jesus, "And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

In the words of the late, great Gene Kranz, "Failure is not an option!" This Lent, do your best. Strive to root out sin and cultivate holiness. But when you fail, realize that even those who can be considered righteous fall seven times daily (Prov. 24:16). Let your failure be a lesson in humility that drives you back to the grace of God flowing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Blessings,
Fr. Jeff Core

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Our **Love the Wine You're With** event was well supported. With preliminary numbers it looks like we will meet our \$10,000 goal. Thank you for your contributions!

Our students **collected canned food and donations** during CSW last week, as a service project, and will donate it to a local Catholic Charity.

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is OPEN! We will leave it open to current families to re-enroll during the month of February and then open it to new students beginning March 1. After enrollment opens to the community, spots are unable to be held. If you know of someone who is interested in joining our school family community, please encourage them to contact the office and schedule a tour.

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*Our grateful hearts are lifted in prayer,
remembering our donors for their generous light that shines in our path.*

Next week:

- Tues, 2/13 – Fat Tuesday: Pancake Feed at parish hall by the Knights of Columbus, cupcakes for Mardi Gras at lunch, Valentine Parties & our palm burning prayer service, wear red/pink
- Wed, 2/14 – Ash Wednesday mass 8:30 a.m.
- Wed, 2/14 – Rice Meal 11:15 a.m. – If you would like to attend, please call the school office by Monday (alumni welcome to partake in the Rice Meal)
- 2/16 – 2/19 – Mid Winter break, no school/office closed

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