

Our Lady of the Desert



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Por cita en (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María—3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:40am

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración 7:30am y Misa a las 8:00am

Martes, Miércoles Jueves, Viernes:

Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Viernes: a las 6:00pm Rosario Reina de la Paz
con Adoración

Sábado: Adoración: 7:30am y a las 8:00am

Misa en Honor de Virgen María



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

Jesús le mandó con severidad: "No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés". Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad. - Mc 1, 44-45

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February 11th, 2024

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary - 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:30am Adoration & Mass 8:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Friday: At 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with
Adoration

Saturday: Adoration: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass
In Honor of the Virgin Mary

Reflection for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time : Year B
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 11, 2024
Fr. Randy Hoang

Readings: Lv 13:1–2, 44–46 • Ps 32:1–2, 5, 11 • 1 Cor 10:31–11:1 • Mk 1:40–

45 bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021124.cfm

“If you wish, you can make me clean.” Lepers, as you know, have a bacterial infection that eats away at their flesh and gives them a pungent odor. At the time of Jesus, leprosy — now known under its scientific name, Hansen’s disease — was considered so contagious that those with it were quarantined for life and were cast out from their family, from their jobs, from the synagogue and from the temple. They were ostracized from all things human. Anyone who touched a leper became, under the Jewish custom, unclean.

And here, one of the most physically disgusting and repulsive human beings imaginable, a leper, came to Jesus, knelt down and begged Jesus to cure him.

The man in this Gospel, as a sign of great desperation, broke all Jewish convention to come close to Jesus. The people around Jesus most likely, out of fear of catching it, ran away from him. But what was Jesus’ reaction to this man on his knees before him?

To the leper’s plea of faith, “*If you wish, you can make me clean,*” Jesus, filled with compassion, stretched out his hand and *touched* the leper. Imagine the shrieks of onlookers. It was probably

the first time a non-leper had touched him in years.

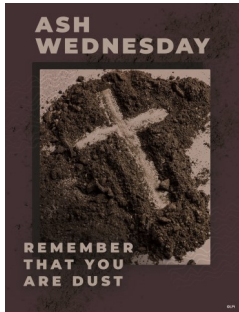
Then Jesus said the words that were the answer to the man’s prolonged prayers: “*I do will it. Be made clean!*” He was immediately made whole.

This Gospel ties in beautifully as we enter into the Season of Lent. During Lent, each of us is called to approach Jesus with faith, with all our sins that are eating away our souls like Hansen’s disease and say, “*If you wish, you can make me clean.*” And Jesus wants to say to each of us in return, “*I do will it. Be made clean.*” Lent is a time of cleansing. The practice of prayer helps us to overcome the leprosy of focusing on ourselves and to put God first. The practice of almsgiving helps us to conquer the leprosy of selfishness and put others ahead of ourselves. The practice of fasting helps us to triumph against the leprosy of pleasure-seeking, so that we can learn how to hunger for what God hungers.

Each of us needs to be humble enough to recognize our need and come to God so that he, moved with compassion, can stretch out his hand, touch us and heal

us.

*Fr. Victor is scheduled
To be at "Our Lady of the Desert"
the 4th Sunday of every month.
(Dates are subject to change)*



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

Services

12:00noon & 6:00pm

Soup / Sandwich Supper
Served after the Services

Miercoles de Cenisa 14 de Febrero 2024

Servicios

12 de Mediodia y
6:00 pm



Sopa / Sandwich para comer
Despues de el servicio

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4,
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."
(Lv 13:8)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
(Mk 1:41-42)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

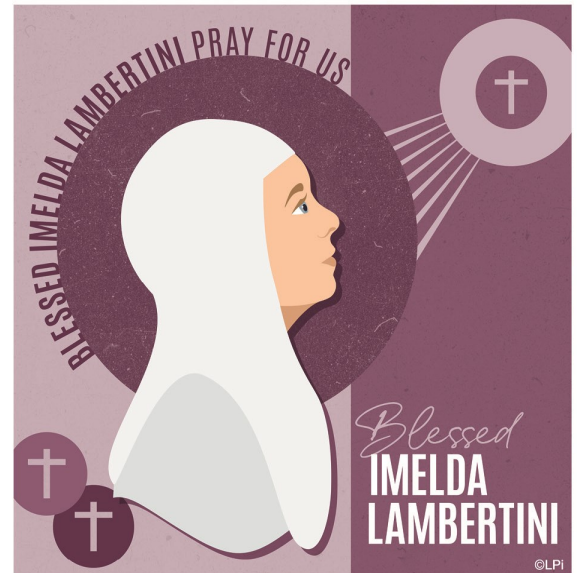
Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Blessed Imelda Lambertini was only 11 when she passed away. Despite this, her profound devotion to the Lord and the miraculous events surrounding her life have inspired generations to embrace the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist with childlike faith.

Prayer for Healing

Dear Jesus,

If you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past. If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read “The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka. It’s a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

“Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch,” our teacher told us. “Without each other, we curl up and die.”

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. “I feel like a leper,” we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn’t begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

*“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”
— Mark 1:41*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.



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