



Leprosy was a highly contagious skin disease that led to certain death for anyone who caught it in Jesus' time. For good reason the Jewish law demanded that a leper live set apart and scream out as he walked along to keep everyone at a safe distance. Imagine the pitiful scene of everyone discreetly but purposefully moving away at the sound of someone screaming, "Unclean, unclean!"

Yet the leper doesn't scream to keep Jesus away. He walks right up to our Lord and confesses his faith in Jesus' power to heal him of this incurable bacteria. He humbly admits his contagious illness and places himself before Jesus. And unlike anyone else might do, Jesus doesn't run away, he walks toward him. He does the unthinkable. He touches him!

We need not be ashamed of our deadly sin that eats away at our heart and cripples our ability to love. Go to Jesus, expose it to him, and let his loving touch transform you.

The terrible disease of leprosy was still a major problem well into the nineteenth century when St. Damian, a Belgian missionary, went to the Hawaiian Island of Molokai to serve as parish priest to all the lepers quarantined on that island. Not fearing to touch them, he cared for them for many years until, as expected, he contracted the disease and died of it. This is what it means to be a Christian! Be like Jesus. Be not afraid of your wounds or those of others, no matter how repellent, and give of yourself to care for them. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

#### In Our Prayers Are ...

Amelia Adamski, Marie Bomek, Jean Boutillier, Steve Bradley, Judy Bryant, Royal Derhak, Bernice Deurbrouck, Rachel Declercq, Ron Ediger, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Eugene & Margaret Fitzpatrick, Colette Garlinski, Mildred Gareau, Jenny Hamill, Colin Hardy, Emily Jaffray, Ralph &Margaret Jonasson, Angela Lau, Diane Lomas, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Norman Mymko, Hermine Nintiema, Paul Omilanow, Walter Poruchny, Katherine Pouch, Daniel Roy, Bonnie Schellenberg, Josephine Tarr, Bob Young and the homebound.

**Join in Praying for Life.** Each Wednesday the rosary will be prayed at 12:00 PM in the chapel of the Assiniboine Centre at the BRHC. The intention of these prayers surrounds the respect and dignity owed to all human life.

#### **Praying with Pope Francis - February**

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

#### Sunday 11:00 am Choir

If you are interested in joining the 11:00 am Choir please call Laura Bohrn at 204-725-0668.

#### **Marriage Preparation**

An expectation exists that engaged couples complete a marriage preparation course prior to marrying at St. Augustine Church. Preparation courses consist of one evening session per week over a span of six weeks. The next preparation course will be offered from March 8 - April 19, 2018. For more information contact Bob & Annette Boucher at (204)-727-6035.

#### Theology on Tap

A discussion series for young adults ages 18-35. The events occur monthly at the Double Decker Tavern, and appetizers are provided. Everyone welcome!

- Monday, February 26th 7pm Speaker Fr. Kelly Wilson
- Topic: Does Gender Matter?

#### **Knights of Columbus - Chase The Ace**

Drop by Houston's between 5 and 7 PM on Saturdays. The Chase the Ace money pot is now standing at \$1,700. Tickets are \$2 a piece and proceeds are going to our church's kitchen renovations! Please come and join us!

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the St. Augustine's Fish Fry from 5-6 PM on all Fridays during Lent. The cost of the meal is \$13 per person. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow parishioners, family and friends. The first Fish Fry will be on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Square. If you have any questions, please call Jim Dyck at 725-2795. Please note that on **February 23 & March 9** the meals will be served in the school gymnasium.

#### Registration for Kindergarten at St. Augustine School

The registration process for St. Augustine School has been changed and will now be coordinated by the Brandon School Division. New Kindergarten students with older siblings will still be given first priority to keep families together, however instead of the registration forms being submitted to the school office, they now must be submitted to the Brandon School Division office at 1031 – 6th Street.

Application forms are available on the Brandon School Division web-site, at the Brandon School Division Office and at St. Augustine School. Application period for St. Augustine School Kindergarten January 29, 2018 to February 15, 2018 – 9:00AM to 4:30PM. Paper applications are to be dropped off to the Brandon School Division Office, 1031 6th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 4K5

#### Development and Peace Pre-Lenten Thought

Thanks to the annual Share Lent Collection, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries across the world! There are many ways to participate in Share Lent. Consider using the Solidarity Calendar which has been inserted into the bulletin. You can also make a donation on Solidarity Sunday which will occur on the weekend of 17 & 18 March.

Dear Padre: Why is church often packed on Ash Wednesday, even though it is not a holy day of obligation? Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation.

Holy days of obligation draw well—but it's standing-room only on Ash Wednesday. There's something undeniably elemental about the ugly smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. It is as if to say, "I'm Catholic and proud of it."

Ash Wednesday is unique because it signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people in the world. As we recall and celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

The symbols of Ash Wednesday touch us powerfully. When we hear, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," we are reminded of our vulnerability and dependence on God. Despite our mechanisms of power, ultimately, like dust in the wind, we can be whisked away in an instant and brought to our knees.

At the same time, we are called to scale the spiritual heights to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel, affirming that we are a people with an enduring destiny and a sacred mission in the world. Together we get our ashes and turn back to the Lord. Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org From Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask, © 2003 Liguori Publications

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, February 13-7:00 pm

Genny Bourassa(Ray Bourassa)

ASH Wednesday, February 14-9:30 am

Pauline Scott (Dad)

4:00 pm

†Mirek Lorenc (Adam, Laura & Family)

7:00 pm

Deceased K of C (K of C)

Thursday, February 15 - 9:30 am -

†Natasha Clark (Simms Family)

Fairview PCH 10:30 am

Fr. Pat Martin (Bea Gross)

Friday, February 16 - 12:15 pm

†Hiep Vuong (Long Vuong & Family)

Saturday, February 11 -

9:30 am

Deceased Vu Family (Vajdik Family)

4:00 pm

†Terry Mashinter(Melina Edmundson)

Sunday, February 18 -

9:00 am

†Bud Smith (Lucy & Family)

11:00 am

†Mary Lou Michalyshyn (Josephine Cousin & Family)

7:00 pm

For the people... (Fr. Michael)

11:00 am Souris - For the people.....(Fr. Michael)

If you are new to the church please come in or call the Parish Office to register. If you are moving please let us know your new address. Welcome!

If you have moved or if you have changed your phone number please call the office and tell us of these changes so we can update our data base. Thank you. The Week Ahead

**Monday** 7:00 pm Prayer Group

**Tuesday** 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm K of C Mass & Meeting

Wednesday 10:00 am Serra Meeting

2:00 pm Hampers

**Thursday** 9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Society

1:15 pm Bible Study6:30 pm Catechism Class

7:00 pm RCIA

7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Friday** 1:00-3:00 pm Adoration with Benediction

5:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (CWL)

**Saturday** 1:00 pm Wedding

3:00 pm Choir Practice

**Sunday** NO Confirmation Class

NO Catechism Class

**Financial Report** 

Weekend Collection for February 4, 2018 - \$9,791.31

Weekly Expenses are approximately \$ 11,000.

Weekly shortage was \$1,208.69

2018 shortage to date \$6,251.77

Sharing God's Gifts Target for 2018 - \$48,620.

Amount collected - \$6,749.00

Amount owing - \$41,871.00

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