

**Mass Intention**  
**13 February - 21 February 2021**

- 13 February 2021 - Saturday - Weekday  
 4.30 pm: +Katherine Mary Sommers
- 14 February 2021 - Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8.30 am: Kelly Flynn (L) by Ed Sykes  
 11.00 am: +Dr. Antonio Richaforte by Roger & Emily Dannie
- 15 February 2021 - Monday - Weekday - President's Day  
 8.30 am:
- 16 February 2021 - Tuesday - Weekday  
 8.30 am:
- 17 February 2021 - ASH WEDNESDAY  
 8.30 am:  
 11.00 am:
- 18 February 2021 - Thursday - after Ash Wednesday  
 8.30 am:
- 19 February 2021 - Friday - after Ash Wednesday  
 8.30 am:
- 20 February 2021 - Saturday - after Ash Wednesday  
 4.30 pm: +Ken Palmer by Mary Delia McDonnell
- 21 February 2021 - Sunday - First Sunday of Lent  
 8.30 am: +Ken Palmer by Anne M King & Family  
 11.00 am: +Dr. Antonio Richaforte by Roger & Emily Dannie

**“The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.” – Pope Francis**

ASH WEDNESDAY and  
 GOOD FRIDAY are days of Fast  
 and Abstinence. FRIDAYS in  
 Lent are days of Abstinence.

<b>Stewardship February 7, 2021</b>	
Sunday Collection	\$ 906.00
Candle	\$ 26.00
Poor Box	\$ 35.00

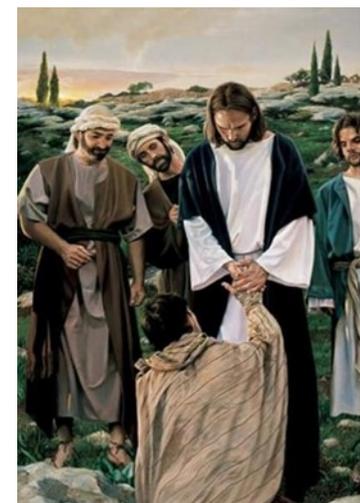
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**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Moved  
 with pity,  
 Jesus  
 said to  
 him**

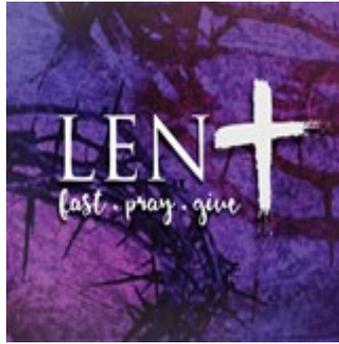


**“I do  
 will  
 It.  
 Be  
 made  
 clean.”**

**Regular Mass with Social – Distancing**  
 Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church  
 Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church  
 11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

**“Renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope,  
 and receive with open hearts the love of God.”  
 – Pope Francis**

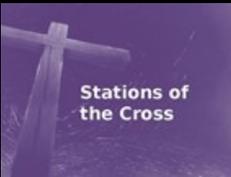
## SEASON OF LENT



Dear Brothers & Sisters, Lent is the season for prayerful and penitential preparation for the feast of Easter. Lent is the penitential season of approximately 40 days set aside by the Church in order for the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. During this holy season, Church members prepare for Easter by a recalling of Baptism and by works of penance, that is, **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.**

Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter. It's one of the important times of year for Christians around the world. While Advent is a celebration and a time of great anticipation, Lent is more frequently seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent has been a traditional time for fasting or giving something up or abstinence.

**Ash Wednesday begins Lent.** Ash Wednesday is the clarion call to "Repent and believe the gospel" (Mk 1:15). The day gets its name from the traditional blessing of the ashes taken after the burning of Palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations. The ashes are used to draw a cross on the head of people to mark the beginning of their Lent fast. The drawing of a cross is often done while repeating the words "Repent and Believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:15) or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:19).



**Stations of the Cross is celebrated at 7 pm on every Friday of the Lent – at Holy Cross**

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Jerome Bauer, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk, Vincent McCarthy and all sick and needy.



## LITURGY OF WORD

**First Reading:** Lev 13:1-2, 44 - 46

**Second Reading:** 1Cor 10:31-11:1

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1: 40 - 45

All three readings today contain the Christian teaching on the need for social acceptance especially when people are different from us. They also tell us that it is purity or holiness of soul coming from God that cleanses our lives.

In the Book of Leviticus, God called Moses and His chosen people to holiness and purity.

That is why the first reading teaches the theme of freedom from bodily and ritual impurity as a sign of internal holiness. This freedom is symbolized by the precautions against contracting leprosy given in the first reading and by the healing of the leper described in the Gospel. The first reading shows the ancient Jewish attitude toward leprosy and the rules for segregating lepers. This provides a background for Jesus' healing of a leper.

In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32), the psalmist exhorts us to rejoice in the Lord because He purifies us from our sins: "*I confessed my faults to the LORD, and You took away my guilt.*" The psalm serves as a mini treatise on reconciliation, covering the meaning of the spiritual leprosy of sin and showing how we are forgiven by a sacramental encounter with God: "*I turn to You, Lord, in times of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.*" In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts us to testify to our healing from the leprosy of sin by living changed lives, expressed in our doing "*everything for the glory of God*" and for the salvation of others.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust and inhuman social isolation and ostracism to which the lepers were subjected.



**With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father**

**Fr. John Kennady MMI**

**Dn. John Lyttle**

**14 February 2021**