

Lent Monday Week 3 Year A (*2 Kg 5:1-1b5; Lk 4:24-30*)

THEME: God Heals in Simple Ways

These readings are fitting our current turbulent experiences. When Naaman, the Syrian leper, went to the land of Israel to seek a cure for his leprosy, he was surprised that the treatment the Prophet Elisha prescribed for his cure was familiar and simple. Naaman was indignant, then he repented and followed the prophet's instructions. In doing so, he was immediately restored in body and spirit.

The miraculous healing of Naaman in the Jordan River prefigures the mystery of the healing through the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. Jesus did not hesitate to confront the people of Nazareth with their sin of indifference and unbelief. Jesus's rebuke was met with indignation and hostility. Notwithstanding, God gives grace to the humble who seek him with expectant faith, with repentant hearts that want to be made whole and clean again. Our Lord Jesus graciously set us free from every crisis, menace, uncertainty, sinful habit, and every harmful way of relating to our neighbor if we allow him to cleanse and heal us. God uses our simple words and actions to bring about healings to others.

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