

# GOOD NEWS!

**FEBRUARY 14, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 / Mk 1:40-45

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprosy and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority, some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

# Dear Padre

**At Mass on holy days of obligation, there's a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation?**

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it's "standing room only" on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it's considered a "holy" day by most Catholics.

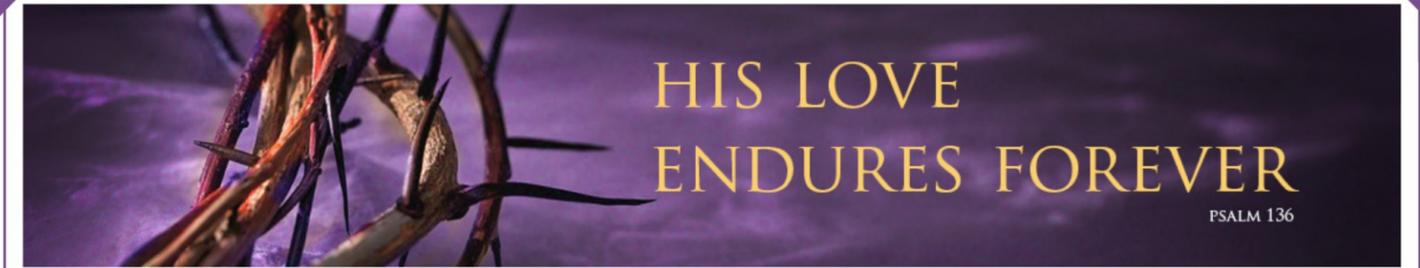
There's something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It's a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it's "spiritual gut-check" time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It's as if we are saying, "I'm Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I'm not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I'm going to try again."

Ash Wednesday 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—a 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. As we celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

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## Scripture Readings for the week of Feb 15—21

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Gn 4:1-15, 25	Gn 6:5-8,	Jl 2:12-18	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Gn 9:8-15
Mk 8:11-13	7:1-5,10	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	1 Pt 3:18-22
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18				Mt 1:12-15



## 2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

Mondays: 9 am - St. Anne  
 Tuesdays: 9 am - St. Anne  
 Wednesdays: 9 am - St. Gabriel  
 Thursdays: 9 am - St. Catherine

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne  
 Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine  
 Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine  
 Fridays: 5:30-6:30 pm - Following Stations  
 Saturdays: 3:30 pm - St. Raphael

Communal Penance Service & First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30 pm at St. Anne

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call parish office for home visits

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne  
 Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine  
 Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine  
 Churches open for prayer during the day

### LENTEN REFLECTION

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm - St. Catherine  
 Can be followed virtually  
[www.resurrectionacgr.org](http://www.resurrectionacgr.org)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays at St. Raphael at 4:30 pm  
 Fridays at 5 pm  
 Confessions following for an hour  
 February 19 - St. Anne      March 12 - St. Raphael  
 February 26 - St. Catherine      March 19 - St. Anne  
 March 5 - St. Gabriel      March 26 - St. Catherine

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 14 FEBRUARY 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Gospel this Sunday Jesus encounters a man with leprosy. Jesus was “moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean’” (Mk 1:40-45). In ancient times there was no cure for leprosy. The community had immense fear of the disease and the only answer they had was quarantine and isolation of the infected. Sound familiar? We are no different from our ancestors. We may have more technology and better science – but in the end, we are afraid of disease and death. Jesus was moved with pity and touched the infected man. How have we experienced Jesus’ mercy, forgiveness, and pity? How have our lives been ‘touched by Jesus’? Or are we trapped by fear?

As we begin the holy season of Lent on Wednesday let us once again go out into the desert with Jesus to find purification, healing, and forgiveness. Lent is a time of conversion and change. Last year our Lent was interrupted by the coming of Covid-19. How can we experience deeply this time of conversion this Lent in preparation for once again celebrating Our Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection?

Some areas of reflection as we begin Lent:

1) Prayer – Come away with me and rest, says the Lord. How can I spend time in prayer? What area of my life should I ‘mute’, so that I can hear God’s voice? Could I stop by and visit Our Lord in the quiet of the church?

2) Fasting – What could I do without these 40 days to make more room for God in my life? What material goods control me rather than I turning over control to God?

3) Almsgiving – How can I share the gifts and talents that God has blessed me with for the good of others? Who, less fortunate than I, could use my help?

God bless,

Please take special note of the Lenten Schedule on the cover of the bulletin. Please feel free to post it on your refrigerator or some other prominent place as a reminder of all the ways that we’re invited to enter into this holy season of Lent.



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, February 14, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Don Zielinski*

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Craig Rolston*

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Joe Bielusiak*

Monday, February 15,  
**NO MASS**

Tuesday, February 16,  
**NO MASS**

Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Mass with distribution of ashes, St. Gabriel  
*Don Zielinski*

9:30 am Rosary, St. Gabriel

12:00 pm Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes St. Anne

4:30 pm Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes St. Raphael

5-6:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Catherine

6:30 pm Mass with distribution of ashes  
St. Catherine

Thursday, February 18, Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*John Dumont*

9:30-10:30 am Adoration St. Catherine

4:30 pm Stations of the Cross St. Raphael

Friday, February 19, NO MASS

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross St. Anne

5:30 pm Confession St. Anne

Saturday, February 20,

3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

Rosary is prayed half an hour before all Masses

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Alice Marciniak*

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Dorothy Kauffman*

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Vicki King*

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Kelly Kruttlin*

We remember all the faithful departed from our parishes and especially those who passed away this past week: **Rev. Michael Conner & Rev. Paul Megge**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10). Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. A portion of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$68,615.36	\$83,006.40	\$17,763.20	\$23,692.16
Actual year-to-date	\$71,388.13	\$86,113.29	\$16,684.52	\$24,841.94
Feb. 7	\$3,949.88	\$2,195.00	\$555.00	\$613.17
Other Collections:	\$87.00	\$270.00	\$5.00	\$110.00

**Pray for Our Priests & Religious**

Sunday—Rev. Mitchel Roman  
Monday—Rev. Richard Schaeffer  
Tuesday—Rev. Lawrence Sergott  
Wednesday—Rev. James Siler  
Thursday—Rev. Rolando Silva  
Friday—All Deacons  
Saturday—Rev. Kenneth Stachnik

**New Parish Website**

We are excited to announce to you the launch of our new parish website. Go to [www.resurrectionacgr.org](http://www.resurrectionacgr.org) to check it out. The home page features aerial views of our churches, easy to find buttons for the video Mass, bulletins, online giving, and much more. You can find an up-to-date calendar of all parish events. On the homepage you will find posted all of the latest news and events. Bookmark the website and check it out for the latest news about our parish.

**Volunteers Needed**

St. Vincent de Paul in Mikado is looking for volunteers a few days a week. Must be able to price items and operate a cash register. Please contact April or Leo at (989)736-6271 if interested and for more information on the possibility of turning into employment.

**Don’t forget:** Lenten material in your parish kiosk and your Rice Bowl in the back of church.

**Saint of the Week, Blessed Fra Angelico Feast Day—February 18 c.1400 – 1445**

Fra Giovanni da Fiesole, known as Blessed Fra Angelico, was an early Renaissance painter. After joining the Dominicans in 1420, he began illustrating manuscripts and choir books, beginning each new work with a prayer. His religious altarpieces, paintings and frescoes exploited color for spatial and emotional effect. Fra Angelico, meaning “angelic brother,” decorated an entire Florentine monastery and two Roman chapels. Notable works include his “Annunciation” and “Descent from the Cross.” He declined an appointment as archbishop of Florence and was officially beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Art students often leave written prayers near his tomb in the Church of Santa Maria

**Thank you** to everyone who has already pledged or donated to the renovation of Maria Hall. The architectural drawings are nearing completion and things are progressing well. You can contribute to the project either by mail or by using Online giving (St. Anne Special Projects fund). Please keep this important parish endeavor in your prayers.

**Thank you** for your support! Our parishes recently supported the Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena and Harbor Lights Pregnancy Center in East Tawas. We sent a \$500 donation to each organization to help their important ministry to women and men to choose life. January is dedicated to Respect Life and what a beautiful witness to our Catholic Faith to support both these ministries in our area.

Formed.org has special daily Lenten reflections. Sign up to receive a daily reminder.