



February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



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Fr. Fredy Angel

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Mass Schedule Sunday

English 10:00am

Spanish 12:30am

Classes 11:15am

Monday-Wednesday 12:00pm

Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM English

6:30 PM Bilingual

Confessions

One hour before Mass or by appointment.

Adoration

March 3, 2018 from 5pm to midnight.

Rosary Ministry

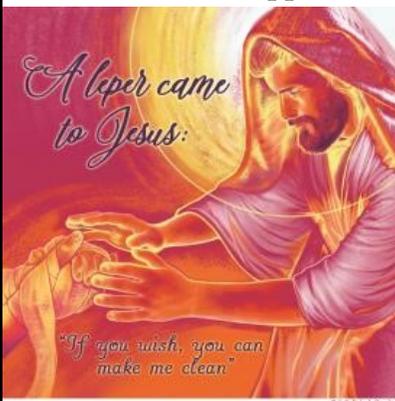
Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364

Knight of Columbus

Round table meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Next: February 13, 2018

IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN!

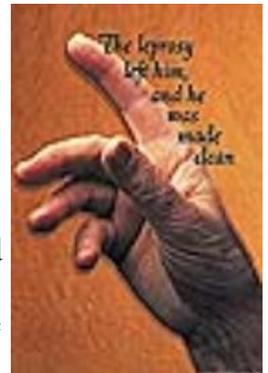
Imagine waking up one day to find a sore or scab and knowing that your life could be forever changed! From the time of Moses, those who were found with persistent skin diseases (known at the time as leprosy) were separated from the community, isolated from family and friends, judged by others and kept apart. What faith the man in today's Gospel must have had to approach Jesus! He not only put his physical life in



Jesus' hands, he trusted that the Lord would look at him with mercy rather than judgment, that Jesus would see him rather than his disease. Jesus looks on us with mercy as well, and waits for us to cry out, "If you wish, you can make me clean." The man is a model of faith, and of the witness of one who cannot help but declare the power of God. He acted as Saint Paul urged the community in Corinth to do, giving glory to God through his actions.

OUT AND IN

The leper who had been cast out was healed. He was suddenly free to interact with others, to dwell with family, to rejoice in the company of friends. He encountered the healing, merciful love of Christ and found new life. The one who healed him, Jesus, was made to stay outside of the towns and villages to which he went, surrounded by people who needed his healing touch. Jesus' love is greater than whatever might trouble us. He looks with compassion on those who are broken, breaking himself open for the sake of others. Jesus puts himself in the place of those who are in need. Those who are on the margins of life or of the faith community are held closely in the loving gaze of the Lord. Those who are ill are assured of God's care and compassion. Those who are weak find strength in Christ, who is ever ready to attend to the needs of the hurting, lost, and broken.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well. Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission. -Rev. James Field, Copyright



Stations of The Cross

Starting Friday February 16 We will begin Our Stations of the Cross . They will be every Friday at 7:00 PM Bilingual.



"Lent 101"

February 21 at 7:00 PM we will be having a Lent presentation directed by Mr. Steven Mancuso.



SAVE THE DATE

February 12 St John in Valdosta will be hosting an open house for grades pre-k through 8th grade from 9-11 am and 5-7 pm. Great opportunity to observe learning in a Catholic environment. *Limited Tuition assistance available.*



St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



Adult Faith Formation Classes

We will be meeting in the Church Conference Room at 11:30am on Sundays. It is open to any adults interested in learning about the Church and our Catholic Faith. For further information, contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at 229-794-9140.



Let us pray for the health of:

Abbigail Christiano, Tripp Lasseter, Fr. Marvin LeFrois & Nathan, Mary Southerland, Reyna Soto

For the Eternal rest of:

All Souls



February 4, 2018

Blessed

Collections

Regular Collection	\$3061.40
Building Fund	\$4272.00