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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 11, 2024

Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel (cf Mk 1:40-45) presents us with the encounter between Jesus and a man who was sick with leprosy. Lepers were considered impure and, according to the prescriptions of the Law, they had to remain outside of inhabited centres. They were excluded from every human, social and religious relationship: for example, they could not enter a synagogue, they could not go into the temple, these were religious restrictions. Jesus, instead, allows this man to draw near him, he is moved even to the point of extending his hand and touching him. This was unthinkable at that time. This is how he fulfils the Good News he proclaims: God draws near to our lives, he is moved to compassion because of the fate of wounded humanity and comes to break down every barrier that prevents us from being in relationship with him, with others and with ourselves. He drew near... Nearness. Compassion. The Gospel says that Jesus, seeing the leper, was moved with compassion, tenderness. Three words that indicate God's style: nearness, compassion, tenderness. In this episode, we can see two "transgressions" that intersect: the transgression of the leper who draws near to Jesus, and should not have done so; and Jesus who, moved with compassion, touches him compassionately to heal him. He should not have done that. Both of them are transgressors. There are two transgressions.

Brothers and sisters, even in today's world, many of our brothers and sisters still suffer from this illness, from Hansen's disease, or from other illnesses and conditions that carry social stigmas with them. "This person is a sinner". Think a moment about when that woman entered the banquet and poured out that perfume on Jesus's feet... The others were saying: "But if he were a prophet he would know who this woman is: a sinner". Disdain. Instead, Jesus welcomes, rather, thanks her: "Your sins are forgiven". Jesus's tenderness. Social prejudices distance these people through words: "This person is impure, that person is a sinner, this person is a crook, that person..." Yes, at times it is true. But not to judge through prejudice. Each one of us might experience wounds, failure, suffering, selfishness that make us close ourselves off from God and others because sin closes us in on ourselves because of shame, because of humiliation, but God wants to open our heart. In the face of all this, Jesus announces to us that God is not an idea or an abstract doctrine but God is the One who "contaminates" himself with our human woundedness and is not afraid to come into contact with our wounds.

To respect the rules regarding good reputation and social customs, we often silence pain or we wear masks that camouflage it. To balance the calculations of our selfishness and the interior laws of our fears we do not get that involved with the sufferings of others. Instead, let us ask the Lord for the grace to live these two "transgressions", these two "transgressions" from today's Gospel: that of the leper, so that we might have the courage to emerge from our isolation and, instead of staying put and feeling sorry for ourselves or crying over our failings, complaining, and instead of this, let us go to Jesus just as we are; "Jesus I am like this". We will feel that embrace, that embrace of Jesus that is so beautiful. And then Jesus's transgression, a love that goes beyond conventions, that overcomes prejudices and the fear of getting involved with the lives of others. Let us learn to be transgressors like these two: like the leper and like Jesus.

May the Virgin Mary accompany us on this journey.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY
Monday to Friday 9 AM

WEEKEND
Saturday 9 AM | 4:30 PM
Sunday 9 AM | 11 AM

FIRST FRIDAY 6:30 PM

SPANISH MASS
3rd Sunday of the Month 4 PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
First Friday 3PM to 6:15PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
TUESDAY to FRIDAY 8:30 - 8:50 AM
SATURDAY
9:30 - 10:30 AM | 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Or by Appointment

SACRAMENTS
BAPTISM
Baby and Child - 1 PM
(2nd and 4th Sundays)

Note: Contact Parish Office to register.
Adults - Please enroll in RCIA or contact Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE
Please do not finalize wedding plans prior to initial meeting with Fr. Rey Usman. A minimum of six months advance notice is needed.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please contact parish office or if after office hours, email Fr. Rey at pastor@pbparish.ca.

Around the Parish

Weekly Calendar

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CATECHISM
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RCIA (Catechism for Adults)
 September to May
 Parish Office - 604.574.4363
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Parish Schedule

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| Mon, February 12 9:00 AM Intentions of Precious Blood Parishioners | SENIORS CARDS 10:30 - 2:30 PM, Columbus Rm |
| Tues, February 13 9:00 AM Michele Broerken † | SSVP Food Dist. Program 10-11 AM @ Vestibule SSVP Mtng - 12 PM @ Bushey Rm |
| Wed, February 14 -ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM Ray Donovan † 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Mass | 9:00 AM - CCS MASS 6:30 PM - PREP MASS |
| Thu, February 15 Intentions of 9:00 AM Stonewell & Panko Families | RCIA PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM @ Bushey Rm. |
| Fri, February 16 Intentions of 9:00 AM Soli & Family | |
| Sat, February 17 9:00 AM Julie Devries † 4:30 PM Joel Felix Daniels † | Legion Of Mary Mtg. 10-11:30 AM @ Bushey Rm |
| Sun, February 18 Thanksgiving for 9:00 AM Eladio Tria 11:00 AM Gordon Aucoin † | 4:00 PM-SPANISH MASS |

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: FEBRUARY 2024

For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Next Sunday's 2nd Collection is for St. Joseph's Society which assists retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serve our local churches in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Please donate generously.

PLEASE PRAY FOR



The sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Bernadette Leclair, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Christopher, Grace, Anna & Josh Lasell, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Joyce Krahnbel, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu, Nelly Wiemer (Madeline's mom), Judy Bothwell, Craig Stevenson, James Borkowski, Roger Gagner, Catherine Tolmozoff, Barbara Naef, Wilson Borbon, Alma Zinger, Bob & Deanna Fernandes, Elaine Lauzon, Anne O'Hagan, Rose Javier, John Lloyd, Eladio Tria, Malcolm Da Silva, Dominik Basiak, Pablito Basit, Rosana Ruiz, Bonnie Watson, Deanna Maceda Silva, Katrina Craig, Norah Aucoin, Thelma Urbano, Ron Hart & all who have asked for our prayers... May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

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LENT RESOURCES

This Lent, journey with us as we honor Christ's ultimate sacrifice with two unique series from the Augustine Institute.

When your parishioners register for our Lenten email series, they'll receive an email each day with a *Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture* video. Throughout Lent and Easter, they'll also receive 10 new episodes of *Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids*.

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Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture

Each short daily reflection dives into Scripture and the history of man's salvation—all leading to an encounter with Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.

LEARN MORE

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Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show

Guide your parishioners and their children (or grandchildren!) as they learn to draw closer to God through the beauty of art.

LEARN MORE

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Why do we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent?

Find answers to frequently asked questions, the registration for daily Lenten reflection emails, and more Augustine Institute content for your parish to enjoy in this season of growth.

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence



The Church prescribes fasting (only one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not greater than a full meal) and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast; those 14 and older to abstinence. Those who are ill are freed from these obligations. Everyone, even those above the age of 59, are encouraged to fast and abstain. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

S.29 of Canada's liturgical calendar, the Ordo, specifies that Fridays are special days of abstinence. This includes Fridays of Lent, although Catholics can substitute special acts of charity or piety on these days.

We are encouraged to fast in other ways throughout Lent. Pope Francis reminds us that fasting strengthens us in our battle against sin. Through fasting we learn to sacrifice and give of ourselves as Jesus did.



Kindergarten Registration is open for 2024/2025 school year. Please visit the school website

www.cloverdalecatholicshool.ca or the school office for an application form."

The fundraiser of the year returns to CCS GALA 2024 is on April 6th at the Parish Centre.



It's going to be totally awesome, because the theme is Totally 90's! The Parent Fundraising Group invites all friends and family of Precious Blood Parish & Cloverdale Catholic School to attend this event. All tickets include a buffet dinner and access to our live & silent auctions. This community event is an evening of games, dancing & prizes.

Tickets are on sale now: <https://forms.gle/2M7JkZ6WrZQT2K457>



Catholic Women's League

The CWL will be having their membership drive on Saturday, February 10, and Sunday, February 11, and Saturday, February 17, and Sunday, February 18, 2024 following each mass. Membership dues are \$45 (same as last year).

RCIA PROGRAM



RCIA is conducted every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm @ the Parish Centre. If your heart is yearning for more Faith, or if you know someone who is yearning, the RCIA Program is the journey to a better understanding of the Catholic Faith. Please register with the Parish Office for this Program. There is no cost to you.

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