

Made Clean: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Lv 13:1–2, 44–46 | Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 11
Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31–11:1 | Gospel: Mk 1:40–45



In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands (see Numbers 12:12–15; 2 Kings 5:27; 15:5).

Considered “unclean”—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered “stillborn,” the living dead (see Numbers 12:12). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First

Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see Leviticus 10:6; Ezekiel 24:17).

So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see 2 Kings 5:8). Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet—He is God visiting His people (see Luke 7:16).

Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see 2 Kings 5:7); and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see Isaiah 55:11; Wisdom 12:18).

The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it.

Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see Exodus 14:6; Acts 4:30). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word (“Be made clean”). And, like God's word in creation (“Let there be”), Jesus' word “does” what He commands (see Psalm 33:9).

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin.

Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
February 10th – 18th, 2018

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb 10th	Sunday Vigil Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb 11th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family Constantino Lopez – RIP – by the family
Monday	Feb. 12th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 13th	Weekday Gerard Lortie – RIP – by Nick Arguello
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 14th	ASH WEDNESDAY In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph – by Mercedes and family Sophie Hetz – RIP – by Michael and Regina Farrell
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 15th	Weekday Father Brian Moon – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 16th	Weekday Maria E.S. Ponte, Maria Melo & Jose Ponte – RIP – by Conceicao and Jeremias Pacheco
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb 17th	Sunday Vigil Tai, Trong, Naomi – RIP – by Marguerite Kinh
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb 18th	First Sunday of Lent Olga and Fawzi Bichai – RIP – by the family Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

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First Saturday - **\$125.85**
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ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14th

Ashes will be distributed to the faithful at two masses on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, at 9:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.

LENT

Lent is the 40-day period before Easter, excluding Sundays (the day Jesus arose), from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday before the Lord's Supper. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday**, the day the faithful have their foreheads signed with ashes in the form of a Cross. Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday are also **days of fast and abstinence**. **A day of fast:** is one on which Catholics who are 18 to 60 years old may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. (Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake are exempt from this limited fast.) **A day of abstinence:** one on which Catholics 14 years or older must abstain from meat. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, because Jesus died for our sins on Friday. *(To note, all Fridays of the year are still days of abstinence from meat, although we now have the option on those days of substituting no meat by making another act of penance, charity or religious devotion.)*

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Mark's Anglican Church at 1650 Decelles in Saint-Laurent will be holding its Annual Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 13**, from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Donation: Adults \$8; Children 10 Years and under \$4.00. Everyone is welcome.

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

Parent Meeting - Sunday, February 11th, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All parents must attend. Thank you.

HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

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