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Sixth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can't enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the "powerlessness" of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live "for the glory of God" when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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Tues. & Wed., 9:00 - 10:00AM

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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Yvonne Scott. Ulysses Cormier. Szczepanski Family. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Bob Mailliard. Charlie Parker. Mike Cromley. Molly Dunn. Richard Schuetz. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Frankie Durst. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed & Diane Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Earl Corrigan, brother of Jess Corrigan. Ron Szczepanski, spouse of Carol Szczepanski.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community: New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 2/13 Earl Corrigan+ (M/M Corrigan)
Sun 2/14 Eliot Jones & Larry Lake+ (Mary Kastl & Bruce Jones)
Tue 2/16 Lee Corrigan+ (M/M J. Corrigan)
Ash Wed 2/17 9:00am Glenn Corrigan+ (M/M J. Corrigan)
& 5:00pm Mass/Ashes — Fast and Abstinence
Thurs 2/18 John Corrigan+ (M/M J. Corrigan)
Fri. 2/19 Bill Corrigan+ (M/M J. Corrigan)
Sat. 2/20 Lillian Corrigan+ (M/M J. Corrigan)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through January 31, 2021
Expenditures \$ 2,719
Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 2,164

Attendance 2/06 Sat 31 & 2/07 Sun 40
One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

February Pope's Intention:

Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

HOLY UNION

The union of man and wife is from God.
—St. Augustine

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalms: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading: Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel: The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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Dispensation: The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Holy Spirit Garage Sale: April 9th & 10th
ON CHURCH PARKING LOT**

Weather Permitting

We started pricing and you can **begin dropping off items every Wednesday between the hours of 9:30—11:30am. NO CLOTHING or ELECTRONICS.** Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868 if you have questions or unable to drop off items on Wednesday mornings.

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
FAST & ABSTINENCE**

February 17, 2021

Mass at 9:00am & 5:00pm with ashes

Vespers (evening prayers) begins on Friday, Feb. 19th at 4:00pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Confessions

Tues., Feb. 23rd

7:00pm until ???

Priests: Fr. Mike & Fr. Lawrence Love

Come through the front doors of church and follow signs.

While the hospitals have enough capacity at this moment, they do not have enough critical care staff to manage the overwhelming number of COVID-19 cases that are coming in.

Bishop Strickland is requesting that you offer your prayers for physicians, nurses, and health care workers during this time—for their protection and for the needs of our hospitals.

Reminder: Bishop Strickland has instructed all persons to wear facial masks during liturgies in the Diocese of Tyler.

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Feb. 13th at 5:00pm and Sun., Feb. 14th at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**

**February Second Collections
Feb. 13th & 14th: Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools**

Bishop's Annual Appeal Prayer

O Merciful and Loving Father,
Through the intercession of St. Joseph,
The chase guardian of Mary,
And foster father of Jesus,
Help us to be caring, open and generous,
In doing You will.

Open hearts to foster the mission of the Church,
Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal,
Through proclaiming the Gospel,
And in serving You.

Bless the gifts we give today,
That they might support the work,
Of bringing people closer to You.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Due to Covid restrictions, The **Legion of Mary** cannot do their routine weekly work. To fulfill their work obligation they are making information posters for our parishioners & visitors. The information will not be new to most of you, though some of it may be. It is their hope that each of you will find something in the information that encourages your spiritual growth. Look for these posters in the entrance to the parish hall. They may also be placed outside also be placed outside, weather permitting.

Food Donations: Blessings to all our givers! We could use **canned meats (chicken, tuna & spam), soups (especially hearty soups). Peanut butter, pudding and 1lb spaghetti pasta.** Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

CONFESSION ON TUES. FEB. 16th & WED. FEB 17th.

9:30—10:30AM. DUE TO THE COLD WEATHER FR. MIKE WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS IN HIS OFFICE BY THE WATER FOUNTAINS. PLEASE CALL HIM 903-490-3883 TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND HIS OFFICE DOOR IS CLOSED PLEASE HAVE A SEAT IN CHURCH UNTIL HE IS READY FOR YOU.

If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call his cell # 903-490-3883.

NO Weekday Mass Tues. — Fri. of this week. Priests Retreat

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
2. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
3. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
4. **Limited seating maximum 31.** In order for the households to maintain at least 6 feet separation.



40 Days for Life—Tyler *Will you take up your cross and pray with us?*

40 Days for Life is a prayerful, peaceful, community-based campaign that draws attention to the injustice of abortion through prayer, fasting, and community outreach. Beginning February 17th through March 28th, you're invited to join other Christians in prayer and fasting to end abortion. The prayer vigil is held across the street from Planned Parenthood, located at 601 Turtle Creek Dr., Tyler. To sign up for vigil hours and for more information, please visit 40daysforlive.com/tyler or in front of Bridget's office is a sign up sheet. Sponsored by the Sanctity of Life Office for the Diocese of Tyler.

Announcements from Diocese of Tyler

[Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass](#)

Saturday, March 6th, 2021

Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul (Tyler, Texas)

All couples in the Diocese of Tyler who are celebrating their 5th, 15th, 25th, 40th, or 50th+ anniversaries in the year 2021 are cordially invited to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Strickland. More info and registration following this page.

[Three to Get Married](#)

The 2021 Three to Get Married retreat schedule is now available. Please visit <https://stphilipinstitute.org/three-to-get-married/> for the full schedule of English and Spanish retreat weekends. These retreats are one part of the marriage formation process for engaged couples and are also available to couples who are already civilly married and are seeking a convalidation. If you have any questions please contact Angelina Estrada at Aestrada@st.philipinstitute.org or (903)630-5055 EXT 117

[From the Beginning: God's Search for Man](#)

Have you ever tried to read the Bible from cover to cover, only to wind up confused and frustrated? Have you ever fought your way through Lent by making tough sacrifices like giving up a bad habit, only to reach Easter and feel like you missed out on something? This Lent, join the St. Philip Institute for an exciting program, From the Beginning: God's Search for Man. Starting on Ash Wednesday, read selected passages from the Bible and in just 47 days you can learn the big picture moments of salvation history and how they all fit together and point us toward the mystery of Christ's Passion. Short reflections for each reading will help you see the way God constantly reaches out to save us and will allow you to enter deeply into the story of salvation history. Sign up today at www.stphilipinstitute.org! Available in English and Spanish.

[CET](#)

The Catholic East Texas will begin publishing weekly articles online.



✠ Year of St. Joseph ✠

Events and Celebrations

Feb. 15 to March 19: 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph

Invitation to participate in this devotion based on the book by Father Don Calloway.

Feb. 24: 34th Anniversary of the Diocese of Tyler

Offer the Mass for the Dedication of a Church with special prayers for St. Joseph's intercession for the Church of Tyler.

March: Month of St. Joseph

Offer reflection on Joseph as a model of faith, hope and charity practiced under trying circumstances and a model of the heroic practice of virtue.

March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph

Offer the Mass of the day with reflection and catechesis on St. Joseph's role in the work of our redemption.

March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation

Offer the Mass of the day with reflection and catechesis on the Second Divine Person of the Trinity assuming human nature, under the care of Mary and Joseph, with special prayers for the sanctity of all life.

May 1: Optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker

Offer the Mass of the day with reflection and catechesis on social obligations, with special prayers for workers and those laboring in poverty.

June 6: Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Offer the Mass of the day with reflection and catechesis on the role of priests as fathers and custodians of the Eucharist, as St. Joseph was committed to loving and protecting Jesus.

November: Month of the Souls in Purgatory

Offer special prayers and catechesis on the role of St. Joseph as the model of the pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death.

Prayers and Devotions

- Pray the prayer "To you, O blessed Joseph" (*Ad te, beate Joseph*).
- Pray the Litany of St. Joseph on Wednesdays.
- Recite the Chaplet of St. Joseph, recalling the seven agonies and seven joys of Joseph.
- Pray the prayer of Pope Francis to St. Joseph (see below).
- Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.
- Entrust your work daily to the protection of St. Joseph.
- Priests can offer the Votive Mass of St. Joseph on Wednesdays – the day ascribed to him in tradition.
- Make a pilgrimage to churches in the diocese under the patronage of St. Joseph – St. Joseph in Clarksville, St. Joseph in Marshall, and St. Joseph the Worker in Tyler; and under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception – the Cathedral in Tyler, Immaculate Conception in Jefferson, and Immaculate Conception in Moral.
- Offer Holy Hours with special prayers for St. Joseph's intercession.
- St. Joseph's Tables and Altars are a popular devotion on March 19.
- Study Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "With a Father's Heart" (*Patris corde*).
- The St. Philip Institute will be working on special resources for this year.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 17 February 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 12 February 2021) Submitted by Randy Munoz

So, a little about Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday via excerpts from two websites
(<https://www.catholic.org/lent/mardigras.php> & <https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php>)

Mardi Gras is (often) associated with ... debauchery, but the original intent of the holiday and how it's kept by the faithful is much different. **Fat Tuesday**, ... is a long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church and it marks **the last day of ordinary time before the start of Lent**, a time of fasting and repentance. While parties ... have gained the most attention in popular culture, they seriously misrepresent and outright eclipse the Catholic intent of the holiday. According to historians, the celebration of Mardi Gras has its roots in the pagan Roman celebration of Lupercalia ... a February holiday that honored the Roman god of fertility and involved feasting, drinking, and carnal behavior. However, with the rise of the Church in ancient Rome, Christian teachings and morals took root, but there always remained a need to blend ancient Roman traditional practices with the growing Christian faith. (The blending of ... traditions and beliefs was a common practice in the ancient world and it helped people to transition away from paganism.) ... As Catholic Christianity spread throughout Europe during the first millennium, different cultures celebrated the last day before Lent in their own ways, adapting the practices to suit their cultures. In France, the holiday became popular as people feasted on foods that would be given up during the forty days of Lent – meats, eggs, and milk were finished off in one day, giving the holiday its French title of 'Mardi Gras', which means Fat Tuesday. ... As Europeans colonized the Americas, they brought their religious practices with them. ... Mardi Gras was celebrated in the colonies with as much enthusiasm as celebrated in Europe. As the colonies swelled with European immigrants, celebrations went from the simple to the elaborate. (In New Orleans, masked balls and public celebrations quickly became common. In fact, celebrations became so popular that virtually every citizen of the city joined in even if they were not Catholic.) However, in the late 18th century, Spain took control of New Orleans and having a more militant and serious perspective on the faith and imposed significant restrictions on the revelry. ... they banned masked balls (however, by 1823, this ban was lifted, and parades returned by 1837.) At this point, the celebration began to lose its identity as an exclusively Catholic tradition, and it became more secularized over the centuries. (In Louisiana, Mardi Gras is an official state holiday.) In other parts of the world, the holiday became a season unto itself, each branded with unique cultural practices. ... Still, the original intent of Mardi Gras has always been to indulge, within the context of Catholic morality and reason, the last day before the start of the Lenten season. ...

Ash Wednesday is one of the most ... important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It opens **Lent, a season of fasting and prayer**. ... It takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. ... It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday (through which we attain redemption). ... Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. (Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.) It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. Still, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until evening. Recently, movements have developed that involve pastors distributing ashes to passersby in public places. This isn't considered taboo, but ... is distinctly Non-Catholic. ... Catholics must still receive ashes within the context of Mass. (In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut-in.) ... Priests administer ashes during Mass, and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance ... even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. ... (The **ashes** are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense.) The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." ... Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. ... Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.... Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts

and remind us that life passes away on Earth. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.... The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the shirts they were to wear during the forty days of penance and sprinkled ashes over them. ... Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church ... until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion.