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February 11, 2018 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

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WEEKDAYS: Monday to Friday (except TUESDAY) 8:00 AM
Tuesday 7:00 PM
Friday Night—Mass at 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)
***except First Friday - in English

CONFESSIONS

- Weekend & Daily Masses: half an hour before each Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
(see details inside)

PARISH OFFICE

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First Friday
After the 8 AM Mass -
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 noon Benediction
6:25 PM—Holy Rosary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Masses (see details inside)

Mar. 18 Share Lent Pancake Breakfast (hosted by K. of C. & RCIA)

Apr. 7-8 Project Advance Campaign

June 9 Spring Dinner & Dance—80's Theme

Our New Parish Website is up & running. Please go to www.saintmatthews.ca and have a look.

SECOND COLLECTION
February 17/18, 2018 St. Joseph's Society

Monday	7:30 PM	St. Matthew's Prayer Group	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday	1 to 4 PM	Fifty Plus Social	Jubilee Hall
2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	Jubilee Hall
3rd Tuesday	7:30 PM	CWL	Jubilee Hall
Wednesday	9 AM	St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen	Kitchen
Thursday	10 AM	Legion of Mary	Upper Room
Thursday	7 PM	Bible Study	Church
Every 2nd Friday	9 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Upper Room
Saturday	9:30 AM	RCIA	Room 129

BAPTISM:

By appointment with a minimum of 2 months' notice (during pregnancy) so that instructions can be given to parents and godparents about the duties and responsibilities assumed in this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE:

A minimum of 6 months' notice with one of the parties registered in the parish and practicing his/her faith. The Marriage Preparation course is mandatory. Please ask for "Guidelines for the Celebration of Marriage".

FUNERALS:

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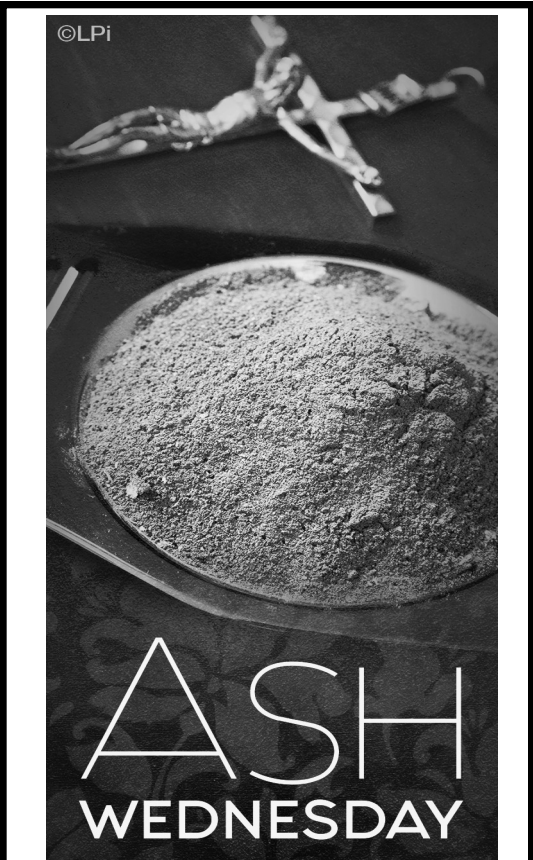


We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches Him for healing. Until the 19th century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, {and} touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, He knows full well the desperate nature of His situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that He just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For His efforts, He receives a betrayal of His request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that He is unable to accomplish His mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised!



As the priest places ashes on our forehead, we hear him say "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We are reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can!

LIVE THE LITURGY

We never marginalize or turn our backs on those who suffer violence, oppression from unjust systems, poverty, illness, or disease. Jesus never turned anyone away, but always extended a hand of healing and compassion. He would insist on extending God's merciful and unconditional love to all, even if it meant breaking the Sabbath or civil law. Does the way we treat others, especially those who are different than us, reflect the freedom, joy, love, and good news of the Gospel?

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February 14th – Ash Wednesday Mass for all students and families with parish. Please be at grade meeting spot by **6:20** so Mass can begin on-time.
February 21st – Gr 2 & CIC2 Reconciliation Rehearsal & Parent Mtg. (PREP Only) Please meet in the church with students.
Saturday February 24th – Gr. 2 & CIC2 & SME Reconciliation – please meet in the Fireside Room at 9:45. One parent must be in attendance.
Wednesday February 28th – **Student, Sponsor & Parent Meeting** – please meet in the church.
Wednesday, March 7th – Gr. 7 Confirmation Interviews
Confirmation Date: Saturday, May 26th @ 11:00 pm

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FIFTY PLUS GROUP

Social 1 to 4 PM every Tuesday in the Jubilee Hall

CWL Corner

- Ash Wednesday will always be special to me. I clearly remember that from an early age, four or five years old, we sat down a few days before and prepared our candy jars. Candies and sweets were rare, and now we would have to save them till Easter Sunday. Dad had a jam jar for each one of us. He would seal the lids super tight and drilled a hole just big enough to let candies in. A special way of assuring that we had something to collect: we would drop in at our grandparents after school to say hello. Oma always would have a little candy heart for us. It was not easy to walk home holding it in your hand and not able to suck on it. And we were a good half hours walk from school.
- But it felt so good to know that you suffered with Jesus who was treated so terribly for our sake. We knew we were walking with Him for these forty days.

Ria Ling

The ladies from our CWL invite all parishioners to join us for **Mary's Way of the Cross**. We will walk with this suffering Mother on Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at 6:30pm, before the 7pm evening mass.



Tax Receipts for the year 2017 are now ready for pick up at the Parish Office, Tuesdays—Saturdays, from 9am—5pm.

MARCH FOR LIFE, VICTORIA

The annual March for Life will be on Thursday, May 10. Please call Genevieve 778-785-7877 if you plan to join us for the March for Life, so that travel arrangements and ferry bookings can be made. It is urgent that you call right away as ferry reservations can be difficult to get if we delay in booking. We will try to rent a school bus for this event. However, if we're not successful and if you have a minivan and can volunteer to drive that would be a tremendous help. Thank you.

PRESCHOOL: Attention parents of children born in 2014 & 2015! St. Matthew's Preschool is accepting applications for the Social Recreation and Pre-Kindergarten programs for September 2018. Please call 604-589-1222 or Email preschool@stmatthewselementary.ca

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9 AM	Mass in English	St. Matthew's Elementary School
1 PM	Mass in English	Holy Cross High School
5 PM	Mass in English	Parish
6:30 PM	Mass in English	PREP and Parish
8 PM	Mass in Vietnamese	

ST. MATTHEW'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

All family members and parishioners are most welcome to attend our upcoming school Mass on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 (Ash Wednesday). Mass will begin at 9:00 am and will be celebrated by Father Tran.

Holy Cross High School Spring Break Basketball Skills Camp

Who: Boys and Girls in Gr. 4-7.

When: Tues. March 12th – Friday, March 16th. Each Day 9am—12pm

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Download and fill out a registration form at www.holycross.bc.ca or www.hcboysbasketball.com and bring a cheque and the form on the first day of the camp.

Cost: \$125.00 includes t-shirt, daily prizes and snack.



On the weekend of February 16—18, there will be a **Vocation Live-In** for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B. C. For more information call **604-826-8715**.

FILIPINO MINISTRY

LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

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The Catholic Health Association of BC (CHABC) will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2018 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of **Spirituality in Health Care**. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2018. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the parish bulletin board, or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under News and Events.

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