

*February 11, 2018*  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

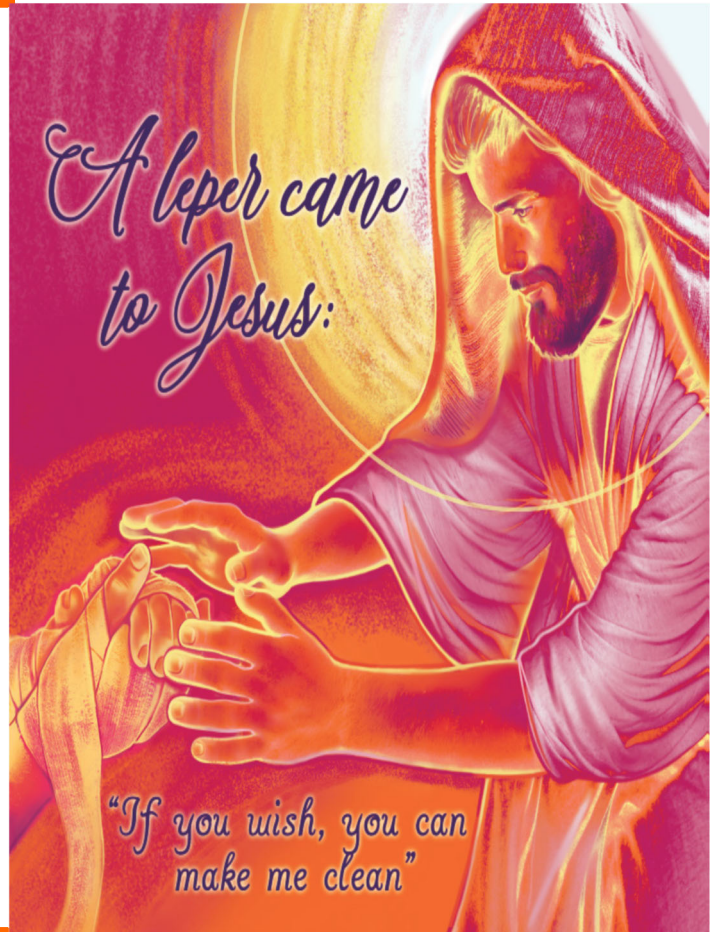
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**GIVE GOD THE GLORY**

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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**Office Hours (Morse):**

Monday: Closed  
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Friday: Closed

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**Mass Schedule**

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each Mass.

	<u>Morse</u>	<u>Lyons Point</u>
Tuesday:	5:00 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Thursday:	5:00 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
Friday:	6:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Saturday:	4:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Sunday:	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
	(Midland) 10:30 a.m.	
	5:00 p.m.	

**Safe Environment Training:** [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)  
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**Immaculate Conception/St. Aloysius  
Mass Schedule for  
February 12th thru February 18th**

**Mass Intentions**

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Mass Schedule for  
February 12th thru February 18th**

**Tuesday, February 13th, Morse: 5:00 p.m.:** Broken Families, Dan (BD), Justin Woods, Kevin Hall and all who serve our Country, All holy souls in purgatory esp. the forgotten

**Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Morse: 6:30 a.m.:** All deceased priests esp. from our parish, Rhonda Woods, Mercy, strength, & healing for the sick, suffering, & the dying

**Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Midland: 12:15 p.m.:**

**Thursday, February 15th, Morse: 5:00 p.m.:** All holy souls in purgatory esp. the forgotten, Cheri & Kristen Schexnayder & their parents

**Friday, February 16th, Morse: 6:30 a.m.:** Vocations to the priesthood & religious life; sacred marriages, Mercy, strength, & healing for the sick, suffering, & the dying

**Saturday, February 17th, Morse: 4:00 p.m.:** Clanes & Rosa Richard, Julia T. Simon, Richard Cormier, Matthew Cormier, Guilbert "Tee" Guillory

**Sunday, February 18th, Morse (Rosary before Mass): 7:00 a.m.:** Mercy, strength, & healing for the sick, suffering, & the dying, Religious Freedom, Peggy Miller, All holy souls in purgatory esp. the forgotten, Walter, Grace & Mary Sonnier, Evita & Alida LaVergne, Ivy & Pauline Thibodeaux, Paul & Mae Thibodeaux

**Sunday, February 18th, Midland: 10:30 a.m.:** Irene Gauthier, Virginia Cormier, Mano Cormier, Wilson Landry

**Sunday, February 18th, Morse: 5:00 p.m.:** John Woods, Woods Family, Alex Broussard, Ronnie Lougon, Cheri & Kristen Schexnayder & their parents, M/M Ophie Richard

**Tuesday, February 6th, Lyons Point: 12:15 p.m.:** Ralph Breaux

**Ash Wednesday, February 7th, Lyons Point: 6:00 p.m.:** Mitchell & Helen Trahan Istre, Russell Cody Breaux

**Thursday, February 8th, Lyons Point: 12:15 p.m.:**

**Friday, February 9th, Lyons Point: 12:15 p.m.:**

**Saturday, February 10th, Lyons Point: 5:30 p.m.:** Alvin Breaux

**Sunday, February 11th, Lyons Point: 8:30 a.m.:** Eddie Breaux, Joyce Campbell, Bacque, LaHaye, OgniBene, Sonnier, Susette Guillot, Darryl "Beasy" Doucet, Freeman Family

***First Saturday Mass for March 3, 2018 will be at 9:00 a.m. in Morse.***

**FIRST SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT**  
**Sunday, February 5, 2018**  
The 1st Sunday of every month we will celebrate 5:00 pm Mass together. Following Mass we will meet in the Church Hall to share a meal. Spaghetti, pizza, gumbo, and crawfish etouffe' are just a few examples of our menus. Bring a friend—all high school aged youth (9th –12th grade) are invited. For more information or to see how you can get involved, please call Mrs. Rechelle Broussard at 458-1551.

**Sanctuary Candle :**  
Morse: The Woods Family  
Midland: All Holy Souls in Purgatory esp. the forgotten  
L.P.:  
The Sanctuary Candle is \$12.00 and burns for 2 weeks. Please contact the office (783-2968) for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Intention Envelopes are at the back of Church and must be received in the church office **at least 2 weeks in advance of the date to be printed in the bulletin.** Each intention or name is \$5.00 and should be paid at the time of recording. You may include the money in the collection but please put it in a Mass Intention Envelope and include dates & times masses are to be said as well as your name and phone number in case we need to speak to you.



**Our Lady of Fatima Statue**  
**To be picked up at Mass on February 17th & 18th**  
M/M Robert Thibodeaux 4:00 pm (Morse)  
Mrs. Douglas Stutes 10:30 am (Midland)  
M/M Darrell LeBeouf 5:30 pm (Lyons Point)

<b><u>Collection Totals</u></b>		
	<b><u>Morse</u></b>	<b><u>Lyons Point</u></b>
01/28	\$1453.00	\$1879.00
Bldg. Fund	\$	\$

### **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.

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### **Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

**6:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Morse**  
**12:15 p.m. St. Aloysius Chapel—Midland**  
**6:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist—Lyons Point**

**\*\*All CCD students for both Morse and Lyons Point are required to attend mass at 6:00 p.m. in Lyons Point instead of classes.\*\***

### **Women's Day of Reflection**

Enter your Lenten season with a day of reflection through the life of St. Mary Magdalen. Join other women on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Church Hall from 10:00 am until 5:30 pm with Mass following. Lunch will be served. Suggested love offering of \$25.00. Please contact Shelley Istre (368-5510) to register or for more information.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

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

**Psalm** — 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 (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

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

### **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent  
 (February 16 - March 23, 2017)  
 Morse 3:00 pm  
 Lyons Point 6:00 pm

### **Attention Confirmation Parents:**

All confirmation retreat paperwork and fees are due NOW!! Confirmation Retreat is mandatory. The retreat will be held on February 23-25, 2018. If you have any questions please call the office (337-783-2968).

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We welcome Father Robert N. Sherry of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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