



Ordinary Time

February 15, 2015 ♦ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday
FEBRUARY 16
Weekday
Gn 4:1–15, 25
Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 17
Weekday
Gn 6:5–8;
7:1–5, 10
Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 18
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12–18
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1–6,
16–18

Thursday
FEBRUARY 19
Thursday After
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15–20
Lk 9:22–25

Friday
FEBRUARY 20
Friday After
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1–9a
Mt 9:14–15

Saturday
FEBRUARY 21
Saturday After
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b–14
Lk 5:27–32

Sunday
FEBRUARY 22
First Sunday
of Lent
Gn 9:8–15
1 Pt 3:18–22
Mk 1:12–15

Teenagers fear an outbreak of acne before a major event. They're sure every eye will focus on a small blemish that seems enormous to them. Sometimes they even avoid going out at all until their faces return to normal.

They're fortunate not to be living in ancient Israel, where skin outbreaks and eruptions were likely viewed as leprosy. Public contact was forbidden. They'd have had to shout "unclean!" as they approached someone. Their exile would have been religiously regulated, and those they met would have avoided any touch.

The man with leprosy who approached Jesus wouldn't have touched Jesus—it was bold of him just to ask Jesus' mercy. In a move that surprised everyone, Jesus reached out to touch the one who was "unclean."

I can only imagine the man's shock and relief just at the touch of a person who didn't see him as less than human. The wound of separation was healed at that moment, and Jesus confirmed it by healing the man's body. Nor did Jesus stop there. He restored the man to his community by asking him to follow

Mosaic Law (the Law of Moses) and be declared clean.

Teenagers often think their physical flaws are the worst things they can suffer. In truth, it's separation—whether it comes from within us or from others.

Jesus has the power to heal whatever separates us and restore us to community with God and others.

Today's Readings
Lv 13:1–2, 44–46
1 Cor 10:31–11:1
Mk 1:40–45

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Jesus has the power to heal whatever separates us and restore us to community with God and others.





6th Sunday In Ordinary Time



February 15th, 2015

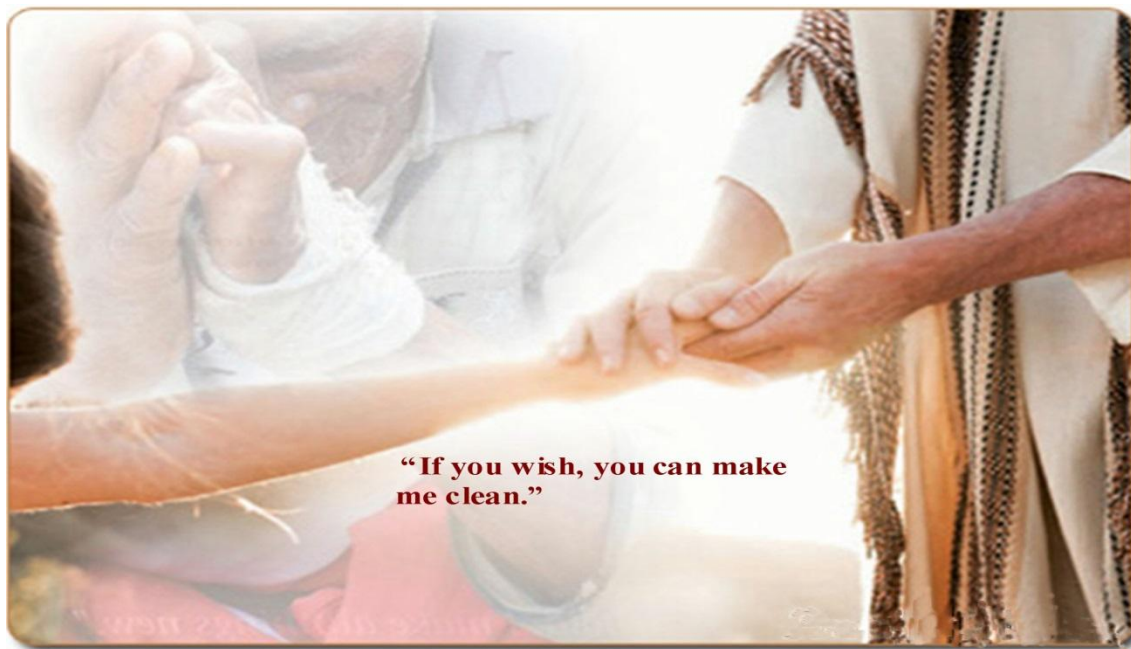
St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

Pastor: Reverend Khoa P. Vo

Office: 228-832-2560, Fax: 228-832-3140

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

Web: www.stannparishlizana.org --- Email: stanncatholic@bellsouth.net



**“If you wish, you can make
me clean.”**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 4:00 pm +Annette Moran

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am +Annette Moran

Tues 8:00 am +Fr Pete (spec int)

Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete (spec int)

Thu 9:00am +Fr Pete (spec int)

Fri 8:00 am +Fr Pete (spec int)

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Scripture readings today continue the message about our need for God's healing. The focus is on the terrible disease of leprosy. In biblical times leprosy was dreaded and thought to be highly contagious and frequently fatal. The first reading from the Book of Leviticus describes the process of diagnosing and quarantining cases of leprosy. A victim was to cry out, "Unclean, unclean!" and he was to "dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." This process was followed in order to separate the infected from the rest of the population and thus control the spread of the disease. In addition lepers were made to cover their faces, wear a bell, and warn away anyone whom might come near by yelling out their uncleanness. It was considered so ugly that it was practically impossible for someone to be compassionate and caring toward a leper.

In the Gospel from Mark a leper approached Jesus for healing. In a prophetic gesture Jesus ignored the many religious and cultural restrictions and simply reached out and touched the man: "The leprosy left him immediately." The real manifestation of divine power in this event was not just the healing of the leper but also the fact that a person, universally believed to be repulsive and unlovable, was shown to be loved unconditionally by God. This miracle of Jesus healed not only the leprosy but also the human fear and prejudice imbedded deeply in the whole culture.

Because of its ugliness, leprosy came to symbolize for the Hebrew people everything that was frightening and evil in human life. And we human beings have the tendency to try to banish from our sight those things or conditions that seem repulsive and disgusting. In the end what we really fear is the brokenness that exists in each of us. Thus, we are all in need of salvation and healing at our very core. It is Jesus Christ who gathers up in himself all our prejudices and misunderstandings of human life and gives them clear expression in his proclamation of the Kingdom. Leprosy for us moderns can mean many things: a member of the family being diagnosed with AIDS, the experience of being abused in life, a terrible mistake committed in our youth, etc. As the leper humbly brought the frightening side of his life and laid it before Jesus, so we too must bring our fears and failings to Jesus. Our words of request will undoubtedly be similar to those of the leper, "If you wish, Lord, you can make me clean." Jesus' comforting message to us will always be the same, "Of course I will: be healed."

May God pour out His blessings upon you!

...Fr. Khoa

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
It is time for our annual Catholic Share Appeal (CSA). I ask that you prayerfully consider participating in this year's appeal. The CSA funds many important Diocese-wide ministries that no one parish could provide, for example, Catholic Deaf Community, The Twelve Basket, Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, Youth Formation/Support, retirement for the priest and so on. The ministries that benefit from CSA are fully identified in the CSA brochure found in the back of the church. Bishop Morin has asked each parish to provide a share to this important Diocesan appeal. Our parish share is \$14,648 for St. Ann and \$1,595 for Our Lady of Chartres. Every dollar over and above that amount comes back to our parish in the form of a rebate. We hope you can see it in your heart to make a CSA donation to support the diocesan ministries, and through rebates to provide funds to our church for different project. Thank you for your generosity.
Sincerely yours in Christ,

...Fr. Khoa

† With Sympathy †

Father Khoa, St Ann parish, and Our Lady of Chartres extend our deepest sympathy to Joey Moran, whose wife, Annette Moran passed away. May she rest in Eternal Glory and may her loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Joey and the family in your prayers.

Special Diocesan Collections: A special **Diocesan Collection** will be taken up at all **Ash Wednesday** Masses for the **Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa**.

Parish Council: meet **next Saturday** February 21, 2015 after 4pm mass from 5-6pm.

Next weekend is the special Diocesan Collection for the Black and Indian Missions.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: on **February 18 is: 8:00am and 7pm.**

Lenten Fish Fry: Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Fish Fry Buffet from 4-7pm. The profit will be shared among the ministries. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 14 4:00pm	Richard Dunlap	Mike West, Ellen West, Kay VanPelt	Boots Moran Katie Ladner	Doug Ladner Kermit	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
Feb 15 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Feb 15 9am	Chantel Crabtree	Marlow Ladner Helena, Derek Troclair	Lilly Conner	Robert Pat Leimer	David Crabtree Family
Sat Feb 21 4:00pm	Lisa Cuevas	Doris Snowden, Mike Mays, Diane Mays	Boots Moran Katie Ladner	Doug Ladner Kermit	Mary Ladner
Feb 22 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Feb 22 9am	Beverly Saucier	Valeria Ladner, Marlow Ladner, Robin Peterson	Lilly Conner	Robert Jimmy	Pat & Robin Peterson Family

The Catholic Sharing Appeal Campaign: kicks off next weekend. As a Parish Community let us begin our Lenten Season, practicing almsgiving by supporting the **Catholic Sharing Appeal**. Pledge cards and envelopes will be mailed directly to all Parishioners from the Biloxi Diocese. *Please make all checks payable to **Catholic Sharing Appeal** and mail contributions directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided. Our generosity will be blessed by our Lord.*

The Word Among Us Lent Reflections is available at the Church entrance. The reflections begin with Ash Wednesday and carry through the Lenten season. Pick up your copy today.

Friday Stations of the Cross: Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations begin at 6:00p.m. at St Ann.

Tour Biblical Jordan: The Gulf Pine Catholic is sponsoring a Tour of Biblical Jordan with Father Tommy Conway October 19-26, 2015. Price is \$2,998 per person out of Gulfport. For more information, call Regina Tours at 1-800-CATHOLIC or visit www.Regina-Tours.com.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 42 identifiable: \$1,499.00; Loose: \$946.00; Total: \$2,445.00; Children: \$11.50**

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: \$107.00; Loose: \$174.00 Total: \$281.00.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Altar Society: Meet on second Sundays. Please contact Lennell King.

Project Hope and Compassion: For more information, please contact the office.

Bible Study: We study **Mary** beginning on Jan 8, 2015. Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building.** For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner.**

CYO: meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO contact **Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on the website www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo.

RCIA: RCIA classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel. Please contact Tim Brogdon at 344-5449. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Betty Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, and Julia Perronne.

GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful. Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, recite the Rosary, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.