

February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean." Mark 1: 40-45*

Luke is a 21-year-old college student studying to be paramedic; he also works for the fire department in a small town in Oregon.

Not long ago, he went to Portland to celebrate his girlfriend's birthday. He parked in a paid garage. When he returned, he found the window smashed. His backpack and computer were gone.

Everything important to him was on that computer: his class notes, papers, and job applications. He felt sick.

Two days after the break-in, an exchange student from the United Arab Emirates named Masoud was approached by a man who said he had a computer for sale. Only \$200. Masoud had been in this country only a year; he admits he was naïve. But he needed a computer, and this was a good deal. He handed the man the cash and took the computer home. Within seconds of turning it on, Masoud saw Luke's files and photographs. *Who would sell a computer with all this on it?* Masoud realized it was stolen.

So Masoud called Luke on the cell number Masoud found on the computer. Luke remembers the call: "This guy with a thick accent told me he had my computer. He told me the story and said it was his fault. With his accent, I thought it was a scam. I told him if he really had the computer, he should take it to the police. I knew that would be the end of it."

But it wasn't. Masoud took the computer to the police and the police called Luke to come to the station to reclaim his computer. The police were as surprised as Luke - this just doesn't happen. The police also passed along Masoud's number.

Luke called Masoud immediately to thank him and insisted on repaying the \$200 that Masoud was out. But Masoud refused. Masoud said it was his mistake to buy a computer from someone he didn't know. More important, it was his honor and duty as a Muslim to return the property to its rightful owner.

"I saw a photo of this man in his paramedic uniform," Masoud explains. "Those are great people. They help people. He is a good man. I don't want my money back."

For Luke, the experience meant more than the return of his computer. Luke had never met a Muslim before. He had a new awareness and perspective of immigrants like Masoud.

Masoud, meanwhile, has had a rough first year in America. Shortly after arriving in Oregon, he was physically assaulted by a man who shouted at him to "go home" (the man was later arrested). Now the encounter with the computer thief.

When the president of the university of Portland State University, heard what happened, he arranged a new MacBook Pro for Masoud. "We're very proud of you," the president told him. "You did the right thing."

And Luke later took Masoud to dinner to thank him.

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"If you wish, you can make me clean," the leper says to Jesus. The leper's request is a challenge to each one of us, as well. We can transform our lives and world in the goodness of God - if we "wish." We can perform our own miracles of healing and reconciliation, we can restore to health and community those society considers "lepers," we can be vehicles of God's grace to the broken-hearted, the lost, the despairing - if we choose to embrace the compassion of Jesus. Despite the cost and even though he had no legal obligation to do so, Masoud elects to do what is right and just; he embraces the principles on which his own faith in God is centered. Christ the Healer and Reconciler

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Feb 3-4, 2018)

Regular Collection	1484.75
Pastoral Dues	140.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	15.00
Building Fund	80.00
Votive Candles	30.35
Mass Stipends	40.00
The Word among us	15.00
Bingo Proceeds	1107.00
Sunday Missals	20.00
Calendars	20.00
Shepherd's Fund	5.00
Memorial Fund (M. Pennell)	100.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 10	Parish Community
Feb 11	Parish Community
Feb 12	No Mass
Feb 13	Late Joseph and Margaret Jennex
Feb 14	Parish Community
Feb 15	Late Jim Park
Feb 16	Late Marie Pennell
Feb 17	Late Jack Neville
Feb 11	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 17	
Gen Quigley Edna Dwyer	Eileen Moore Joan Penney Donna Mitchell
February 18	
Mike Leonard Patsy Payne	Don Gallant Elizabeth Carew Donna Eldridge
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney	

ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTERS:

Readers – Carol Reid and Tony Griffin
Communion – Art Hall, Donna Mitchel and John Carroll

WINTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather. This does not apply to funerals.

PARISH SECRETARY: Katie Greenwood has resigned her position as Office Administrator. This was a 20 hour position. We are now advertising for this position. There is a job description available at the parish for anyone interested. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS 2017

Thank you for your generosity. These are now available at the back of the church. We have them in envelope number-order. Please try to keep them in order. If there are any discrepancies, they should be reported to the Parish Office.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. It means we are encouraged to have one full meal on that day plus two lighter ones. It does not apply to people who are over 65 years of age or to anyone with special needs.

Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 pm

Special Collection: Each year during Mass on Ash Wednesday, a special collection is taken up in support of Catholic Missions In Canada. The stated mission of this group is to sustain and extend the Catholic Faith in isolated, poor and hard-to-reach areas in Canada. Many parishes in our diocese have received financial assistance from this group in the past and continue to receive funding from them. You are encouraged to be as generous as possible in supporting this special group.



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4YOUTH: This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the forty-day period of preparation for Easter which is called Lent. (Sundays are not included in the 40-day count.) Traditionally, we observe Lent through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. It's time for you to think about what you're going to do for Lent this year. Fasting may mean "giving up" a food that you like very much but it could also mean giving up something like television or computer time. Lent is a very good time to resolve to spend a little extra time in prayer. It's also a good time to think about charity to others. Think about what Jesus did for you when He suffered, died and rose from the dead. Then ask yourself what you are going to do for Lent this year. If you want to learn more about Lent and Lenten practices, watch Busted Halo's new video Lent in 3 Minutes on You Tube.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH YOUTH

NIGHT: for ages 12-16: Saturday, February 17th at 6:15 pm in the Cathedral lower level. A fun evening of games and snacks to follow. Feel free to bring a friend! Hosted by the Family and Youth committee.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Are you over sixty years of age? Would you like an opportunity to nurture your faith and your spirituality? Well, the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador (Office of Evangelization and Catechesis) will be offering an adult faith formation program entitled Beloved Disciples, a DVD course for the over sixties. This program will be held from 2:00-3:30 in the lower level of All Hallows Church on the first five Thursday afternoons of Lent – February 15, February 22, March 01, March 8 and March 15. Why not come along and check it out? (PS: No ID cards necessary!)

PARISH COUNCIL: Our next meeting will take place on Monday, March 5th at 7 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

ADVANCE NOTICE: MARRIAGE

PREPARATION COURSE: Friday, March 9th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 am at the Cathedral. The cost to attend is \$50.00 and lunch will be provided.. If you plan to get married in 2018, call the parish office at 634-5161 to register.

BEREAVEMENT: Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one? Would you like support from peers and professionals? Do you have questions about grief? You do not need to walk through your journey with grief alone...Western Health in Corner Brook will be offering a free 8 week bereavement support program beginning in mid/late February. For more information or to register call 634-4506.

HUMOUR - Fish 'n' chips

It is the first Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk." ."