

## *Pastors Message*

There is a beautiful detail about this encounter of the leper with Jesus that we should not overlook. St Mark tells us that the leper "came to Jesus," close enough to kneel in front of him. Why would he do that when everyone knew that the law required him to keep his distance – and we are a little familiar with it all with the current pandemic. Something about Jesus must have inspired confidence in the leper. He must have sensed that Jesus would not be repulsed by his disgusting disease. And the leper was right. Jesus smiled at him, as we can tell from his choice of words "I do will it", touched him, and healed him - something no one else could do or would do.

Is that how we think of Jesus? Do we have that kind of confidence in Jesus? Jesus has chosen to stay as close to us as he was to that leper, by giving us the Eucharist. In every Catholic Church, Jesus is truly present in the Tabernacle, body, blood, soul, and divinity, as the little red sanctuary lamp reminds us. When we drive by a Catholic Church, Jesus is calling to our hearts just as he called out to the heart of this leper. He won't force his way into our hearts, but he is always inviting us. He is inviting us to come up close to him, kneel down in front of him, and pour out all our miseries, hardships, confusions, and needs, praying the same beautiful prayer that this leper prayed: "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean, you can give me strength, you can give me light."

And when we do that, do you think he will be less generous with us than he was with this poor leper? I don't think so. But if you doubt me, try it out yourself this week. You won't be disappointed.

On a different note: **I would like to thank all those who contributed toward the audio equipment for the live transmission for outdoor celebrations.** Finally, we were able to get it and use it for one time, and now we are allowed to celebrate the Eucharist inside the Church. Thank God for this beautiful opportunity to return back to the church. The apparatus will however be useful for any outside celebration we may need to hold. **My heartfelt gratitude to you all.** We have some leftover funds, and this will be used to have a digital screen inside the church as we are not allowed to use the missalettes or other song books. We are working on it and I will inform you all when we have some update.

**Have a Blessed Sunday**

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### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.

— *1 Corinthians 10:31*