

## Cycle B - Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Feb. 11, 2024

### *World Day of the Sick, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*

*“If only you will, you can cleanse me....”*

#### OPENING PRAYER - (Psalm 32)

*Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
Whose sin is covered.*

**All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*Leader: Many are the torments of the wicked,  
But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.*

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**



#### SHARING THE WORD

##### **Gospel -- Mark 1:40-45**

In touching the leper, Jesus breaks the moral and religious taboos about lepers, and publicly welcomes this precious person back into the human community – for no one is beyond God’s loving touch.

1. Do you know anyone who feels beyond help, beyond God’s loving touch?
2. How can you reach out to the one who feels beyond help?
3. Where in our community can we defeat the evil one by tenaciously loving the so-called unlovable?

#### LIVING THE WORD

Which part of God’s Word today challenges me/us this coming week?

#### PRAYING THE WORD

**Intercession:** For those in our community who feel excluded from God’s love that they fear not what gives them life and that we never surrender anyone as a lost soul... We pray to the Lord.

*Invite other intentions to pray together and then end with “Our Father...”*

#### Closing Prayer:

**Leader:** *Healing God, We give thanks for your radical inclusiveness,  
Even if this makes us feel uneasy at times.*

**All:** **Help us to grow ever deeper  
into the image of your Son  
who suffered and died  
for lepers, thieves and prostitutes.**

**We celebrate his victory over  
sin and death. Amen.**

**Leader:** Let us offer each other a sign of peace, a peace this world cannot give.