



YOUTH CORNER

"Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment"

**VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CHURCH
YOUTH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Sunday Liturgy

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1: LV 13:1-2, 44-46
 Responsorial: PS 32:1-2, 5, 11
 Reading 2: 1 COR 10:31—11:1
 Alleluia: LK 7:16
 Gospel: MK 1:40-45

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Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



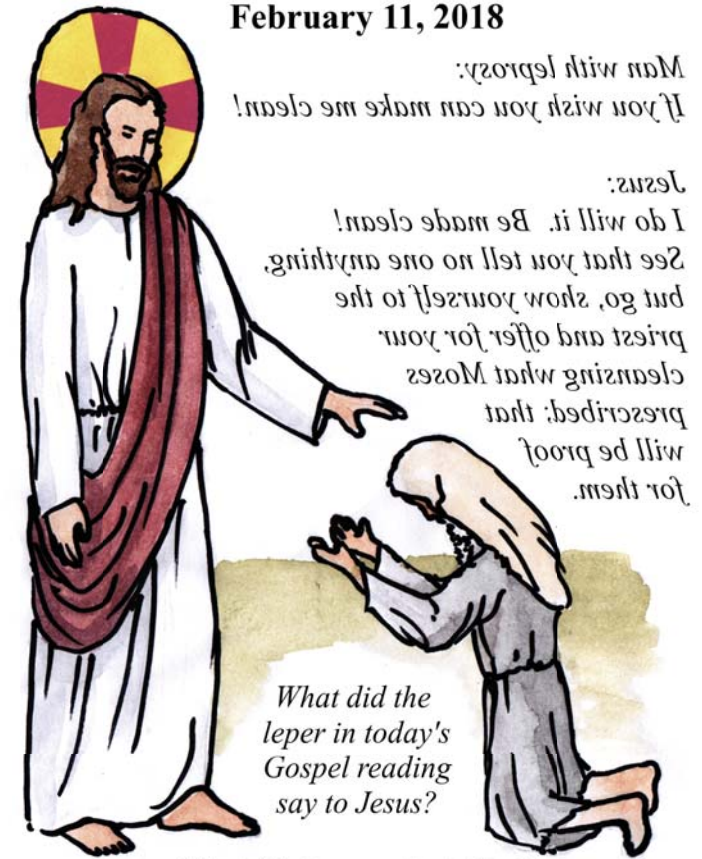
Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.



The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018



If you wish you can make me clean!

Jesus: I do will it. Be made clean! See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that you will be proof for them.

What did the leper in today's Gospel reading say to Jesus?

What did Jesus reply to him?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Don't forget this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday!

Answers to Cross-Word: across: 3.kept 6.leper 7.people 9.sternly 10.to 13.hand 15.made 16.go 17.whole 18.in 19.began down: 1.Jesus 2.begged 3.kneeling 4.tell 5.if 8.touched 11.be 12.proof 13.he 14.down 15.man

Family Connection

IT'S NOT ABOUT

DOING MORE

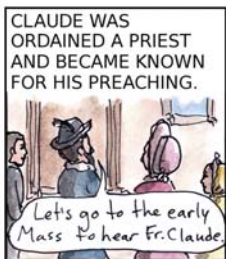
It's about making choices, fostering creativity, and building family connection.

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32, or pray the Prayer for Vocations.

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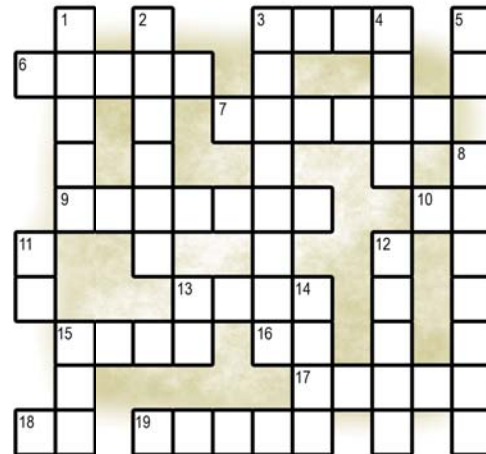
Saint Claude de la Colombiere February 15



ST. CLAUDE DIED SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING TO FRANCE DUE TO HIS POOR HEALTH. HE HAD TRIED HARD TO LOVE GOD AS PERFECTLY AS HE COULD SO GOD CHOSE HIM TO HELP SPREAD DEVOTION TO HIS SACRED HEART. LIKE SAINT CLAUDE, WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO APPRECIATE GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

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The Leper Cross-Word



kneeling if
touched in
begged to
people be
sternly he
Jesus go
began tell
whole man
proof kept
made leper
down hand

A _____ (6a) came to Jesus and _____ (3d) _____ (14d) _____ (2d) him and said, " _____ (5d) you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his _____ (13a), _____ (8d) him, and said to him, "I do will it. _____ (11d) made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was _____ (15a) clean. Then, warning him _____ (9a), he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you _____ (4d) no one anything, but _____ (16a), show yourself to the priest and offer what Moses prescribed; that will be _____ (12d) for them."

The _____ (15d) went away and _____ (19a) to publicize the _____ (17a) matter. _____ (13d) spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for _____ (1d) to enter a town openly. He remained outside _____ (18a) deserted places, and _____ (7a) _____ (3a) coming _____ (10a) him from everywhere.