


I Turn To You,
LORD, In Time Of
Trouble,
And You Fill Me With The
Joy Of Salvation.

In last Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus for the first time prohibited speech about his miracles, forbidding demons whom he had exorcised to speak (Mark 1:34). Today we begin to see what happens when Jesus' miraculous power is proclaimed. After healing a man with leprosy, Jesus enjoins him not to say anything about this healing, but rather to go and offer to the priest what is required for the cleansing. This act, says Jesus, will be a proof for them. In other words, the witness to the miracle that the man is to provide must be the private indirect one of an offering to the priest rather than the public direct one of personal testimony before a multitude. This certainly does not seem prudent from the perspective of advertising. What could account for this seemingly poor marketing plan?

Today's Gospel begins to answer this question in terms of the effects of the message outrunning the message itself. The first words of Mark's Jesus are, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (1:15). The primary message is that in Jesus God's power decisively and effectively expresses itself in this world, and that people are called both to repent and to believe in his message. What happens, however, after the man with leprosy refuses to follow Jesus' instruction and instead "began to publicize the whole matter ... spreading the report abroad" (1:45)? Jesus can no longer enter towns openly but must remain in deserted places waiting for people to come to him. The mission of Jesus has been compromised by such publicity. The message can no longer spread where most people are congregated. As we progress through Mark's Gospel, we will see that the message necessary to create repentance and belief is in danger of being overshadowed by the effects of the reign of God.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of February 15, 2009

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| Sunday | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45 |
| Monday | Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50; Mk 8:11-13 |
| Tuesday | The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29; Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wednesday | Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116; Mk 8:22-26 |
| Thursday | Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102; Mk 8:27-33 |
| Friday | Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33; Mk 8:34—9:1 |
| Saturday | Saint Peter Damian, bishop, doctor Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145; Mk 9:2-13 |
| Sunday | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12 |

St. Ann School News

We wish to extend our gratitude to all parents; alumni and students who helped make our two Open Houses a big success. We had a great turnout for our Sunday Cleaning Party and were able to get so much accomplished. Our open houses were a week late but many people came to see what St Ann School has to offer. Current parents and students acted as guides for these visitors and answered many questions. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of St. Ann School. Just a reminder that we need you to return our yard signs as soon as possible. You can leave them in the back of church.

Attention 6th/7th/8th grade students, high school students, and parents/adults! The St. Ann youth group, C.R.E.W. (Christ's Really Eager Workers) is in need of devoted teens and adults for the success of the 2009 Vacation Bible School program. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, 2009 from 7-8:30 in the St. Ann Parish Office. If interested, please RSVP to Erin Hingsbergen at 513-856-8945 or 513-374-0557. The commitment deadline is March 29th, so get involved now!

*Note: if you are a minor, you will need Archdiocese permission slip and release form. Please contact me for information. Additionally, any adult volunteers will need to have taken the Archdiocese Child Protection class in order to work with the teens and the children.

Mark your calendars!! The first meeting of the St. Ann's Respect Life Committee will be held on Monday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish offices. Please come and meet with other parishioners to discuss pro-life activities for our parish. Please contact Tracey Hingsbergen at 856-8945 if you have any questions.

Adorers, you have been faithfully making your private Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. You have experienced His love, His silent understanding, His mercy, and you have felt blessed. You are encouraged to convey this life-enriching experience with the members of your family, with your friends and acquaintances. Ask them to fill in for you when you cannot keep your hour of adoration. Invite them to have their own special hour once a week. Tell them to CALL ..863-4963.

The Archdiocesan Lay Ministry Formation is accessible, affordable and can be integrated into an active lifestyle. Find out what a lay ministry formation program can offer you! The Athenaeum of Ohio offers daytime, evening and Saturday classes for men and women who want to study Catholic doctrine and pastoral theology. Isn't it possible that God is calling you to learn more about your faith too? Information meetings are set for March 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., March 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. and March 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. All will be held at the Athenaeum, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Mount Washington. For more information call 513.231.1200.

SIXTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, February 15th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
Monday, February 16th
 7:00 p.m. Respect Life Committee meeting in Parish office
 7:00 p.m. Pack 907
Wednesday, February 18th
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday, February 19th
 6-8 p.m. Pack 907
Saturday, February 21st
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sunday, February 22nd
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 7-8:30 p.m. C.R.E. W. meeting in Parish office

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS *Membership Envelopes* – In the newest pack of envelopes, there is an envelope for Rosary Society dues. We hope all will consider supporting our organization. The dues are \$3.00 per year and the benefits are great. Men and women are invited to join in supporting our group. Thank you.

The 2009 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary will again be held in two locations this year.

Saturday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m., Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr will be the principal celebrant at St. Christopher, Vandalia for those in parishes located in Mercer, Auglaize, Logan, Shelby, Darke, Miami, Clark, Champaign, Preble, Montgomery and Greene counties.

Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m., Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk will be the principal celebrant at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral for those in parishes located in Butler, Warren, Clinton, Highland, Hamilton, Clermont, Brown and Adams counties.

Couples celebrating their Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary during 2009 should notify their parish by February 20th for St. Christopher and March 6th for St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 968 Hamilton Friday Fish Fry Buffet during Lent Starting February 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. Includes fish, salad, various side dishes, desserts, soft drinks and coffee. Cost is \$9.95 per adult and \$5.45 for children under 10.

AARP Free Tax Service
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM to 3 PM until 4/14/09
 No appointment necessary
 (Bring stimulus and real estate amounts)
 Located at the First United Methodist Church Second and Ludlow (Relocated this year from the Partner and Prime Club)

WANTED: Old trophies. We are going to reuse them for our *Centennial Family Fun Day* in May. Please drop them off at the Parish office for Heidi Keller. Thank you!



Saturday, February 14th Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 5:00 p.m. Gloria Hesse
Sunday, February 15th Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Alex Goldschmidt (Greg & Angela)
Monday, February 16th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Elaine Eichhold (Geneva Molinsky)
Tuesday, February 17th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Robert Toerner – 9th Anniversary (Eileen)
Wednesday, February 18th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Nettie Schneider (Family)
Thursday, February 19th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton
Friday, February 20th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Solazzo (Family)
Saturday, February 21st Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Bob & Phyllis Palmieri on their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, February 22nd Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Amber Mitchell

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| Budgeted Weekly Offering | \$ 12,072.00 |
| 02/08/2009 | \$ 10,377.90 |
| Shortfall | \$ (1,694.10) |
| Year to Date Budgeted Offering | \$ 386,304.00 |
| Year to Date Actual Offering | \$ 306,296.41 |
| Shortfall | \$ (80,007.59) |

"During this year of St. Paul, the Missionary, the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati thanks you on behalf of our 1,150 mission dioceses for your contribution to the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday this past October. The sacrifice you made empowers laity, religious, priests and bishops to continue the work of St. Paul, that is, sharing the hope, joy and liberation that Jesus offers to us all. Please check these websites to see how your donation makes a difference: www.iamamssionary.org and visit your local Mission Office's web site for all kinds of great information at www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Queen of Peace Athletic Association will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, February 27 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids and kids 5 and under eat for free. For more information call Traci Barger at 863-4005.

Badin H.S. Class of 1989 Reunion is set for Sat. July 18, 2009 at Symmes Tavern located in Fairfield. If interested in joining us, please email Aimee Napier Centrulla at NTDTInc@aol.com. with your email address. We will be sending an Evite with all the details. Also, please consider joining www.facebook.com group "Badin Class of 1989" for more details. Hope to see you there!

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