

St. Joseph's Parish

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.



Blessing and Distribution of Ashes & Mass on Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and our Ash Wednesday observance this year will be different than we are used to. Still, we are able to gather in smaller groups of 10 people, include Father Oswin, as we are doing for now. Due to the pandemic, the ashes will NOT be placed on your forehead to avoid touching of the skin. Instead, Father will simply sprinkle a few ashes over the head of each person, following the norms from the Vatican and Archdiocese.

This year, considering the pandemic situation, we are permitted to do the distribution of Ashes on other days than Ash Wednesday in that week. Please see the schedule below and **remember to contact the parish office to reserve your seat at each Mass during that week and all weekend Masses.** At this time, **Mass is held only at St. Joseph's Church in Beaverton.** We await direction from the Province on whether St. Anthony's will re-open anytime soon.

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Ash Wednesday ~ February 17, 2021 (Fast & Abstinence)

St. Joseph's Church ~ 9:15 am Mass with Communion and Ashes

~ 6:00 pm Mass with Communion and Ashes

Thursday, February 18, 2021

St. Joseph's Church ~ 9:15 am Mass with Communion and Ashes

Friday, February 19, 2021

St. Joseph's Church ~ 9:15 am Mass with Communion and Ashes

CONFESSIONS ~ Please contact the parish office or Father Oswin directly to book a convenient time for your Confession during the Season of Lent.

**PLEASE STAY SAFE WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH!
MASKS, SANITIZE AND SOCIAL DISTANCE
ARE MANDATORY**