

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ, the Church teaches that God, the Father, has revealed everything that we need to know for our salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son. Jesus, the Word, communicated this Revelation to His Apostle, who in turned passed it on to others in written form or through their teaching and preaching. The deposit of the Faith, therefore, is to be found in the twin foundations of Public Revelation, that is, in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. There exists throughout the centuries, however, what are called "private" revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. According to the Catechism, "They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history" (cf. CCC 67).

There is a series of private revelations which always profoundly touches me whenever I re-read them. They are found in a book titled, *The Way of Divine Love*. The book captures some of Jesus' inner thoughts which he revealed over a period of time to a nun named Sister Josefa Menendez. Let me recount what Jesus told Josefa when He was about to institute the Eucharist: "I want to tell them (souls) of the poignant sorrows which filled My Heart at the Last Supper... **It is love for souls that keeps Me a Prisoner in the Blessed Sacrament.** I stay there that all may come and find the comfort they need in the tenderest of Hearts, the best of Fathers, the most faithful of Friends, who will never abandon them....**The Holy Eucharist is the invention of Love** . . . Yet how few souls correspond to that love which spends and consumes itself for them! . . . I live in the midst of sinners that I may be their life, their physician, and the remedy of the diseases bred by corrupt nature. And in return they forsake, insult and despise Me! . . . Poor pitiable sinners, do not turn away from Me. . . . **Day and night I am on the watch for you in the tabernacle.** I will not reproach you . . . I will not cast your sins in your face. . . . But I will wash them in My blood and in My wounds. No need to be afraid . . . come to Me. . . . Do I not know that family cares . . . household concerns . . . and the requirements of your position in life . . . make continual calls upon you? . . . **But cannot you spare a few minutes in which to come and prove your affection and your gratitude?** . . . Were you weak or ill in body surely you would find time to see a doctor who would cure you? . . . Come, then, to One who is able to give both strength and health to your soul, and bestow the alms of love on this Divine Prisoner who watches for you, calls for you, and longs to see you at His side. **When about to institute the Blessed Sacrament, Josefa, these were My feelings....**" These few sentences powerfully capture the inner longings that Jesus has for souls; a longing that continues unabated. Do not be afraid then to go to Him and share all your needs, brokenness, sins, worries, desires, hopes and dreams. Jesus wants nothing more than to bestow His love on you from the Blessed Sacrament of Love. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday: February 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - †Pepito Aviles  
7:00pm - †Francesco Iorio

### Tuesday: February 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - †Ivan & Antonia Canjar  
7:00pm - †Filomena Fabrizio

### Wednesday: February 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - †Primo Suplido  
7:00pm - †Vittorio Esodo

### Thursday: February 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - †Luisa Floripes Dias  
7:00pm - †Silvana Nigro

### Friday: February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - †John Henry & Albertina Fernandes  
7:00pm - †Joao Medeiros Borges

### Saturday: February 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - †Luciano Busetto (3rd Anniv.)  
†Vilma Muzzin (1st Anniv.)  
5:00pm - †Diego Anthony & Esperance D'Costa

### Sunday: February 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00am - †Bernice Fernando  
10:30am - For the People of Our Parish  
12:00pm - †Jose & Luicinda Poeira



## Eucharistic Adoration

Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Fridays from 8:30am-7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

"We must visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament a hundred thousand times a day."  
- St. Francis de Sales



## Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

This 40-day period is one of the major liturgical seasons of the Catholic Church. Lenten Regulations: Ages 18-59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Age 14 and older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and each Friday during Lent.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: 8am (English)  
12pm (Bilingual)  
7pm (English)**

During Lent, please come and journey with us as we pray the *Stations of the Cross* (Bilingual) on Friday evenings at 6:30pm.



## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week's Collection \$4,688.00  
Building Fund \$3,329.00

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The Leper in today's Gospel violated the religious rules laid out in the Book of Leviticus – he broke the Law by approaching a clean man. Even then, Jesus did not send the leper away.

Rather, Our Lord was so moved with pity that he touched the leper (yet another religious violation). Jesus also insisted that the man present himself to the priests as an example of his obedience to the law. Jesus saw this as a helpful and necessary step that made it possible for the man to be fully reintegrated into the community.

The lesson is: we must constantly opt to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Also, we must respect laws that are truly designed to serve the common good. Sometimes social and economic problems seem too big and complex for us to handle. Often-times, it is just plain easier to settle for inaction. But Jesus shows us the best response: "I do choose. Be made clean."

I wonder if in this story leprosy is really meant to be a metaphor for brokenness. Can we recognize that we, as well as our society, suffer from various sorts of brokenness? Might we also need to kneel before Jesus requesting the deepest healing for which humanity yearns? Is today a new opportunity for each of us to choose to accept Jesus' challenge to love our neighbor? (Joe Gunn, Living With Christ)

Il profeta Isaia proclamava che il Messia sarebbe venuto per annunciare la buona novella ai poveri. Gesù, commentando questo testo nella sinagoga di Nazaret, dice solennemente: "Questa parola della Scrittura... si adempie oggi" (Lc 4,18-19). Ma Gesù è venuto per guarire le malattie dei poveri, spesso in modo straordinario o prodigioso? Certo Gesù dà spesso prova della sua misericordia di fronte alle sofferenze umane. Ma, in ogni caso, questi sono segni del potere che il Figlio dell'uomo ha ricevuto da colui che lo ha mandato per liberare da una schiavitù più profonda, da una lebbra più cronica, per liberare dal peccato. Chi può perdonare i peccati, se non Dio? "Ora, perché sappiate che il Figlio dell'uomo ha il potere in terra di rimettere i peccati: alzati disse al paralitico, prendi il tuo letto e va' a casa tua" (Mt 9,6). Cos'ha Gesù, che cosa irradia il Maestro per provocare nel lebbroso questa supplica colma di fiducia: "Se vuoi, puoi guarirmi"? Gesù si avvicina al lebbroso: "Lo toccò"; il lebbroso manifesta la sua fiducia, la sua gioia, la sua testimonianza, non può tacere.

E noi? Noi siamo la Chiesa di Gesù che prolunga la sua presenza e la sua opera nel mondo. In tutti i settori dove è in gioco il dolore di un qualsiasi uomo, dove la sua dignità di figlio di Dio è in pericolo, dove c'è emarginazione, qualunque essa sia, là si gioca la nostra credibilità in quanto Chiesa che porta la salvezza di Gesù.



**Adult Faith Formation**  
**at Our Lady of the Airways**  
**Thursday, February 15th at 7:45pm**

**A LOVE THAT LASTS**  
**Discovering Authentic Love**

**Speaker: Fr. Thomas Lim**

THIS SESSION WILL COVER:

- The essential differences between eros and agape
- What it means to love according to God's plan
- Why the only way we can find the love we desire is by living God's authentic love
- The joy and freedom that comes from living agape - the love that lasts
- The essential characteristics of this authentic love

All are welcome to attend.



**Young Adults of OLA**  
**Saturday, February 24th at 7:30pm**

Are you between the ages of 19 and 39?

Do you want to meet other young adults in your community?

In today's world, it's hard to practice and talk about our experiences of faith. We would like to start a group to do just that.

Please join us for a social on Saturday, February 24th, for an evening of friendship, fun, food, and community building as the Young Adults of OLA!

We will be gathering at 7:30 pm in the chapel, and we ask that you bring some food to share ~ snacks, appetizers, etc.. Whatever you can provide will be appreciated.

We need ministry, too!

**OLA Youth**



**EDGE** Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night** on **Friday, February 23rd**, from 7pm - 9pm.

**All grades 9 - 12 are invited!** **LIFE TEEN**

All Teens in grade 9 - 12 are welcome to our next **Life Night** on **Saturday, March 3rd**.

**'Life Teen'** begins with the **5:00pm Mass**  
**6:00pm: Dinner** (in the parish hall)  
**6:30pm - 8:30pm: Life Night**

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