

Children's liturgy - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Colour: green



THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST
"All my springs are in You" (Psalm 87:7)
22 November 2020-12 September 2021
Archdiocese of Johannesburg

INTRODUCTION

Song suggestions: *Take my hands* (296, The Complete Celebration Hymnal)

Quote for the Eucharist

"The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless...beyond speech...beyond concept." **Thomas Merton**

Saint quote about St Joseph

"Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount/close to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint." **St. Peter Julian Eymard**



Welcome: Today we hear about another person that Jesus healed. Let's think some more about healing and how to stay healthy together.

Opening prayer: Healing God, watch over all your children when they are sick. May we share generously with others so that all people around the world may have the chance to live happy and healthy lives. Amen.

Read Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11 and 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A man suffering from a dreaded skin disease came to Jesus, knelt down, and begged him for help. "If you want to," he said, "you can make me clean."

Jesus was filled with pity, and reached out his hand and touched him. "I do want to," he answered. "Be clean!" At once the disease left the man, and he was clean. Then Jesus spoke sternly to him and sent him away at once, after saying to him, "Listen, don't tell anyone about this. But go straight to the priest and let him examine you; then in order to prove to everyone that you are cured, offer the sacrifice that Moses ordered."

But the man went away and began to spread the news everywhere. Indeed, he talked so much that Jesus could not go into a town publicly. Instead, he stayed out in lonely places, and people came to him from everywhere.

The Gospel of the Lord

- What kind of a disease did the man who came to Jesus have?
- What did the man with leprosy want from Jesus?
- What did Jesus do when the man asked to be made clean?
- What was the man supposed to do once he was healed?
- What did the man do once he was healed?

Gospel reflection: What do you remember from today's reading?

How do you think this man felt when he realised that Jesus had healed him?

The man does not do as Jesus asks; instead, he goes round telling everyone the story. Why do you think he does this?

Perhaps it was because he was just so happy to be well again and wanted everyone to know about it.

We try to be like Jesus today in our world, by caring for others, and helping them when they are ill or finding things difficult. Can you tell me some ways that we can do that?

We talked last week how Jesus healed Simon's mothers. And about how we can show people who are ill that we care for them. It is important to see a doctor or get the medicine when we are ill.

There are lots of ways to keep healthy. Eating the right food and making sure we get enough exercise. Washing our hands, especially after going to the toilet and before eating. And, at the moment, by making sure we stay two metres apart.

Intercessions:

We try to be like Jesus today in our world, reaching out to those who need our help, and so we pray together:

We pray for all who are sick or who are struggling in some way: that they may find the help and support that they need. Lord hear us...

We pray for people all around the world: that they may be healthy and happy and have a chance to change their lives for the better. Lord hear us...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may help other people and always share generously everything that we have. Lord hear us...



Closing prayer: Christ Jesus, you always looked after people who were sick or in need. Help us to be more like you and to care for others here and around the world. Amen.

Activity suggestions

Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration of today's Gospel

