

MADE CLEAN

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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Week 6 Ordinary, B



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“I do will it. Be made clean.”

1ST READING

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

-Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

2ND READING

"Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

-1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

GOSPEL

"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean."

-Mark 1:40-45



our worst self or our best self?

When we go to Confession we may feel that we are being seen at our very worst, but truly we are at our very best. When we humbly admit we need help, that we have failed, and we sincerely want to do better - then we are finally able to receive God's love and grace. God's love created us. God's love surrounds us. God's love enfolds us like water enfolds a fish: the fish swims in it, breathes it, is made of it. "He made from one the whole human race to dwell on the entire surface of the earth, and he fixed the ordered seasons and the boundaries of their regions, so that people might seek God, even perhaps grope for him and find him, though indeed he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:26-28)

This is the same love we are to extend to all persons - not in word only, but in deed.

How has God saved you?

How is God saving you?

What do you need, to be "made clean"?

Begin to examine your conscience every day.

Scriptures

"Where sin increased,
grace overflowed all the
more."

-Romans 5:20

"And if your right hand causes
you to sin, cut it off and
throw it away."

-cf. Matthew 5:17-37

"The willing is ready at
hand, but doing the good
is not. For I do not do
the good I want, but the
evil I do not want."

-Romans 7:18-19

*"For God did not sent his Son into
the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved
through him."*

- John 3:17

"If I must boast, I will boast of
things that show my
weakness. ...I will rather boast
most gladly of my
weaknesses...for when I am
weak, then I am strong."

-2 Corinthians 11:30 & 12:7-10