## St. Francis Xavier Cathedral The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 11th, 2018

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A warm welcome is extended to all those visiting with us today.

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## <u>Lent</u>

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 is the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday). On that day Mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. A joint Ecumenical Service with the parishes of Christ Church Cathedral, St. Mary the Virgin and St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will take place at Christ Church Cathedral at 7 p.m. Parishioners are encouraged to attend one of the Masses and also the Ecumenical Service.

## What is Lent?

The liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer.

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# Upcoming Archdiocesan Events

## Lenten Mission

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese will host its City-Wide Lenten Mission on February 19-23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Loyola Hall, Gladstone Road. The theme is: "Our Vocation to Be Missionary Disciples."

## Get On the Bus

On Friday, February 16, 2018 from 7:30 p.m.-10p.m. The Archdiocesan Youth Ministry will have their annual "Get on the Bus." At St. Thomas More Parish. All interested youth here at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral are encouraged to be present on Cathedral grounds at 7 p.m. for the bus service.

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# Sick & Shut-Ins:

Please pray for and visit the sick and shutins of our community. Some of those persons are: Earl Thompson, Malinda Rahming, Arthur Symonette, Doris Taylor, Earl V. Thompson, Mariette Darling-Wilmore, Rita Wood and Zelma Worrell.

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## Yard Sale

On February 24, 2018, St. Martin Monastery will have a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are invited to this event.

## **Religious Education News**

# CCD

The CCD program will be on mid-term break from the  $23^{rd} - 26^{th}$  February 2018.

On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018, there will be no CCD classes due to the City-Wide Mission. All students are encouraged to attend the Mission.

## **Brownies**

The Brownies will meet on February 10th, 2018 at 11:30 p.m. All brownies members are asked to contact Ms. Lightbourne if these is any queries.

#### **Scouts**

The Scouts will meet on February 10th, 2018 at 12 noon. All scouts are invited to be at attendance.

### <u>RCIA</u>

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will not meet on Wednesday, 14 of February, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.

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#### Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary group meet on Thursday's at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. New members are invited.

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#### **Reflection**

Jesus "stretched out his hand and touched him." This was probably the first time the leper had ever been touched. That contact was just as compelling as his cure. The leper perceives in Jesus a compassion, a "pity"; like nothing else, the personal experience of sickness and suffering can make one acutely aware of the tenderness and goodness of another. Most likely the leper never would have begged Jesus in this way if he had not been afflicted in the first place. "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble." The leper presents himself to the Great High Priest who "fills him with the joy of salvation."

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#### **Daily Readings**

Liturgy of the Hours Week II of the Psalter

<u>Monday</u> The Sixth Week in Ordinary Time James 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13

<u>Tuesday</u> The Sixth Week in Ordinary Time James 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21

> <u>Wednesday</u> Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

<u>Thursday</u> Thursday after Ash Wednesday Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25

<u>Friday</u> Friday after Ash Wednesday Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15

> <u>Saturday</u> Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

<u>The First Sunday of Lent</u> Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 25 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

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