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**February 11, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



ST. THERESE
CHINESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
聖德力天主教學校

CHINESE NEW YEAR BENEFIT

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
5:30PM**

Furama Restaurant
2828 S. Wentworth Ave
Chicago, IL 60616

Tickets:
Adults - \$145
Children (3-12 years) - \$88

Join us for a banquet dinner and performances to celebrate the new year and to benefit our school.

Silent Auction featuring class treasures, teacher adventures, and more.

Raffle Drawings

- Grand Prize - iPad Pro
- First Prize - Apple Watch
- Second Prize - VR package

Traditional Food

School Performances



To purchase tickets, to make a donation, or for more information contact Nicole at nyong@sttheresechicago.org or call 312-326-2837 by Monday, February 12.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Chapel

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday: 8 a.m.

St. Barbara Church

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 6 a.m./9:30 a.m.

Indonesian: 2nd Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Healing Mass

St. Barbara Chapel: 8 a.m.

The Rosary

Sunday 5:30 a.m. Before 6 a.m. Mass

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8 a.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Cantonese: 1st Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Mandarin: 2nd Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (TBA)

4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4-5 p.m. Rosary and 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour

First Friday Holy Hour: After the 8 a.m. Mass



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, Feb. 10th | Vigil | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Health Blessings for Jeffrey Fockler by Jane Fockler
+ Joyce Coon by Jane Fockler
+ John Fockler by Jane Fockler

Sunday, Feb. 11th | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Mathilda Wierschem by Jim & Christine Bertucci
+ Francesca Damico by Ropke Family
+ Eugene (Gino) Barajas, Sr.
+ Ronald Freeman Jr. (1 yr. Anniv) by Jim & Christine Bertucci
9:30 a.m. + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Matthew Rekar by wife
11:30 a.m. **INDONESIAN MASS**
+ Ted Glaser by Cousins Jim & Christine Bertucci

Tuesday, Feb. 13th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners

Wednesday, Feb. 14th | Ash Wednesday

6:00 a.m. + Ronald Freeman Jr. by Jim & Christine Bertucci
+ Louis Phillips Sr. by Jim & Christine Bertucci
+ Mae Smith - 2nd Annv. by Son, Terry
+ Mercy for Bertucci & Barbaro Souls by Dominic Barbaro
9:30 a.m. + All Deceased Parishioners
7:00 p.m. + Alfredo Barajas, 27th Anniversary, by Martha Lily Barajas & Garibay Family
+ Ted & Stanley Piorecki by Family

Thursday, Feb. 15th | Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. + Irene Zima by Friend

Saturday, Feb. 17th | Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Remembrance

Saturday, Feb. 17th | Vigil | First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven by Kisielente Family
+ Frank & Casimara by Kisielente Family
+ Patricia Sokolowski by Dolores Becatti

Sunday, Feb. 18th | First Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Theresa Ryndak Kisielente Family
+ Ted Graser by Jim & Christina Bertucci
9:30 a.m. Health Blessing for HB Wilfredo Cruz by Family
+ Mary Diaz Deleon by Family
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, Feb. 11th | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Health Blessings for Jian GuoXin by Jean Wu
Birthday Blessings for Elizabeth by Mimi & Jing
+ Ho Kwan Yuen by the Sin Family
+ June Moy by Ricky Yong

Monday, Feb. 12th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners

Wednesday, Feb. 14th | Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. + Mercy for Bertucci-Barbaro Souls by Dominic Barbaro
1:00 p.m. + Bernie Wong by Friend

Friday, Feb. 16th | Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention by Rosetta Palumbo

***"Every time you smile at someone,
it is an action of love, a gift to that
person, a beautiful thing."***

~ St. Mother Teresa

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara - ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14TH

6am Lector: J. Bertucci

EM: J. Bertucci

9:30am Lectors: B. Hudren, B. Pienta

EM: TBA

7pm Lectors: E. Pollock, E. Kroner

EM: J. Lukwinski

Saturday, Feb. 17th

5p.m. Lectors: L. Saletta, W. Podrazik

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

Sunday, Feb. 18th:

6a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci

Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford

9:30 a.m. Lectors: B. Pienta, P. Saletta

Eucharistic Minister: A. Alonzo

St. Therese - Sunday, Feb. 18th:

8:00a.m Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe

Lectors: B. Fung, J. Fung

St. Michael Ministry:

10:30a.m Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe

Lectors: **FAMILY MASS**

Eucharistic Ministers: John (Altar) Sheila hoir

St. Michael Ministry: Cam

THANKS

Thanks to all the youth who attended our youth ministry on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, and all adults who helped with it. We had a wonderful turnout and all participants had fun sharing and playing together.

Thanks to our 7th grade for leading our Family Mass last Sunday and to all who helped with the reception and open gym after mass.

Thanks to all who helped with decorating St. Therese' Church last Sunday. Our Church looks absolutely beautiful for our New Year celebration and festivities.

Lunar New Year and Lent

This Sunday Feb. 11th, we celebrate the Lunar New Year as a faith community and the celebration will continue for many families in the next couple of weeks. On Wednesday, Feb. 14th, Lent begins as we mark ourselves with the ashes on our foreheads. It seems on the surface that the New Year is calling for joyful celebrations whereas Lent is calling us for penitential actions. One has to wonder how we can celebrate these seemingly two opposite celebrations around the same time.

This is an obvious question to ask. In fact, many outsiders asked me this question before. However, I believe that the commonality of these two celebrations is the spirit that they are calling people to generate. The New Year is calling people to be grateful and to be open to God's grace. When we send New Year greetings to people, we are reminded that we are blessed; each one of us is a blessing; and we are called to be a blessing for others. When we wish people abundant prosperities in the New Year, our faith reminds us that we are not only about material prosperity and more importantly we as Christians are about seeking for spiritual prosperity. A wise person once said something like this: justice is good, but justice needs a heart. Similarly, prosperity is good, but prosperity needs a heart. Our faith celebration of the New Year adds the heart to the prosperity that we wish each other to quest in the New Year. So the spirit of the New Year is about blessings and spiritual prosperity.

Lent calls us for conversation and renewal. Through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, Christians are challenged to renew our relationships with God, others, and oneself. It helps us to know our blessings to be a blessing for others. This call is especially significant in this Year of Prayer. When we pray, we hope to receive God's blessings and God to enable us to be blessings for others. Prayer helps us to seek for spiritual prosperity.

Clearly both the celebrations of the Lunar New Year and of the Lent call us to change and to renew ourselves. This call is for individuals as well as for our communities. Let's take the opportunities seriously as we gather with our families and communities for these special occasions. Let's strive to be a blessing for others and to seek for spiritual prosperity in our lives.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed and healthy Year of Dragon. 龙年大吉，主佑安康！

Peace ~Fr. Francis



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal: Together at the Table

Follow Up Weekend: February 10-11, 2024



Thank you to all who have made a pledge or gift to this year's annual catholic appeal. For those of you who haven't, there are pledge envelopes at the church entrance for you to make a financial commitment to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the table." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude.

Our parish's target for the 2024 Appeal is \$21,135. As you know, when contributions exceed the goal, our parish will receive a rebate from those donated funds.

You may also choose to make your gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com or you can take a picture of the QR code on the brochure to access the online giving form easily. If you prefer to call and make your gift over the phone, please call 312.534.7959 and someone will be happy to accept your generous gift.

"On behalf of Cardinal Cupich, all those who benefit from the good work of the Annual Catholic Appeal, and myself, I thank you for your contribution. May God bless you."



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven... for the life of the world”(John 6: 51).

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th (Fast and Abstinence)

Distribution of ashes at 6am, 9:30am and 7pm masses at St. Barb. Church and 8:00am mass and 1:00pm School Mass at St. Therese Church; Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe at all Masses.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm

a. Feb. 16, March 1 and 15 at St. Therese. **b.** Feb. 23, March 8, 22 and 29 at St. Barbara.

CRS Rice Bowl—Distribution on Feb. 17-18 and Returning on March 16-17 and 23-24

OCIA *The Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election will take place at the 10:30am mass on Sunday Feb. 18th and the Rite of Election at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral.

***Scrutiny Rites** will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. 1st Scrutiny Rite will take place at the 9:30am mass on Sunday March 3rd at St. Barbara Church and the 2nd on Sunday March 10 at 10:30am mass and the 3rd on Sunday March 17th at 10:30am mass.

Feb. English Alpha—6pm following the 5pm mass on Sat. Feb. 17th at St. Mother Teresa Hall

Feb. Family Mass—10:30am on Sunday Feb. 18th at St. Therese

Mandarin Mass & Faith Sharing—12:30pm on Sunday Feb. 25th followed by Faith Sharing

First Friday Devotion—Friday March 1st at 8am mass with Divine Mercy Chaplets & Benediction at St. Therese

First Saturday Anointing of the Sick—Saturday, March 2nd at 8am mass at St. Barbara Chapel

Youth Ministry—6pm following the 5pm mass on March 2nd at St. Barbara

Cantonese Mass & Alpha—10:30am Sunday March 3rd followed by Alpha

Parish Mission—6:30pm---7:45pm on March 3rd, 4th and 5th at St. Barbara

Holy Name Gathering—March 8th at 7pm

Family Mass—9:30am on Sunday March 10th followed by Open Gym and Coffee and Donuts

Religious Education Students' Reconciliation—9am on Sunday March 10th

Indonesian Mass—11:30am on Sunday March 10th

Accompanies You in Prayer at SSB—3pm to 4pm Tuesday March 12th

Mandarin Lenten Retreat—Sat. March 16th from 10am ---5:00pm at St. Therese

English Alpha—Sat. March 16th 6pm after the 5pm mass at St. Barbara

Family Mass—10:30am on Sunday March 17th led by Religious Education Students

St. Barbara Campus Mass and Reconciliation—8am on Tuesday March 19th

St. Therese Campus Mass and Reconciliation—8am on Friday March 22nd

1st Reconciliation ---March 23rd at 10am at St. Therese

Living Well Speaker Series—6pm on Saturday March 23rd at St. Mother Teresa Hall

Mandarin Mass and Faith Sharing—12:30pm on Sunday March 24th

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students: TBA

Lenten Regulations (from Feb. 14th, 2024, Ash Wednesday--- the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

February

Upcoming Special Events & Schedule

Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionary of Charity: 4pm-5pm Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm Adoration at St. Therese Church. All are welcome.

Good Shepherd Catechism for Children ages 3 to 7 years on Sundays at 10:30am at St. Therese

Feb. 11---10:30am LNY Mass followed by Luncheon and 5pm SuperDuper Bowl Party

Feb. 14---Ash Wednesday, masses are 6am, 9:30am and 7pm at St. Barbara & 8am and 1pm with School at St. Therese. There will be a collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe at all masses.

Feb. 16---7pm Stations of the Cross at STC

Feb. 18---10:30am Family Mass & Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election and 2:30pm Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral.

Feb. 23---7pm Stations of the Cross at SBC

Feb. 24---6pm St. Therese School Chinese New Year Banquet and Benefit Dinner

Feb. 25---12:30pm Mandarin Mass followed by Faith Sharing

Feb. 27---8am St. Barbara Campus Mass

Feb. 28---8am St. Therese Campus Mass

2024 St. Therese Offering Boxes are available to be picked up at the Church entrance table for registered parishioners.

Need A Tax Letter?

Tax letters can be obtained by contacting our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777.



HOLY NAME NEWS

Elvis is coming, Elvis is coming! Look for details soon on our Elvis barbeque coming in June. Our next meeting is February 16 at 7pm in the mobile unit at St Barbara site. Come enjoy a

delicious meal and great company.

100 Club tickets \$1 and Split the Pot tickets of \$10 each, both available in the back of St. Barbara church and Queen of Hearts Jackpot up to \$3,735 with the next drawing on Super Duper Bowl Sunday. Tickets are available for all the drawings from any Holy Name member. Contacts being Roberto 773-230-9285, Francisco 773-992-6875, Jeff 773-358-8115 and George 773-592-7036.

REPSECT LIFE

Quote – “Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.” — USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*.

Our Prayer – For all married couples: May their openness to new life bear witness to the generous love of God; *We pray to the Lord:*

2024 National Eucharistic Congress

Experience a revival in your love for and knowledge of the Eucharist. Attend the revival July 17-21 in Indianapolis. There will be inspiring and interesting speakers in a variety of sessions each day. Attend for the whole conference or for a day. For more information go to eucharisticcongress.com.

A few of our parish leaders plan to attend. If you are interested in attending and going together with your fellow parishioners, please call the office with your name and the office can help you to connect with others who will attend.

Remember
that first time
you welcomed
Jesus in?

He's
knocking
again.



St. Mother Teresa invites
you to return to the

Eucharist,

the source of
grace and mercy,
for healing
peace
hope
LOVE



Prayer Request:

Mr. Jeff Chrusciel, the Athletic Director and Physical Education Teacher at St. Therese School requests your prayers for his wife, Kelly who received a devastating health diagnosis in 2022, which has been world-changing for his family. Please know that his family is well-supported in this journey, but Mr. Chrusciel would like for all of you to join in praying for a miracle for Kelly and for strength for his children Madison, Kyle, and Ryan. He appreciates any words of support or encouragement you may have, but prefers to not go into any great details at this time as he tries to focus at work. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and support in this prayer mission!

WEEKLY COLLECTION—FEBRUARY 4, 2024

St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,783.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 578.00
Give Central	\$ 354.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,715.00

YTD Weekly

Actual	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 2,715.00
Goal	\$ 86,400.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	74%	100%

\$

\$

St. Therese

\$ 980.00
\$ 259.00
\$ 676.00
\$ 1,915.00

YTD Weekly

\$ 68,230.00	\$ 1,915.00
\$ 86,400.00	\$ 2,700.00
79%	71%

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\$

Attention: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please make checks to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Electronic giving through **GiveCentral.org** is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). **Thank YOU, and God Bless you for your generosity!** **St. Therese Church :** www.givecentral.org/location/190 **St. Barbara Church:** www.givecentral.org/location/445



Please pray for those who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers.

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Angeleo Alonzo, Debbie Annoreno, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Laverne Connolly, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz De Leon, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Maryann Januszewski, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Rose Kisielowski, Anna Kolendo, Christine Krupa, Craig Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Barbara Lokey, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Malloory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marczuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Tony Mrgan, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Megan Pirelli, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Maria Saludo, Bernard Sandacz, Kennedy Shepski, Anthony Sinople, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Shirley Synal, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, Christine Vanderford, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Al Zipf, *** Ken Barber, Hu Bin, Jose Cardinal, Joseph Caruso, Roberta Cheong, Kim Chiu, Brian Cook, Sister Noel Devine, Jimmy Distasio, MAD & Rose Marie Donato, Mark Donato, Mia Rose Faciana, Kerry Fluder Setter, Gyna Gazzi, James Gemkow, Roseann Gurgone, Michael Howley, Frank Karagianes, Levi Kirkland, Angela Lasillo, George Lee, David Leung, Shiu Wah Leung, Felina Li, James Longo, III, Matthew Mantia, Phil Maraldi, Jerry McCarthy, Barbara McElroy, Xue Ying Mou, Lucy Moy, Mina Preysler Munoz, Cita Orendain, John Paleoik, Anne Pataka, Rose Perez, Gerard Phillips, Ali Powers, James Rak, Victor Roa, Phyllis Robinson, Joseph Rubin, Amelia Lorraine Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, David Sero, Richard Shew, Kay Siani, Nicholas Tobar, Richard Tobar, Anthony Valentino, Luz Whitehead, Luke Williamson, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, Sonny Furmanek, Juliana, 蔡宏恩, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young, Charles Corbett, Rick Deleon, Shirley Mendoza, Gary Leverage, Diane Rzasa, MingYing Liu, FanYa Zhang, Diana Cardinal, Karen Zovko, Darlene Phillips Smith, Ella Dover, Jian GuoXin, Louis Phillips, Jeffrey Fockler, Frank Scuito, Anoth A. Briglio,

*****Please review the above Prayer List to identify if there is a name that should be removed OR inform us if there is someone that needs to be added. Please call the rectory to make changes. Thank YOU!**

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Please contact parish office for any of the following:

Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioner and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

Communion Calls: Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

Confessions: Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m. at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

Ministry of Care: Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

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~ St. Mother Teresa Of Calcutta Parish (SMTCP)

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Mission Statement:

Inspired by the example of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the Gospel, we strive to be humble and joyful missionary disciples in welcoming, educating, evangelizing, serving and sustaining all people in our community and neighborhood to build up the Kingdom of God in union with the universal Church.

Vision:

To be Jesus Christ in Bridgeport, Chinatown, and beyond.

THE CURSE OF LEPROSY by Fr. John Cuff

Martin was a young soldier in the Roman army. Elegantly dressed, he was mounted on his horse one day when he was accosted by a leper begging for alms. The sight and the stench of rotting flesh was so repulsive to the sensitivities of young Martin that his first instinct was to ride off on his horse. But something inside him made him walk up to the beggar. Since all he had was his military coat, he cut it in two and gave half to the leper while he wrapped himself with the other half. It was a very cold winter day. That night in his dream he saw Christ clothed in a half coat saying to the angels around his throne, "Martin has clothed me with his garment." This event was the turning point in the life of him who was to become St Martin of Tours.

The natural revulsion of Martin before leprosy is nothing compared with the ancient Hebrew attitude to leprosy. To them leprosy was not only a most dreaded natural disease, it was also seen as divine chastisement. In the first reading (Leviticus 13) the dreadful practice of ostracizing lepers is reported as God's will. But today's Gospel of Jesus' stretching out his hand and physically touching the leper presents a different picture. Was leprosy indeed divine chastisement? Was the dehumanizing treatment meted out to lepers as described in Leviticus really God's will? If indeed it were God's will, then there's no way Jesus, God's Anointed, would want to heal a leper. If, on the other hand, leprosy is an unfortunate disease like any other, then there's every possibility that Jesus, who had earlier healed many sick people, would also heal a leper. In any event, the leper in today's Gospel decides to find out once and for all. Ignoring the law that forbids him to approach people, he comes close and kneels before Jesus. Instead of shouting, "Unclean! Unclean!" he says to him, **"If it is your will you can make me clean."** Jesus says, **"It is my will. Be made clean!"** So what's going on here? Jesus is challenging the traditional view of holiness and unholiness, that certain people are impure by reason of their health, social status, or birth. His gesture of touching the leper did two things. First, it restored the leper to health. Secondly, it proved to him and to all that leprosy was not a divine chastisement after all but a disease like any other disease that prevents people from being fully alive as God wants all people to be.

Pope John Paul II has declared February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, as the World Day of the Sick. Leprosy, thank God, has become a curable disease. Yet the tendency to see some diseases as divine punishment and to ostracize those who suffer from them is still with us. How many of us still see people with HIV-AIDS as cursed? Do we not hear tele-evangelists who teach that AIDS is divine punishment for sin? Jesus challenges us today to abandon such dehumanizing beliefs and reach out in solidarity with these modern-day lepers among us, as he himself did in his own day.

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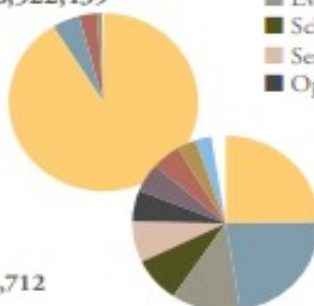
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