



Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

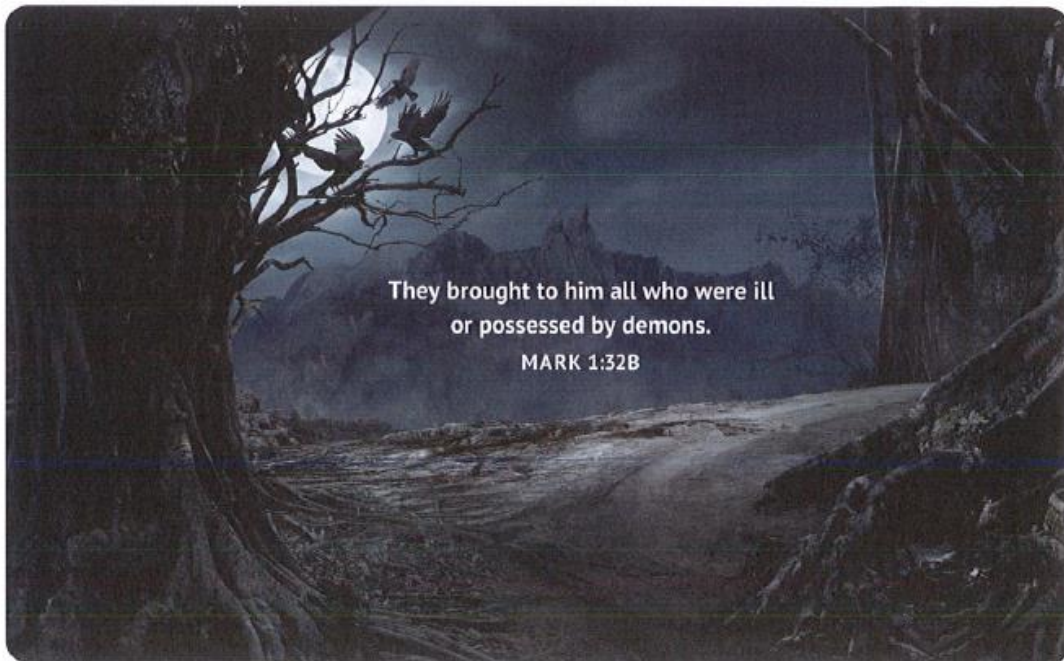
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil. ●

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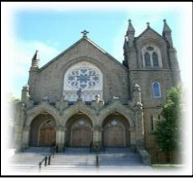
How do you answer the question of why evil exists?



**They brought to him all who were ill
or possessed by demons.**

MARK 1:32B

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

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| Mon. | Feb. 04 | 9:30 AM | Anniv. Late Marie Rowe | Linda Rowe Fitch |
| Thur. | Feb. 08 | 9:30 AM | Late Emery Arsenault | KOC Council 1310 |
| Fri. | Feb. 09 | 9:30 AM | Late Henry McGraw | KOC Council 1310 |
| Sat. | Feb. 10 | 4:00 PM | Late Bernie and Gary VanBuskirk | Darlene McGraw |
| Sun | Feb. 11 | 11:00 AM | Anniv. Late Rob Robichaud | Hazel and Family |
| Sun | Feb.11 | 2:00 PM | Sacrament of the Sick - For the People | |

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| Sat | Feb. 03 | 7:00 PM | Jeanne Natalizi | Doris Gunputrav and Family |
| Sat | Feb. 10 | 7:00 PM | Late Cheryl Doucette | Joanne Carroll |

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| Sun | Feb. 11 | 9:00 AM | Lowell Brine | Claudette Shea and Family |
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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

Prior to weekday masses: Monday, Thursday. & Friday: 8:30 – 9:20AM
First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Saturdays: 1:00 PM

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's – Jan 27 and 28, 2024

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| Envelopes | \$4,002.00 | Loose | \$652.35 | Capital Exp. | \$272.10 |
| Karing Kitchen | \$19.00 | All Souls | \$5.00 | New Year | \$95.00 |

St. Clement's – Jan. 27, 2024

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| Envelopes | \$251.00 | Collection | \$7.00 |
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St. Vincent's – Jan. 28, 2024

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| Envelopes | \$1,085.00 | Loose | \$19.00 |
| Maintenance | \$10.00 | Fuel | \$10.00 |

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



A time to mourn. Sincere sympathies to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



*Ecclesiastes 3...
Under every season there is a time, A time to heal.*

St. Bernard's

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| Norm Gallant | Al Gallant | Judy Chiasson | Roger Berube |
| Patricia Devine | Fr. Joseph Nguyen | Barb Bowes | Alma Melanson |
| Paul Doiron | Joseph Phee | Priscilla Tobin | |

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| McGraw Family | Carol Murphy | Ken Murphy | Hudson Sweeney |
| Baby Owen | Emma Cormier | | |

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| Dan LeClair | Hank Hendrikson | Tim Nye | Vince Wood |
| Art Chase | Leone Campbell | | |

And all who re for them...



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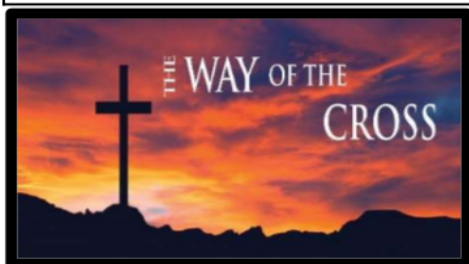
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| Parish Secretary | Pam Van Egmond | |
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World Day of the Sick – February 11, 2024 - The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the church. February 11 (Memorial of our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the church. It reminds us of that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

The Way of The Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross ***during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM***. To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in different churches according to the following schedule:



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| February 16 | Immaculate Heart |
| February 23 | St. Augustine's |
| March 1 | St. Bernard's |
| March 8 | Immaculate Heart |
| March 15 | St. Augustine's |
| March 22 | St. Bernard's |
| March 29 | Immaculate Heart |

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

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| RCIA | Sat, Feb. 17 and Mar. 2: 10 – 11:30 AM |
| Next Baptisms | Sun, Feb. 25: 1:30 PM |
| Carmelites | 2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM |
| Prayer Group | Sat, Feb. 10 |



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 506-857-0425



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

Years 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM / Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM:

Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21, and May 5

Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM:

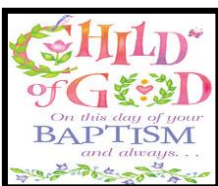
Feb. 13, Feb. 27, March 12, March 26, April 9, April 23, and May 7

Year 7 Confirmation next in person Sessions Sunday @ 2 PM:

Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8
Feb. 11, March 10, April 7



YMCA ReConnect Moncton provides short-term and long-term assistance through outreach to youth and adults who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. YMCA Re-Connect is looking for donations of new or gently used sweaters, sweatpants, socks, hand / foot warmers and warm blankets. If you can donate any of these items to St. Bernard's Church, baskets will be set up at the entrance of the church to receive these donations. We will ensure donations get to Re-Connect. Thank you in advance for your kindness!



The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, making us sons and daughters of God and members of the Body of Christ.



On Sunday, January 28, 2024,

Emilie Grace Albert, Jackson John Gilles Albert, & Olivia Rose Albert
children of Jacques and Alyson Albert

were welcomed into the Roman Catholic faith and St. Bernard's parish community through the sacrament of Baptism.

God bless them and their family in their continual journey of faith.



REMINDER TO BRING IN LAST YEAR'S PALM

A basket is set up at the main entrance of the church to receive last year's palms. It would be helpful if your palm were cut into small lengths, as that saves much time for those who will be burning them to make this year's ashes.



Please - No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall. Thank you.

St. Vincent's



PRAYERS – A reminder that St. Vincent's church building is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for those who wish to have a personal and quiet time of prayer. You are also warmly invited to join the group of faithful who pray the Rosary in the Chapel currently.



FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's – In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for the program, now until mid-May, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470. Adults of the parish, no previous experience is necessary for you to share your time with our Faith Formation families, as a helper

or as a catechist! The upcoming Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

- February 4th and 18th @ 10am in Primary group – St. Vincent's Hall*
- February 11th and 25th @ 10am in Elementary group – St. Vincent's Hall*

Sacramental preparations (guided sessions for children and their parents) will be scheduled soon for: 1st Eucharist (students in Grade 2 or 3) and 1st Reconciliation (students in Grade 3 and beyond who have already received the Eucharist)



FOOD BANK– There are many in our local area who are struggling to feed their families. The parishioners of St. Vincent's have been very generous in the past. We encourage our faithful to continue donating to this worthy cause. The food basket is located on the right side of the entrance to the church. Donated goods are transported weekly to the Sackville Food Bank by volunteers from our parish.



WELCOME NEWCOMERS! – Sackville and the Drew Nursing Home will be welcoming five more nurses from the Philippines on February 10, 2024! Our welcoming committee is asking if you have good used bedding/blankets/furniture/small appliances that you are no longer using, our new families who are trying to set up apartments in Sackville need these items. Please call the Parish Office if you have items in good condition that you wish to donate. Please leave a message if you call at a time when there is no one in the office. 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca



| Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2024 | |
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| St. Bernard's | 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM |
| St. Clement's | 5:15 PM |
| St. Vincents | 7:00 PM |

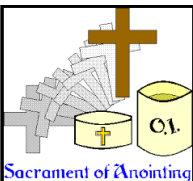
Seniors Connect A safe space for Seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on February 8th at 10:30am at the Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. We will have Barrister and Solicitor Cyril Sutherland talking to us about Wills, Power of Attorney, Appointment of Committee; all in relation to the new legislation recently enacted by the Provincial Government January 1, 2024. Jot down any questions you may have in the meantime. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.dioceses@gmail.com

LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet five times over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films. **February 26th – The Notebook (2004); March 4th – Straight Story (1999); March 11th – Calvary (2014); March 18th – Monsoon Wedding (2001); and March 25th – Billy Elliot (2000).** All discussions take place on Zoom at 2:00 pm. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com to register. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, and DVDs will be made available for participants to borrow.

Cosmic Walk the Laudato Si' Committee invites you to join in the telling of a special story—a story of Mother Earth, of humans, of gazelles, of mountains; it's the story of you and me! Birth, death, and resurrection. Our Christian story is our cosmic story! We will tell this amazing story are two different times on Thursday, February 8th at the Dan Bohan Centre, at 2:00 pm and again at 6:00 pm. Register with Karen at 506-387-4198, karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca - Pastoral Offices Adult Faith Formation Opportunities.

Theology on Tap Our next Theology on Tap will take place on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 pm at Mai Asian Restaurant on Mountain Road. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Carlos Jacinto who will speak to us about vocation and discernment. Please register with Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.

ENLARGE YOUR TENT: A Symposium on Welcome and Hospitality the English Diocesan Adult Faith Commission invites you to an interactive discussion on Thursday, February 29th, 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish in Moncton (52 Falkland Street). Grounded in Isaiah 54:2, the tent image was used by Pope Francis to help inform our Synod conversations, and we will use it as a starting point for our conversation on the 29th. For more information and to register, contact Trevor at 857-4879, trevord.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.



Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church (43 Botsford Street, Moncton) on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 pm. (Mass and Sacrament of the Sick) Who should celebrate this sacrament? Those who are elderly and whose frailty is becoming more pronounced; those adults and children who are suffering from a major illness; illness comes in many different forms - physical, mental, psychological, emotional, and spiritual; those who are facing or recovering from surgery or serious medical tests; those suffering from a serious accident; those who suffer from chronic

illness such as arthritis or diabetes. those who care for the sick, especially those who are closely bound in love with them. The English churches of the Archdiocese of Moncton work together to offer this communal celebration. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this celebration. **It is important that those who are sick and those around them understand the significance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as a sacrament of healing.**



Moncton, January 30, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May God bless you as we begin the new year 2024!

It's indeed a year that's starting off on the right foot. Hallelujah!

As you are no doubt aware, the Archdiocese of Moncton has had to deal with the settlement of various legal claims made against former priests in our region for a number of years. Over the past 13 years, settling the claims of some 200 victims of abuse has required considerable effort and work to collect large sums of money. And God knows what sacrifices our parishes and the archdiocese have had to make to weather this unprecedented storm.

In order to meet the requirements of the court ruling, we had no recourse but to use the assets of the Archdiocese to meet the requirements of the ruling. Admittedly, these were difficult decisions to make, but they were necessary to avoid a major financial crisis, or even the bankruptcy of the Archdiocese, which would certainly have had an irreversible impact on the functioning or survival of all the parishes under our pastoral responsibility.

Despite our best efforts, we were still short by a considerable amount to meet the requirements imposed on us by the courts. At the beginning of September 2023, we had to borrow \$900,000 from the Bank to finance our current operations. What's more, we still had to disburse some \$5.4 million to finally bring the abuse case to a close. Since my arrival as Archbishop, Mgr Vienneau and I have embarked on a fund-raising campaign to pay the victims and the lawyers. In early December 2023, I wrote to all kinds of benefactors to help us overcome the looming crisis. Without hiding anything from these possible donors, I explained the dramatic financial situation that would lead us to contemplate insolvency (bankruptcy of the archdiocese).

It was at this point that a true miracle of Providence began to manifest itself to us just two weeks before the great feast of Christmas: the compassion and generosity of numerous benefactors who didn't even live in our diocese, suddenly enabled us to reposition ourselves financially. Thanks to their contributions, we were able to meet our financial and legal requirements, with a payment deadline of December 29, 2023. This is truly a miracle from God. Let's give Him thanks for this unspeakable favor!

I'm delighted that this new year has brought us a new outlook. I'm proud of the hard work accomplished by our parishioners, clergy, staff and volunteers. It's been a long and often difficult road. Now that our financial obligations have been met, we must turn the page, as I said in my homily on the day of my installation at Moncton Cathedral. On that day, I asked all those present: "Are you too ready to turn the page on the past of abuse? And everyone present that day answered loud and clear: "Yes!

Well, dear fellow priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, parishioners and faithful, the time has come for all of us to turn the page once and for all on this issue that has been more than thorny for so many years! We must now work together to find solutions that will enable us to rebuild our assets and properly support our operations and pastoral work. It goes without saying that strategic measures are required. So, in 2024, the Archdiocese will have to undertake this turning point by increasing the diocesan tax in order to rebuild the Archdiocese's finances. At present, we are the diocese with the lowest diocesan tax of all the Atlantic provinces. Other measures or projects will be undertaken and announced at a later date, in order to lift us up, not only financially, but also pastorally, morally and spiritually.

Dear parishioners, brothers and sisters, these are extraordinary measures because these are extraordinary times. Rest assured that we will do our best to find other ways to begin this journey of restoring the Archdiocese's finances. We will definitely do our best to communicate with you throughout this process.

My heart and vision for our archdiocese are for a living, missionary church whose apostolic zeal will be driven by the singular desire to bring Christ's message of hope and love to one and all. May the Holy Spirit guide us in this "synodal" journey, in this journey of solidarity and trust that now points to the horizon. May we all learn to walk together, hand in hand, respecting our different charisms and personalities, in order to accomplish the great task of evangelization that Jesus entrusts to each and every one of us.

In Christ, our Redeemer and with Mary, our Blessed Mother,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Guy Desrochers, C.M.". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Moncton.

Coming this Lent!!!

Why Catholic? Journey through the Catechism offers a concrete approach to help adults form their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their everyday lives. With its thorough and systematic exploration of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, this process encourages learning in a prayerful small-community setting.

Rather than a "class," **Why Catholic?** is done through small faith-sharing groups - because each of us has insights and experiences about our faith. Perhaps - in our busy lives - we don't often think about all the ways our faith connects with our everyday lives. These small groups will give you a chance to do that.

Some of the questions that will be explored include:

The beauty of creation, a longing within us, Scripture, and church teachings are all paths that lead us to God. Which of these most connects you with God?

How do you know God loves you?

When do you pray? Do you read and reflect on Scripture?

Who is your favorite person of faith in Scripture?

Was there a time in your life when it was hard for you to believe?

Who do you usually pray to - the Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit?

What is your favorite Scripture of Jesus.

There are no right or wrong answers! Each person's experiences and life are different. But also - we ourselves grow so much when we listen to the experiences of others.

These small groups are for you...for everyone, no matter what is happening in your life's faith journey. Sign up now!!!



Dear Padre,

*In the Our Father, we pray, “thy kingdom come.”
Will God’s kingdom come only at the end of the world?*

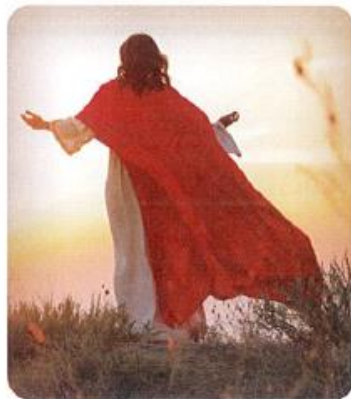
God’s kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus’ Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus’ first coming as a man. That means we are in God’s kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don’t have to just wait for God’s kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God’s kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13 Mk 6:53–56 | February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30 Mk 7:1–13 | February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 10:1–10 Mk 7:14–23 | February 8 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:4–13 Mk 7:24–30 | February 9 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19 Mk 7:31–37 | February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> 1 Kgs 12:26–32; 13:33–34 Mk 8:1–10 | February 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lv 13:1–2, 44–46 1 Cor 10:31– 11:1 Mk 1:40–45 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 8, 2015