

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Why did the leper say: "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean"?

He believed Christ to be the promised Messiah, who as true God had the power to heal him. From this we learn to have confidence in the omnipotence of God, who is a helper in all need, (Ps. CVI. 6. 73. 19.) and to leave all to the will of God, saying: Lord, if it be pleasing to Thee, and well for me, grant my petition.

Why did Jesus stretch forth His hand and touch the leper?

To show that He was not subject to the law which forbade the touching of a leper through fear of infection, which could not affect Jesus; to reveal the health-giving, curative power of His flesh, which dispelled leprosy by the simple touch of His hand; to give us an example of humility and of love for the poor sick, that we may learn from Him to have no aversion to the infirm, but lovingly to assist the unfortunate sick for the sake of Jesus who took upon Himself the leprosy of our sins. The saints have faithfully imitated Him in their tender care for those suffering from the most disgusting diseases. Oh, how hard it will be for those to stand before the Tribunal of God at the Last Day, who cannot even bear to look at the poor and sick!

Why did Christ command the leper to tell no man?

To instruct us that we should not make known our good works in order to obtain frivolous praise, (Matt. VI 1.) which deprives us of our heavenly reward.

Why did Christ send the healed leper to the Priest?

That he might observe the law which required all the healed lepers to show themselves to the priests, to offer a sacrifice, to be examined and pronounced clean: that the priest if he beheld the miracle of the sudden cure of the leper, might know Him who had wrought the cure, to be the Messiah; and finally, to teach us that we must honor the priests because of their high position, even when they do not live in a manner worthy of their dignity.

What it taught by the centurion's solicitude for his servant?

That masters should take care of their sick servants, see that they are attended to in their illness, and above all that they are provided with the Sacraments. It is unchristian, even cruel and barbarous, to drive from the house a poor, sick servant, or to leave him lying in his distress without assistance or care.

Why did Christ say: I will come and heal him?

Because of His humility, by which He, although God, did not hesitate to visit a sick servant. Here Christ's humility puts to shame many persons of position who think themselves too exalted to attend the wants of a poor servant.

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Confessions:

Sundays:	7:20-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays:	10:30-10:50am
First Fridays:	6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays:	8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices		
Sunday 23rd January: Third Sunday after the Epiphany (II cl)		
6:45 am	Low Mass	Second Collection School
8:00 am	Low Mass	
10:30 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction	
Monday 24th January: St Timothy (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Tuesday 25th January: The Conversion of St. Paul (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction followed by Low Mass	
Wednesday 26th January: St. Polycarp (III cl)		
7.15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass	
Thursday 27th January: St. John Chrysostom (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
10:00 am	Holy Hour for priests followed by Mass	
Friday 28th January: St. Peter Nolasco (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass	
Saturday 29th January: St. Francis de Sales (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass and Novena	
Sunday 30th January : Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (II cl)		
6:45 am	Low Mass	
8:00 am	Low Mass	
10:30 am	Sung Mass	
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction	

Parish Help	
Cleaning Roster – Saturday 29th January, 2022 – Babate family	
Morning Tea & Cakes –	
8:00 am	Coffee:
10:30 am	Coffee:
In your charity, please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Marguerite Tawarf; John Carrigy; Hilda Demajo; Anthony Sultana; Tim Luntengen; Zoe Bassan	

Other Mass Centres Sunday, 24st January, 2022		
Singleton: 10:00 am		

Eucharistic Crusade: January intention is for many holy priests. The February intention is for our parents and families.

Sisters' Retreat: The Sisters are on retreat this coming week. Please do keep them in your prayers.

Retreats: A retreat will take place at Holy Cross Seminary for Women from 24th – 29th of January 2022. Please do keep the retreatants in your prayers.

Church Cleaning Roster: The new church cleaning roster still has vacancies for later in the year. Please do sign up. Thank you and may Almighty God bless you a hundredfold.