

ST. VALENTINE'S

SUNDAY JANUARY 28th SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY, (ROSE)

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Ted Czerw:Offered by Fr. Carmen

MONDAY JANUARY 29th PRE-LENTEN WEEKDAY, (ROSE)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.

TUESDAY JANUARY 30th PRE-LENTEN WEEKDAY, (ROSE)

8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31st PRE-LENTEN WEEKDAY, (ROSE)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1st PRE-LENTEN WEEKDAY, (ROSE)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Bishop Valentine Gavrychowski; 90th Anni of death.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2nd PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for Peace.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4th SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY, (ROSE)

BLESSING OF THROATS FOR ST. BLAISE

LESSON: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-25 **LESSON:** 2nd Cor. 1:18:22 **GOSPEL:** St. Mark 2:1-22

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Dorothy & Alfred Karolkiewicz:Offered by Karen & Trish

MARK YOUR CALENDERS: FEBRUARY 14th Ash Wednesday, Great Lent begins

PRE-LENT: WHY PRE-LENT? This brief season helps us to prepare for Lent. It gives us time to think about our Lenten Sacrifice, what we will set aside. The names of the Sundays give us a count down to Lent. Septuagesima Sunday means 70 days until Easter; Sexagesima Sunday 60

days, and Quinquagesima 50. During this time the Gloria is not said and the Gospel Verse is replaced by the Tract.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

YOU CAN DO IT: Today we see a leper come to Jesus to be cured. He knew he was not to come near people because of his illness. Leprosy was a terrible illness, today it is like seriosis, or ephazema, but more widespread. The victims had to warn people when they around, they would ring and announce themselves. People could throw rocks at them. People treated them badly, they had to live by themselves. This man dared to come near Jesus and the town.

He had the faith that Jesus could do something for him. He asked Jesus, ""if You will You can cure me?" Jesus did the unthinkable, He touched him and said "I do will it be cured." The man had to show himself to the priest and offer the sacrifice to show he was healed. The fact that Jesus touched the leper upset people, was unthinkable. Jesus cured him. Jesus cures us of our illness, sin. Jesus is the only one Who takes away sin. Yes, we confess our sins to the priest, but Jesus if the one Who forgives sin. We begin each Mass confessing our sins, and receive absolution for our sins. We can also go to private confession to receive forgiveness. The priest cannot read your mind. We take it on faith that you are truly sorry of your sins. If we are not truly sorry for our sins then we will need to face the judgement of God. Do we truly ask Jesus to cure us? Do we truly approach God in true repentance? Or do we not make an examination of our conscience and confess our sins? That is up to each persons conscience. We ought to arrive early enough to Mass to take time to pray and think about our sinfulness, and ask Jesus to cure us.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Joan Pianka.