



## Bringing Outsiders In

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**A**s a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became "impure," and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

### Reflect

*Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?*

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

MARK 1:40



**St. Mary's & St. John's  
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

**Pastor:** Rev. Marek Ciesla, S. Chr.  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Maurice Okeke

**Masses:**

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM  
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM  
Stoneham: Sun. - 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM  
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses  
or by appointment  
Stoneham: Sun. - 7:30 AM

**Adoration & Benediction:** 1st Friday of the  
month immediately after Mass (till 9:00 a.m.)

**Anointing of the Sick:** - call the Office

**Office:** Thursday & Friday  
Leave a message **970-842-2216**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. Feb. 10 Vigil**

5:00 p.m. †Toby Padilla - CT

**Sun Feb. 11 Mass/World Day of the Sick**

10:00 a.m. †Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS

12:00 p.m. Frank Nicklas Family  
(living & deceased) - DN

**Wed Feb 14 Mass/Ash Wednesday**

8:00 a.m. For Parishioners

6:00 p.m. For Parishioners

**Thurs Feb 15 Mass**

5:30 p.m. Graces for Neil Wahlert - EF

**Fri. Feb. 16 Mass**

8:00 a.m. †George Kalous

**Sat. Feb. 17 Vigil**

5:00 p.m. †Robert Guzman Sr.

**Sun Feb. 18 Mass/1st Sunday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Graces for Margaret Lock-JD

10:00 a.m. †Pete Anderson - Knights

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our Sick:** Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig, Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family, Leo Millburg, Neil Wahlert

**For the Soul:** Alberto Salvador





**February 11th**  
**Enjoy coffee & donut Sunday!**  
 In the Parish Hall after Mass.

National Eucharistic Revival's  
***Jesus and the Eucharist*** /7-study sessions  
 The small groups have started at St. Mary's!  
 Thank you to all who made this possible!

**"Little Black Book"** (purple for children)  
 For this Lent please take home the six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Luke/ found in the vestibule.

**LENT 2024**  
**Ash Wednesday Masses - February 14**  
 A Day of Fasting & Abstinence  
 St. Mary - 8:00 a.m. / 6:00 p.m.  
 St. Joseph - 6:00 p.m.

**LENT 2024**  
**Fridays of Lent at St. Mary:**  
 A Day of Abstinence  
 5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 6:00 p.m. - Lenten video  
 after video - Knights dinner  
 Parish Hall (basement) /good-will offering  
 Feb.16 - Fish / Feb. 23 - Breakfast  
 Mar. 1 - Italian / Mar. 8 - Mexican  
 Mar. 15 - Soup / Mar. 22 - Chef's Choice

**Wednesdays of Lent at St. John's:**  
 6:00 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 Lenten Soup to follow  
 Dates: February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

**Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.**  
**March 12, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron**  
**March 14, Thursday / St. Anthony, Sterling**  
**March 21, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush**



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
 Revival**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 Exposition / Adoration / Benediction

**St. Mary's: February 10th/11th**  
 2nd weekend of the month: Immediately  
 after each Mass / adoration + Holy Face  
 Chaplet + procession by the Celebrant/

**St. John's: February 11th**  
 Second Sunday of the month  
**11:30 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.**

**Mass time change for St. John's:**  
**beginning Sunday, Feb. 18th, to 8:00 a.m.**  
 All Sundays of Lent:  
 7:30 a.m. - confessions / 8:00 a.m. - Mass  
 After Mass - Breakfast & video

**Fasting and abstinence regulations:**  
 \*All Catholics 14 years and older must  
 abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent,  
 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.  
 \*All Catholics /age 18 thru 59/ are to fast on  
 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.  
 \*To fast means to eat only one full meal.  
 Two smaller meals may also be taken for  
 good health but together they should not  
 equal a full meal. Eating between meals is  
 not permitted; liquids including coffee, milk  
 and fruit juices are allowed.



**Food Drive - Help feed families**  
 Consider canned goods & items for  
 the Brush Food pantry.  
 Monetary donations welcomed.  
*Drop off at St. Mary's*  
**Thank you for your support!**

# Dear Padre,

***I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?***

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

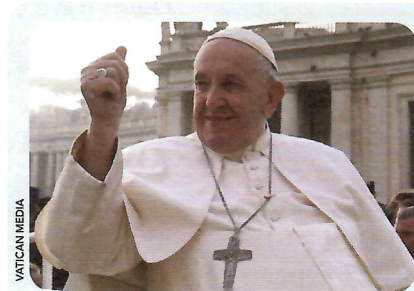
When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Jas 1:1-11	Jas 1:12-18	Jl 2:12-18	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Gn 9:8-15
Mk 8:11-13	Mk 8:14-21	2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Compassion means "to suffer-with-another." Jesus' heart manifests God's paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus "stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean" (Mark 1:41-42). God's mercy overcomes every barrier....***

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