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Our mission is to foster a strong spiritual growth of life and faith in our families, community and society by sharing the gift of our time, treasures and talents.

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Like St. Anthony called to love and to serve - we try our best in following Christ on the road of this world using God-given gifts for his glory and for the good of our brothers and sisters.

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021



In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

## VI DOMENICA IN TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

Gesù è venuto per cercare ciò che era perduto, cioè il peccatore, l'uomo lontano da Dio - la lebbra della vita. Gesù vuole guarire tutti, senza escludere nessuno. Occorre avere questa coscienza di sé e rivolgersi nella verità e nell'umiltà al Signore: "Se tu vuoi, puoi guarirmi". Ma riesco a dire questo se so di essere malato, peccatore, bisognoso di salvezza. Forse oggi è diffusa questa nuova lebbra: non si ha il senso del peccato, si è persa la sensibilità verso il male. Si vorrebbe far credere che va tutto bene, anche quando le cose sono cattive o contrarie al progetto di Dio ed offensive della dignità umana. Se uno non riconosce di essere malato e non va dal medico non potrà guarire, rimane e peggiora nel suo male.



Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English)

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

### Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

### Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

### Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

### Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

### Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

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## What Bishop Barron Is Saying About *Return*



The Church faces many challenges today, but I am convinced that America's most pressing concern is our own people's attrition.

Thirteen percent of Americans identify as former Catholics, and for everyone who converts to the Cath-

olic faith, more than six people leave. One-third of people raised Catholic no longer identify as Catholic today, and attendance at the Mass, identified by the Second Vatican Council as "the source and summit of the Christian life," continues to fall, with only a paltry 24% in the pews on any given Sunday. The statistics get worse among younger generations. One-third of the Millennial generation now claims no religious affiliation, and only 16% identify as Catholic.

Even among immigrants, as cultural assimilation takes hold of second and third generations, they leave the Church at rates similar to the general Catholic population. As many evangelists have observed, "God has no grandchildren." For the first time, each generation must meet Christ and the Church, not relying on mere cultural ambience or ethnic identification.

But while God may not have grandchildren, people do. In the face of apparent failure and heartbreak, you're asking yourself, What went wrong? Did I do enough? What more could I have done? Is there anything I can do now? How does one repair a broken relationship with Christ and the Church?

Rather than opting for despair, let's focus on the solution, using a positive emphasis on what parents, teachers, priests . . . can say and do to respond to their child's objections, rebuild relationships, and ultimately draw them back to the Church.

The **'Return' book of Brandon Vogt** offers no magic-bullet guarantee that your child will come back. But you will find a complete game plan to create the best possible environment to reintroduce your child to Christ and his Church.

Therefore, if your son or daughter has left the faith, I encourage you not to give up hope, prayer and to learn many ways to reconnect with your children.

**FAMILY DAY:** Monday, February 15th. Have a safe & fun filled weekend!



**WHAT IS LENT?** Lent is a 40-day period leading up to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. (This year, Ash Wednesday is February 17th) Lent is a penitential season. That means it is an opportunity to examine your life, give your struggles to God, and invite him to help you become the best version of yourself. During Lent, there is a strong focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All these spiritual exercises help prepare us for the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2021:** The dates for the 2021 First Communion have been set for June 5th & 6th, 2021. Parents who have registered their child to receive the Sacrament have received an email. If you did not receive an email, we have not received a registration form from you. If you wish to register your child to receive their First Communion, please contact the office in order to obtain a registration form. *Please remember to attend Mass every Sunday—by livestream, as the best preparation for First Communion.*

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** The dates for the 2021 Confirmation have been set for May 1st & May 2nd, 2021. Parents who have registered their child to receive the Sacrament have received an email. If you did not receive an email, we have not received a registration form from you. If you wish to register your child to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the office to obtain a registration form. *Blessings in Christ, Deacon Pasquale*

**BEST YOUTH ON HILLS:** Our parish is missing you! We will be having virtual meetings. All youth are invited. Please watch for a Zoom invitation by email and on Facebook at Best Youth on Hills. Any new youth who wish to participate can email: [cocci5@tbaytel.net](mailto:cocci5@tbaytel.net) to request the Zoom invitation.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS:** will be taking place on Sunday, March 14th. Please call the office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays (9-12 & 1-4) to register. Thank you.

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## COMMUNITY MESSAGES:

\*\*\*Fr. Luigi will continue to say Masses in private. If you wish, you may call the office for mass intention requests or any questions as Fr. Luigi will be maintaining phone calls. Our churches will not be able to open for Sunday Masses until the weekend of February 20, 2021 or until further notice.

**SUNDAY MASS WITH BISHOP COLLI:** Each weekend Bishop Colli celebrates Sunday Mass for shut-ins and those unable to attend Mass at this time. Please visit the Diocesan website at: [www.dotb.ca](http://www.dotb.ca)

## MASS INTENTIONS February 15 — 21, 2021

### Monday, February 15

All Parishioners

### 9:00am English

Pastor

### Tuesday, February 16

All Parishioners

Leonetta & Ermando Pavone

### 7:00pm Italian

Pastor

Figli

### Wednesday, February 17

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

will be streaming on our Website at 7:00pm

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### Thursday, February 18

Nicola Bava

Giuseppe Magisano & Franca Giorgio

### 7:00pm Italian

S. & I. Vetere

P. Magisano

### Friday, February 19

All Parishioners

### 7:00pm English

Pastor

### Saturday, February 20

5:00pm

Giovanna Chiarelli

M. Bradizza

### Sunday, February 21

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am

Aldo Fidalic

Eva Sacchetti

Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia

Esterina Romito

A. Fidalic  
marito E. Sacchetti & Fam  
Family  
late Esterina

11:00am

Pina & Valeriano Valente

Pasquale Bossio

Amedeo Frattarola

Frances Bush

A. & I. Lacaria

R. Mauro

A. D'Angelo

F, P, & R Biloskie



*Please continue to pray  
for all affected by the  
coronavirus.*

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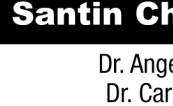
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