

Daily Homily
Week Twelve in Ordinary Time, Friday
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Jesus heals.

The daily Gospel readings have been taking us through the Sermon on the Mount teachings. The people follow him, including a leper who seeks healing.

The words Jesus just spoke are now placed into action.

He turns their world upside down and all around. Leprosy, in Jesus' day, was incurable. Once you had it, it never let go. Jesus' presence says otherwise. His words and actions cure the incurable, love the unlovable, and reconnect the disconnected.

This episode is short. His words are few. They are, however, precise: "I will do it. Be made clean." Like his call to the fisherman to follow him, they did so "immediately," so this illness responds in the same manner. The leprosy is cleansed "immediately."

Jesus turns their world upside down. It is not a bad thing either, healing is on the other side.

Our world has been turned upside down because of a pandemic. We are emerging from a world-wide quarantine of sorts. Businesses have been closed. Churches have been closed. Now that we are open, we are more cautious, we wear masks in public spaces, we see constant reminders to keep distance, and hands are sanitized and washed often.

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What sort of healing is emerging from this time for you? Maybe it is an awareness of just how small our world is. Perhaps there has been more time spent with each other as family or with friends. In working from home or being home more, house has been pulled together even more so. All of this is good enough.

What sort of healing is emerging from this time for you? Maybe this has been a time to reconnect with God even more so. Prayer has become the priority and not just once or twice a day, but a continuous prayer throughout the day. In seeing where illness is overwhelming, compassionate prayer has been offered for those involved in finding a vaccine and for those who have contracted this virus.

What sort of healing is emerging from this time for you? Maybe this has been a time to cherish what we were able to do without thought before all this happened... like, going to Mass. Maybe this has instilled within us a new found gratitude for what we took for granted.

Where do you see Jesus' healing at this time in your life and around life?