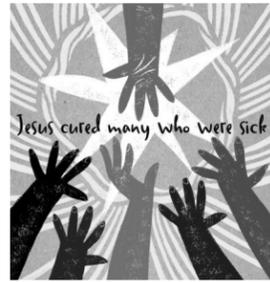


GOSPEL SUMMARY: Mark 1:29-39



Mark describes for us how Jesus' day begins and ends with taking care of others. He heals Simon's mother-in-law, he cures others who are sick, he drives out demons from those who are possessed. He comforts the downhearted and discouraged. The crowds follow him wherever he goes. Even when he goes off to a lonely place to pray and be renewed, Jesus is tracked down by his disciples who say, "Everybody is looking for you!" Without complaint, Jesus responds at once by heading for the nearby villages to heal and preach and comfort.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE GOSPEL: When you are busy or tired, how do you respond to family members who want your help or attention? Why is it sometimes hard for us to respond to others' needs? Who or what can remind us to be more loving and patient with others around us? When you hear about people who are sick, lonely, or discouraged, what do you do? How do you think today's gospel story might inspire you to be more like Jesus?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is the most important lesson Jesus has taught you?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: "Last rites" is a persistent but pesky phrase in the Catholic lexicon, and not a particularly useful phrase since it props open the door to misunderstanding. Many Catholics presume it refers to the anointing of the sick, yet there is nothing "last" about it. Clearly, the Church desires anointing to be celebrated fairly early on in the crisis of illness, and not as a last measure. The Rites for the Dying stand apart in the Church's plan, and include two principal rites. The first is viaticum, Latin for "food for the journey," the reception of Holy Communion by a dying person. Even very active and aware Catholics often do not realize that this "last rite" does not require a priest's presence, but can be conducted by a deacon or minister of Holy Communion. The second "last rite" in the pastoral plan is a prayer called "Commendation of the Dying." Similarly, this does not require the presence of a priest, but can be led by any minister or family member. Too often, we have focused on what only a priest can do, namely anoint, and have forgotten the fullness of liturgical care that the Church desires for its dying faithful. The "last rites" are completely available to us even when a priest is not.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Called to be Merciful "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." — MATTHEW 5:7

St. Pius X Parish is pleased to participate in the 2015 "Called to be Merciful" Annual Catholic Appeal. This appeal supports charitable needs throughout the Diocese of San Diego. Your gifts make possible the work that impacts so many in our diocese: service to the poor and imprisoned, education for children in Catholic schools and training of catechists, formation of candidates for the priesthood, ministry to our youth and to young people on university campuses, preparation of couples for marriage, and support for parish development in Imperial Valley. Please make your intention to Annual Catholic Appeal. You can make your contribution online at www.diocesediago.org, or by picking up a brochure and response card here at the parish. Cards and brochures are available at all the Masses.

Called to be Merciful Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for calling us together. In you we are one. Help us to remember that united, we are called to be merciful and love one another through the generous sharing of our time, gifts, and resources. Please bless our efforts and help us to grow as a unified and vibrant community of faith. Give us the grace to generously support the Annual Catholic Appeal so that we may faithfully do the work of Your Church. Amen.

Announcements

1. **OFFERING REPORT:** Our weekly offering from Jan 25, 2015 was \$3022.21 Thank you for your love and support.
2. **HISPANIC GROUP BREAKFAST/LUNCH:** Gather in Keenan Hall for food and fellowship after all the Masses on Sunday. The Hispanic Group is known for serving some delicious food, and they are doing it again, you won't want to miss this!
3. **VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER & DANCE:** Come join the festivities in Keenan Hall for an evening to remember. The Hispanic and Filipino Communities have joined efforts to host Valentine's Day dinner and dancing, Saturday, **Feb 14**. Tickets (\$20 for a single and \$35. for two) are available after Masses on Sunday and online at www.stpiusxjamul.com.
4. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join them in Keenan Hall on Tues, **Feb 10 @ 6:00PM** for their monthly meeting.
5. **MOTHER MARY'S LADIES GUILD:** Meets this Thursday, **Feb 12 @ 6:00PM** in Keenan Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.
6. **YOUTH GROUP BREAKFAST:** Please join us next Sun, **Feb 15** for the Youth Group Third Sunday Breakfast. This is a new tradition for the Youth Group; providing breakfast on the third Sunday when only donuts and coffee used to be available. So please plan on joining us in supporting our Youth Group in eat breakfast with us.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat	Feb 07	Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00AM	For the Parishioners
Sat	Feb 07	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00PM	(SI) Chanté Gonzalez Vido
Sun	Feb 08	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30AM	(SI) Bedria Ablahad
Sun	Feb 08	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00AM	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 08	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30PM	+Ramon Morales Aviña
Mon	Feb 09	Weekday		NO MASS
Tues	Feb 10	St. Scholastica, Virgin	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Wed	Feb 11	Weekday/Our Lady of Lourdes	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Thurs	Feb 12	Weekday	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Fri	Feb 13	Weekday	7:00PM	For the Parishioners



FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, **Feb 13** from 6:00 to 9:30PM
 Only \$2.00 per game
 Play all 10 games for only \$15.00
 (When you purchase the 10 pak)
 Games Start at 7:00pm
 DINNER Served 6:00pm to 7:00pm
 Family Dinner Night – Served by Knights of Columbus
 Only \$5.00 per person
 Supervised by Volunteers from the Youth Group
 100% of the Profits support the Youth Group Activities



BOLO Alert: A BOLO (be on the lookout for) alert is here from our Mother Mary's Ladies Guild! The first "official" announcement of the Guild's second annual "Madonna Tea" is included in this week's bulletin insert. Don't forget to look for this "Save the Date" and discover some of the special details about this popular upcoming Spring event in our parish.

TAX PREPARATION: By Paul Agpaoa; 45 Years Tax Preparation Experience. Fee donated back to church. Bring all your documents and last year's tax return to Paul in the church office on Sundays between 7:30AM and 12:00PM and have your taxes prepared. Most returns take 15-30 minutes. Fellow parishioner, **Paul Agpaoa, will prepare your taxes and will donate 100% of his fee to St. Pius X Catholic Church of Jamul.** Agpaoa Tax Services, 1442 Highland, National City, CA 91950 619-474-1547

Hispanic Group Breakfast/Lunch in Keenan Hall Sunday

Every May at the Cinco de Mayo celebration, a St. Pius Cinco de Mayo Queen is crowned. If you have a daughter/granddaughter/niece who would like to be a part of the contest, please call the office at 619 669-0085 by **Feb. 22** and let us know.



If you have some time to share and would like to help out in the Parish Office either on a regular basis or just once in a while, we'd love to hear from you. Just send us an email at stpiusxjamul@gmail.com or call us at 619 669-0085.