

Public Works

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5

New Testament Reading

“Whoever teaches something different and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the religious teaching is conceited.” 1 Timothy 6:3

Jesus did a lot of teaching when He was on this earth. Then, when He founded our Church and gave the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to Saint Peter, our first pope, He also gave us ways to know spiritual truths.



He left us with bishops, priests, and deacons who are thoroughly trained in spiritual matters and who are expected to lead and guide the children of God (us!). These men are not only taught spiritual truths, but they receive an extra outpouring of grace at their ordination to help them lead the Church in wisdom.



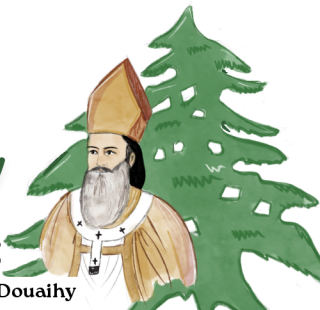
God the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from God the Father and God the Son, moves and guides all baptized believers in truth.

It is important to be aware of who we are listening to and who we are getting our spiritual information from. If you are told something about the faith or spiritual life that doesn't seem right or if it is from someone who isn't a Catholic, it is important that you ask a trusted Catholic about this information. There is a lot of false information in the world and we need to be sure we always believe what is right and true!

Lenten Memory Verse

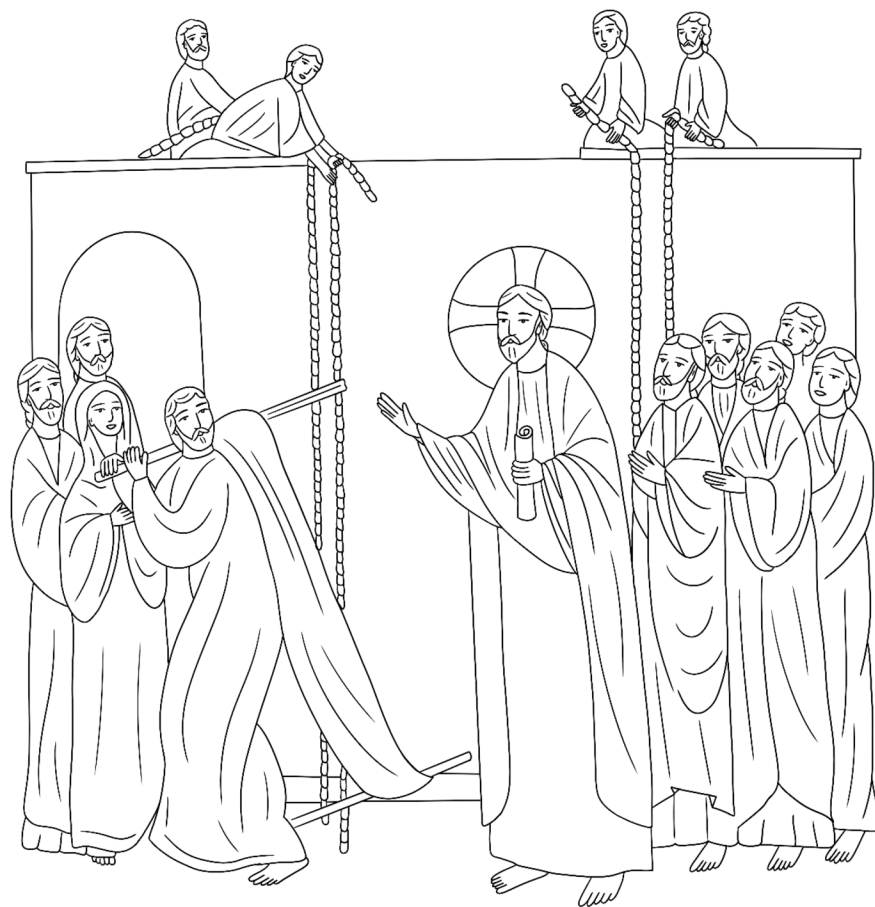
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5th Sunday of Great Lent,
The Healing of the Paralytic, Vol 2, No.25



He brought healing to the sick and gave help to those in need. Praise our great and loving Lord.

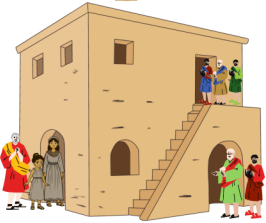




Gospel Corner

Mark
2:1-12

One day during Jesus's earthly ministry, he was preaching to people inside a crowded house. So many people came to hear him speak it was impossible for anyone else to get in.



Four men brought their friend, who was paralyzed, to see Jesus. They were determined to get their friend in to see Jesus. Because of the crowds, however, they had to take him up to the roof, they removed a portion of the roof, and then lowered their friend inside, right in front of Jesus. Jesus was so amazed by the faith of the friends that he said to the paralyzed man, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

Jesus used this opportunity to make a very important point! While the friends were hoping their friend would be healed physically, Jesus was showing everyone present that what was more important was his spiritual healing. Jesus came first and foremost to restore our relationship with God.

Jesus knew that some people in the crowd were thinking to themselves, "How can he forgive sins? Only God can forgive sins!" In order to help them understand that he is God, Jesus then healed the paralyzed man.

This healing was a great witness and learning point for everyone present. Jesus demonstrated his power as God to not only cure what is seen - the physical illness - but more importantly to heal the interior, the soul.



Our relationship with God is the most important part of our lives. When we go to Confession and are healed of our sins, it is greater than any physical healing.

Did you know?


CONTEMPLATION

There are 3 kinds of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation.

Contemplation is a form of deep, wordless prayer described as a "gaze of faith" fixed on Jesus.

Contemplative prayer is a quiet, loving, heart-to-heart friendship with Jesus. It is like sitting silently with a best friend, when one simply enjoys being in God's presence.

What you can do



Pay attention to those around you and help people who need it.

Be aware of the religious materials that you are learning from. Make sure they are in agreement with Catholic teaching.

Spend five minutes in Contemplative Prayer, sitting quietly with God.

Through the Roof

Help the men get their paralyzed friend inside to where Jesus is teaching the crowd.

