



**February 11, 2018 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 77 Gospel MK 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

**Spiritual Reflection:**

The most harmful enemy of your apostolic life is not an external enemy, your adversary, but an internal enemy. You could become a double agent, attempting to work both sides: God's and the devil's. – Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan. The man is cured and gives glory to God but he disobeys Jesus and hampers Jesus' ministry.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. Name some ways in which you have grown in your faith this past week.
2. Name some ways in which you have failed to grow in your faith this past week.
3. When was the last time you thanked God for something?
4. Does your life make it easier for people to believe in God or harder?
5. Are you willing to come to Jesus for help?