

Pastor's Message



Peace and Love!

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark

report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history.

The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

The Forbidden Touch

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. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. 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. Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about ...

... For the complete homily, please visit our website at:-
<http://strichardsjamaica.com/information/homily>

February Birthdays!

Angelina	Almonte
Raymond	Augustus
Claretta	Brown
Joel	Brown
Jonathan	Coffie
Doris	Collymore
Maxine	Daley
Joyce	Dennis
Tanya	Forbes
Rodney	Galloway
Colleen	Gooden-Grant
Kamika	Green
Kevin	Griffiths
Marilyn	Headley
Lorrise	Higgins
Sandra	Hinds-Gregory
Verona	Hutchinson
Matthew	Lloyd
Andrew	Markland
Jacqueline	Marriott
Isaac	Mills
Tracy-Ann	Mitchell
Dianne	Parram
Karen	Ramsay
Joan	Ratray
Angelique	Reid
Kamori	Stephenson
Violet	Venson

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

Candidates:

Archbishop Kenneth Richards will be the main celebrant at St. Richard during the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION** on **Sunday 28th February**

Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross will be led by designated Ministry groups each Friday of Lent from 6pm to 7pm.

Ash Wednesday Mass: 8:00am followed by Adoration and reflection.

Collection Envelopes

Parishioners are advised that weekly and monthly collection envelopes are now available. Please collect your packages at the Ushers Desk by the entrance of the Church

Mass on **Saturdays** will continue to start at **6:00pm at St. Richards (1Hour)**

Government Curfew Hours for Jamaica:

February 9, 2021 – February 23, 2021, 8.00p.m. to 5.00 a.m. (islandwide)

We note the passing of our parishioner, Rebecca Thomas. Further service plans will be announced later



Bible Diaries

Bible diaries are available at the Usher's desk and at the Chancery. Those interested in purchasing a diary should leave their names and \$1,500 at the Rectory.

Liturgical Calendars

The Liturgical calendars are available at a cost of \$350. A limited number will be at the Usher's desk by the entrance of the church. Alternately, you may contact the Rectory office to purchase your copy.



Road Paving

Road Works started on 13th February, 2021. Above – Church yard, Right – Aquinas Hall parking area. We apologize for any inconvenience which may be experienced as the new contractor completes paving works on the church compound.



Sunday school classes are being held virtually every Sunday via Zoom from 11am – 12:30

This WEEK'S SCHEDULE – February 2021

WEDNESDAY 17th

- St. Richard's **Ash Wednesday** Mass 8:00AM
- Adoration and Reflection 10am-11am featuring Fr. Peter Hunter

FRIDAY 19th

- Stations of the Cross 6pm – 7pm

SATURDAY 20th

- **Confirmation** Candidates, Parent and Sponsors meet with Archbishop Richards at St. Richards church

SUNDAY 21st

- Mass 8:00am
- Divine Mercy Prayer – 9:45AM

St Richard of Chichester & Our Lady of Lourdes Communities

St. Richard's

Sunday Mass: 8:00AM

Sunday School: 11:00am – 12Noon

Adoration: Tuesdays 6:30PM(SUSPENDED)

Prayer Meetings: Tuesdays 7:00PM(SUSPENDED)

Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday Mass: 11:00AM

6th Sunday of
Year B

Liv 13:1-2, 44-46

PS 32:1-2, 5
"You are my hiding place O
Lord, You save me from
distress"

1 Cor 10: 31, 11: 1

Mk 1:40-45



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