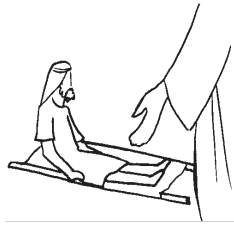




"I say to you, rise,
take up your pallet and go home."
And he rose, and immediately
took up the pallet and
went out before them all"



"لَكَ أَقُول: قُمْ، إِحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ،
وإِذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ!". فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ
وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ"

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sun. Mar. 22, Sunday of the Paralytic,

✠ 10:00 am Mass in English

✠ 11:30 am For Albert Farah offered by
his wife Marie Farah & family.

Sun. Mar. 29, Sunday of the Blind Man,

✠ 10:00 am Mass in English

✠ 11:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: @ 6:00 pm Sat. @ 5:00 pm

**Fri. Mar. 27 For Hanna Yacoub & his wife & all the
deceased of the Yacoub family by Sarkis Yacoub & family.**

Sat. Mar. 28 المشتركون بحسنات السبت

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Mar. 15 \$ 1077.00

SICKNESS: We pray for the sick in our Parish. God
grant them a speedy recovery. Persons unable to attend
Mass, please contact your pastor for Holy Communion.

GOOD LUCK FR. MAROUN

We express our warmest wishes to Fr. Maroun who will
be leaving for Lebanon. Thank You Abouna Maroun for
all the wonderful memories and our wishes
to you of good health, good luck and happiness always !



PALM SUNDAY CANDLES



decorated candles \$10 each

plain candles \$7 each

Please see one of
the Ladies Altar Society members

Meditation

Imagine you are the paralytic being lowered on the stretcher in
front of Jesus. Suddenly, Jesus places his hand on you and says,
"Your sins are forgiven." You're relieved to some degree, but as
the Pharisees begin to murmur their protests, one pressing
concern remains in your heart: "I'm still paralyzed!" You're in
luck, because this Messiah came not just to forgive your sins, but
also to heal your body. So Jesus turns to you again and says,
"Take up your mat, and walk." Now, you're jumping and
leaping for joy. It's the happiest day of your life!

It's clear from Jesus' life and ministry that he was always
concerned with healing the whole person-spirit, soul, and body-
from the ravages of sin. The bleeding woman first came to faith
in Jesus, then received her physical healing. The blind man was
healed physically, and then met Jesus as his Lord. Unbelievers
often came to faith in Jesus as a result of witnessing one of his
healings.

When Jesus sent out the seventy two disciples, he commanded
them to preach the good news and heal the sick. The Acts of the
Apostles is filled with stories of healings and miracles worked by
the newly Spirit-filled Christians.

God has the power to heal people and perform miracles-even
through you. In your efforts to bring the light of Jesus to others,
keep alert to situations where you might be able to take Jesus up
on his encouragement to heal the sick. If you know of a family
member, friend, or coworker who is in need of physical healing,
why not offer to pray with him or her? You don't need any
special formula' you just need to pray in faith expecting God to
do big things.

Most of us are generally comfortable believing that God can heal
our spirits and forgive our sins, but we are less sure that he can
heal us physically. Don't let your fear that nothing will happen
stop you. You will be amazed at what can happen if you trust
God.

- THE WORD AMONG US

Easter Flowers

As a way of remembering our loved ones, we offer the
opportunity to donate to the 'flower fund' in their honour.
Please fill out this form and put in the offertory basket by
April 5- marked 'Flower Fund'



In Memory of _____

Donated by _____

Envelope Number _____ Amount _____

Sunday Readings

١ طيم ٥/٢٤-٥

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5

The sins of some men are conspicuous, pointing to judgment, but the sins of others appear later. So also good deeds are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be defamed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brethren; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. If any one teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching which accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit, he knows nothing; he has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among men who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

Mark 2:1-12

And when he returned to Caperna-um after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the paralytic-- "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Next Sunday

Mark 10: 46-52 2 Corinthians 10:1-7

مِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ تَكُونُ خَطَايَاهُمْ وَاضِحَةً قَبْلَ الْحُكْمِ فِيهَا، وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَا تَكُونُ وَاضِحَةً إِلَّا بَعْدَهُ. كَذَلِكَ فَإِنَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيْضًا وَاضِحَةٌ، وَالَّتِي هِيَ غَيْرُ وَاضِحَةٍ فَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّةً. عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ نِيرِ الْعِبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسِبُوا أَسْيَادَهُمْ أَهْلًا لِكُلِّ كَرَامَةٍ، لِئَلَّا يُجَدِّفَ عَلَى اسْمِ اللَّهِ وَتَعْلِيمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ أَسْيَادٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ فَلَا يَسْتَهَيِّنُوا بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى فَلْيَخْدُمُوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْمُسْتَفِيدِينَ مِنْ خَدْمَتِهِمْ الطَّيِّبَةَ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَحِبَّاءٌ، ذَلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمَهُ وَتَعِظَ بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يَعْلَمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالَفًا، وَلَا يَتَمَسَّكُ بِالْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ، كَلَامِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالتَّعْلِيمِ الْمُوَافِقِ لِلتَّقْوَى، فَهُوَ إِنْسَانٌ أَعْمَتَهُ الْكِبْرِيَاءُ، لَا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بِمَرَضِ الْمُجَادَلَاتِ وَالْمُمَاحَكَاتِ، الَّتِي يَنْشَأُ عَنْهَا الْحَسَدُ وَالْخِصَامُ وَالتَّجْدِيفُ وَسُوءُ الظَّنِّ، وَالْمُشَاجَرَاتُ بَيْنَ أَنْاسٍ فَاسِدِي الْعَقْلِ، زَانِفِينَ عَنِ الْحَقِّ، يَطْنُونَ أَنَّ التَّقْوَى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرِّيحِ.



مرقس ١٢-١/٢

عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفَرْنَاحُومَ. وَسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَتَجَمَّعَ عَدَدٌ كَبِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمِ الْمَكَانَ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مَوْضِعٌ لِأَحَدٍ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْبَابِ. وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. فَآتَوْهُ بِمُخْلَعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَالٍ. وَبِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُضُوعَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوعَ، وَتَبَشَّوهُ، وَدَلَّوْا الْفِرَاشَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُخْلَعُ مَطْرُوحًا عَلَيْهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، فَقَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: "يَا ابْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ!". وَكَانَ بَعْضُ الْكُتَّابَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ: "لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ هَكَذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدِّفُ! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟". وَفِي الْحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بَرُوحَهُ أَنَّهُمْ يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لِمَاذَا تَفَكِّرُونَ بِهَذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا هُوَ الْأَسْهَلُ؟ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ: قُمْ وَاحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَامْشِ؟ وَلِكِي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لَابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ"، قَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: "لَكَ أَقُولُ: قُمْ، إِحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ، وَاذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ!". فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشُوا كُلَّهُمْ وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: "مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ!".