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Healing Mind, Body, Soul

We have heard of so many healings at our **Night of Healing** events. We have traveled around our Diocese for 8 years, since 2018, to Parishes that wanted us to minister to them.

We have had witnesses, who share how the Lord has worked in their lives. Please let our ministry know if you have experienced any healing. We can share your healing witness with our members, or you may want to be a witness at a future service. God uses our witness of His Glorious healing to build up faith in others.

I'd like to share a bit of what they taught about healing from the **ADL Virtual Convocation** this summer. The ADL (The Association of Diocesan Liaisons to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal) met this year as an online conference.

Sometimes Jesus' teaching seems to be contradicting. In Luke 9: 23-24, *"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."*

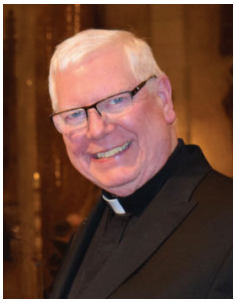
Then in Matt 10:8 *"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You recieved without paying; give without pay."*

So do we offer up our sufferings or do we seek healing from them?

God greatly prospered Job. But despite all the great suffering and loss, Job remained confident and faithful to God. In Job 38:1, God does not provide a direct explaination for every aspect of suffering. Rather, He reveals the immeasurable disparity between divine knowledge and human understanding. It's complex, it's a mystery. Our faith is deep, challenging - it's not black and white.

Also Paul in Romans 8:18 *"For I consider that the suffering of the present time are not worthy com-*

From Fr. Jim



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Blessed be the Lord our God, King of the universe. We give you praise and thanksgiving for all that has been given us in this past Church year. We are about to embark on the journey of 2026 with grateful hearts as we prepare once again for the events of Advent and Christmas.

While Advent is the short four-week season of waiting, watching and preparing that marks the beginning of the new Christian liturgical year, it leads us into the season of the Incarnation (Christmas) the coming of Jesus Christ into our world. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus" which means "coming" or "arrival."

In the midst of the secular frenzied shopping, holiday music blaring, our Advent invites us to slow down, pay attention and make space in our hearts and our homes for the Lord. As the weeks unfold, we are called to center on one of these four themes: **HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE**. These themes help us to remember that the story of Jesus is not just and event of the past that we remember, but is about the time we live, here and now today.

Our Men's Prayer Group recently had a "Day of Preparation" for Advent. Fr Bernie Owens, S.J. (from the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma) was our guest speaker. A seasoned retreat leader, he brought many handouts, one of which is an Examen of Consciousness.

We are probably aware of an examination of conscience before confession or as a part of our evening/night prayers. The **Examen of Consciousness** can be done anytime of day. There are five easy steps to doing this Examen:

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Healing Mind, Body, Soul *(cont. from front page)*

paring with the glory that is to be revealed to us." Suffering gets us closer to God. Also, suffering is not without purpose. Again, this is a deep mystery.

We see that through our pain, we learn compassion and develop a heart that understands the suffering of others. Romans 8:17 *"Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His suffering in order that we may also share in His glory."* We are reminded our suffering is only temporary and that the glory awaiting us is eternal - where there will be no more tears, sorrow or pain.

I sometimes struggle with this tension and not understanding: Why things happen or don't happen? Why some are healed and others suffer greatly?

So I present these questions to contemplate: Are you fully accepting of God working in your life? Not understanding or seeing it's purpose in you lives? Are you allowing your suffering to help draw you closer to God? Let us remember God has our best interest in mind - wanting to draw closer to His children.

These are some of the ways we find healing.

Body & Soul: Two Sacraments of Healing

1. Reconciliation
2. Annointing of the Sick

The Furthest Horizon

Are not the following points what our vision should be?

- Physical healing for here & now
- Act of faith
- Preparation for death
- Expecting and accepting suffering
- Welcoming God's healing

In our Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC 1508, *"But even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses."* Also in CCC 1511 *"Those who are being tried by illness."*

Is not real healing being reconciled with God? The more we are reconciled with God, the more we are healed **Mentally, Physically, Spiritually**.

It doesn't need to be one or the other: suffering or healing. We can accept God's will in our lives. Look in faith for healing, yet our yes to whatever will help us grow in His image.

May we all be reconciled in our Father's love, peace and joy! David Bland

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From Fr. Jim *(cont. from front page)*

Examen of Consciousness: Ask the Holy Spirit:

❶ For the gift of light to see clearly what God wants me to notice, what in me is in harmony with God's plan and what is not in sync in my relationship with Hm.

❷ For the gift of accepting myself as I am, trusting that the Holy Spirit is active in both the positive graced parts and in the sinful parts as well. That God loves me and works in me and through me in both parts.

❸ As I review my day, or some part of it, and I thank God for my life and for what I just experienced. I let Jesus show me where he was present and active in me and others, where His Spirit was an obvious blessing in me in gifts of work, relationships, challenges. Perhaps in some event that made me happy, or where God's Spirit was less obvious and I experienced a failure, or a discouragement, or a temptation.

❹ I take note of my feelings and recall how I felt as I reviewed my day: angry, sad, happy or afraid. These feelings reveal where God's Spirit is moving in me and where influences are contrary to God are active.

❺ Focus on the strongest feelings. I concentrate on the strongest feeling, good or bad. The feeling that most caught my attention can reveal something important as it is leading me toward my relationship with God or is leading me away from Him.

I give thanks and praise for the things that lead me toward God. For the things that lead me away, I ask for the grace of conversion of heart and to see what attitude or value is underlying the feeling and the ability to re-orient myself.

Advent is a good time to exercise these simple five points as we prepare for the birth of Christ into our hearts.

May you all have a blessed Advent and Christmas and a J.O.Y. filled New Year of 2026.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr Jim Brown

Have a blessed Advent & may the love of Jesus and the Holy Family surround you this Christmas!

Coming Events 2026

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Night of Healing

JAN. 13 | MAR 24 | APR 14 | MAY 12
7:00 pm 4 LOCATIONS

WORSHIP WORD HEALING ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY JAN. 13	7:00 - 8:30 pm	TUESDAY APR. 14	7:00 - 8:30 pm
St. Joseph, Tiffin 36 Melmore St, Tiffin, OH 44883	Fr. Anthony Coci Fr. James Brown	**St. Jerome, Walbridge** 300 Warner St., Walbridge, OH 43465	Fr. Scott Woods Fr. James Brown
TUESDAY MAR. 24	7:00 - 8:30 pm	TUESDAY MAY 12	7:00 - 8:30 pm
St. Bernard, New Washington 422 W. Mansfield Street, New Washington, OH 44854	Fr. Eric Mueller Fr. James Brown	**St. Patrick of Heatherdowns** 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614	Fr. Mark Davis Fr. James Brown

Sat., February 7, Magnificat Breakfast
Our Lady of the Lake Chapter • Starts 9:00AM-12:30PM.
• St. Peter Catholic Church, 430 Main St., Huron, OH
Speakers: David and Clarissa Ordorica
David Ordorica is our executive director of the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Toledo Diocese. David and his wife, Clarissa, were married at Rosary Cathedral in 2008 and have eight children. Born and raised in Toledo, David began to respond to the Gospel in high school and in college heard a call to ministry. He earned a Master of Divinity degree in 2006 from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. His deep dive into various theological and moral issues led him to the Catholic Church and he was confirmed in 2007 at Christ the King Parish in Ann Arbor, Mich. David has been a campus minister, nursing home and hospice chaplain, and pastoral associate. Clarissa formerly taught math at Central Catholic High School in Toledo and currently is homeschooling the Ordorica children. Plan on joining us, as David and Clarissa share their story. **Reservation must be received by JAN. 28** (There is no registration at the door.) To register by mail, send $20 to Hortensia Clevenger, 316 Wexford Dr., Huron, OH 44839. Checks should be made payable to "Magnificat." For more information or online registration is $22, see link: https://huronmagnificat.weebly.com/next-magnificat-meal.html

Life in the Spirit Retreat
We are working on our Life in the Spirit Retreat schedule for 2026. **We have one scheduled for August and working on other dates.** We will send out information about our retreats as soon as we are open for registrations.

Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings and Contacts

Call contacts with questions about prayer groups, growing in your gifts, or living a Charismatic life

MONDAY:

Assumption - Holy Trinity Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.
Judy Cole (419) 367-8385

Huron, St. Peter's, Chapel 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Women's Rosary & Shared Prayer
Diane Dudenhofer (419) 602-0627

Port Clinton 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Joan Nunnery (440) 390-0054

TUESDAY:

Toledo, Epiphany of the Lord, St. Thomas Aquinas chapel 1:30 p.m.
Emmaus Community *Enter in door at top of handicap ramp.*
Cancelled if the same day as a Night of Healing event.
David Bland (419) 322-8282

Ottawa Areawide (SS Peter & Paul in chapel) 7:30 p.m.
Sharon Rump (419) 615-3513

THURSDAY:

Defiance, Beacon of Love 7:00 p.m.
St John (Basement: Sts Mark & Matthew room)
Sandy Diehl (419) 770-0057

Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul 7:00 p.m.
Candy Cordova Hispanic (419) 377-8053

FRIDAY:

Defiance, St. Mary Hispanic 6:00 p.m.
Fela Trevino (419) 784-4508

SATURDAY:

Fremont, St. Jos. Hispanic 7:00 p.m.
Silvia Garza (567) 201-8686

AREA CONTACTS: *call about living a Charismatic life*

Fremont, Judy Good (419) 366-1025
Lima, St. Gerard, Jerry & Sharon Laurent (419) 331-1763
Norwalk, St. Paul's, Bev Reichert (419) 706-0464

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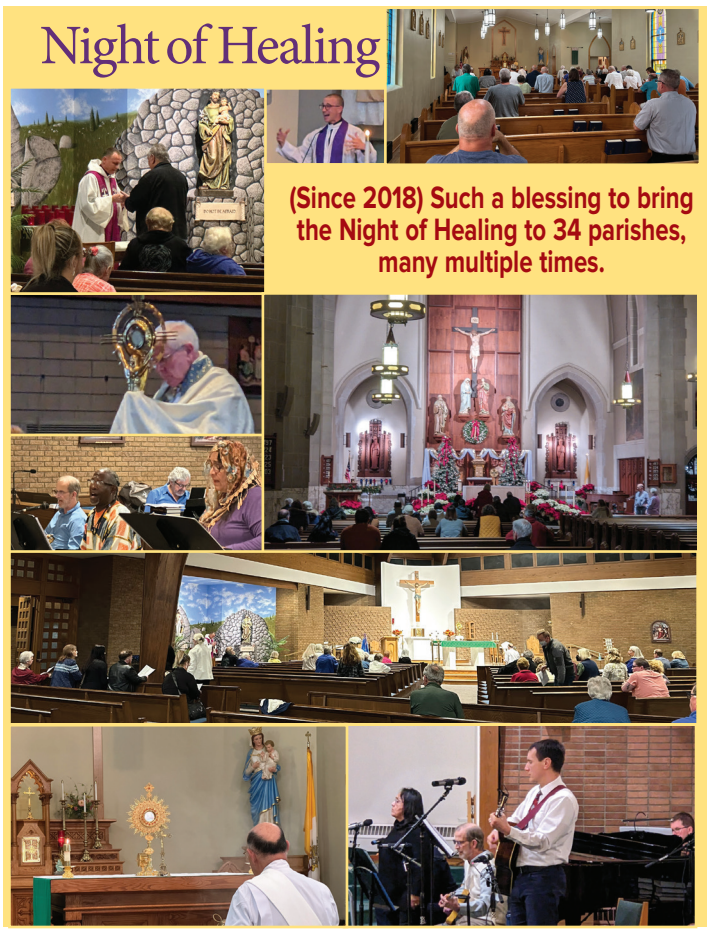
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