

Dear Parents,

I hope all is well with you and your family. It is a bright, sunny day – good for the spirit! It is amazing how just getting outside for a little while is such a boost!

Let's pray together this week for:

- For the church, reminding everyone of Jesus' healing presence
- For world leaders called to aid in bringing peace to the world
- For the sick and those who care for them
- For our parish community united in faith and love

The lesson plan this week is to complete the exercise in their duo tang and cover the chapter in their work book. If you have been keeping up with the weekly lessons that is great. If you have fallen behind, don't worry... it is never too late to put in a bit more time to catch up. I will be collecting the duo tangs in the Spring.

The chapter to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Level One – Chapter 14
- Level Two – Chapter 12
- Level Three – Chapter 17
- Level Four – Chapter 18
- Level Five – Chapter 20
- Level Six – Page 241 - 244

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-02-14>

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Actions and Attitudes

Matthew 18:23-25 ♦ ACTION STORY

One day the King called to the palace the people
who owed him money.

“You owe!”

[Point away from self]

“It’s time for you to repay your debts!”

“Oh no!”

[Shake head no]

A certain slave owed the King 10,000 talents.

Big debt!

[Extend arms at sides]

But the man said he couldn’t give it back.

“Not yet!”

[Shrug shoulders]

So the debtor pleaded for mercy!

“Let me live!”

[Fold hands and beg]

In generosity, the king cancelled the debt.

“I forgive!”

[Extend one arm at side]

Immediately, the forgiven man went to find a
person who owed him a few dollars.

Oh, wow!

[Place hand over eyes and look around]

The forgiven servant told his debtor to give him
the money.

“Pay now!”

[Hold out hand]

When the poor man said he couldn’t pay,

“No money!”

[Gesture empty pockets]

The forgiven servant had him thrown in prison.

Not funny!

[Sad face]

But the prison guards didn’t think this was right.

Not fair!

[Scratch head]

So they went to tell the King

“Beware!”

[Walk in place]

Then the King called the servant he had
forgiven.

“Lost trust!”

[Motion come here]

And told him that his debt was due immediately.

“You must!”

[Pound fist]

Because God forgives us

Thank you!

[Point up]

We must forgive each other!

Me too!

[Point to self]

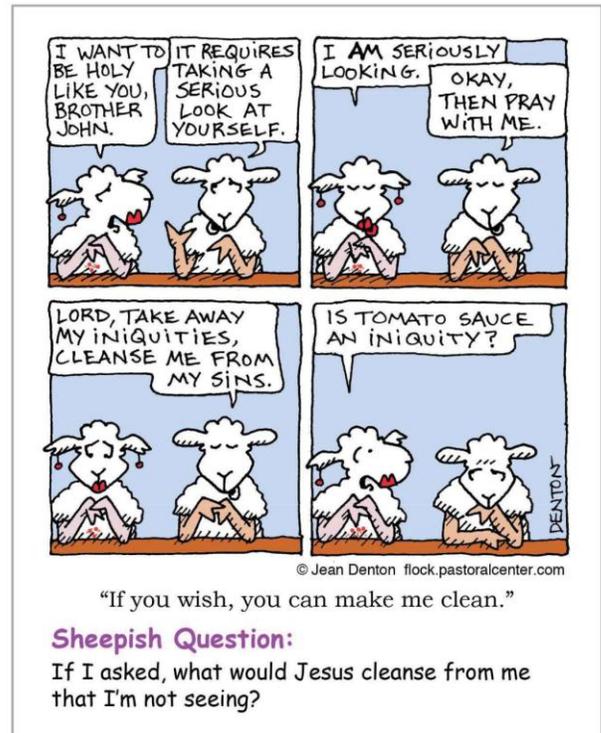
Love Trumps Laws

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 - On leprosy
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 - Imitation of Christ
- ▶ Mark 1:40-45 - Healing of a leper

When the leper came to Jesus to ask for healing, he must have already heard the news that Jesus had healed many people with all sorts of sicknesses. He seems certain Jesus has the power to help him too, so he boldly says what he is thinking. "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus has never met the man before, but he doesn't hesitate to show that he does wish for him to be cured.

In biblical times, leprosy referred to many kinds of skin problems. Some conditions were highly contagious, so laws kept those infected from coming into contact with the healthy population. However, as the First Reading from Leviticus stated, anyone with so much as a scab, sore, or skin blemish that could



possibly be leprosy was condemned to a life outside of the community. Those unlucky enough to have imperfect skin were supposed to avoid physical contact with others and make it clear that they shouldn't be touched.

It took a lot of courage for a leper to come into town (remember, he was supposed to stay clear of others) and approach Jesus. According to the laws, Jesus should never have touched the man because that would have made Jesus automatically unclean too. However, Jesus refuses to play by the rules that doom some people to a life of loneliness and isolation. Instead, his pity and compassion ruled the day. Love trumped laws.

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you seen someone act with courage and break an unjust law?
- 2 What laws, rules, or customs do you follow that Jesus might be inviting you to re-think?