



# Building Faith@HOME

February 14, 2021

**1st Reading:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45



## Healing Beyond imagining! Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and, by touching him heals him.

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived without the touch of another human being for a long time. How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed he must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at Mass, we pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us!

The Lord tells us not to judge others ([Mt 7:1](#)). Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves?

So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every Mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that. Jesus' love is beyond limit!

**Question for Children:** How do you experience God's blessing in difficult times, when you are sad, hungry, or when friends reject you?

**Question for Youth:** How does trusting in God make a difference in your life?

**Question for Adults:** In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we will be either blessed or have woe done unto us. It's a challenging teaching! Which half of this Gospel reading applies to you?

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**Year of Vocation**  
*In today's gospel, a leper is healed and proclaims this miracle far and wide. How are you called to proclaim the healing love of God to the church and beyond?*



List the friends you are prayer for:

St. Valentine wrote letters to share God's love. Today's mode of communication is through text messaging. Send a prayerful text to a friend.

## Feb. 14th Feast of St. Valentine



*In today's Gospel Jesus shows healing love beyond measure. Who in your life needs healing love?*

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## The ABCs for Fostering Vocations



**C**ultivate an attitude of service by responding as a family to the needs of others. Seek out those in need and find ways to care for them.

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## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- [teachingcatholickids.com](http://teachingcatholickids.com) Teaching children to pray for the sick. (Kids Faith Builder)
- [Catholicmom.com](http://Catholicmom.com) Installing hope in our Children (Family Faith Builder)
- [catholicicing.com](http://catholicicing.com) St. Valentine's Day treats (Kids Faith Builder)
- [lifeteen.com](http://lifeteen.com) Helping Teens with Mental Health (Teen Faith Builder)
- [Sacredspace.ie](http://Sacredspace.ie) Reflection Mark 1:40-45 (Adult Faith Builder)

