

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Ps 32:(7) 1-2, 5,11

1 Corinthians 10:31--11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Monday February 12

James 1:1-11

Ps 119:67,68,71,72,75,76

Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday February 13

James 1:12-18

Ps 94:12-15,18-19

Mark 8:14-21

Ash Wed. February 14

Joel 2:12-18

Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17

2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2

Matthew 6:1-6.16-18

Thursday February 15

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Ps 1:1-4,6

Luke 9:22-25

Friday February 16

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Ps 51:3-6,18-19

Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday February 17

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Ps 86:1-6

Luke 5:27-32

This Sunday's second reading gives us a great motto that we should post on our bedroom mirrors so that it's the first thing we see as our sleepy eyes awaken each morning: "Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God."

Everything! Brush your teeth for the glory of God. Kiss your family "Good morning!" for the glory of God. Go to Mass for the glory of God (in other words, we don't go to church just for what we can get out of it). Do your work for the glory of God. Drive politely for the glory of God. Shop and eat and greet others for the glory of God. Say yes to the needs of the Church for the glory of God.

And receive all that he wants to give you (the compliments, the money you earn, the answered prayers, the good times and rewards) all for the glory of God.

This should be part of our daily prayers every morning: "Holy Spirit, help me to do everything today for the glory of God. Amen!"

By making it a daily habit to start the day this way, the glory of God becomes integrated into our character. When we remember to see our activities through the lens of "whatever you do, do it for the glory of God", we become stronger in avoiding all kinds of sins. It sanctifies each moment of every day.



Often, we see religious activities as separate from our normal activities. We take "time out" from our schedules to go to church. We stop what we're doing when we want to pray. We think that only Clergy and Religious can be religious all of the time and that a layperson who is like that is a "fanatic". But why?

Why should we limit "for the glory of God" to only what is "holy" – Mass attendance, religious rituals, prayers, the works of ministry, etc.? We can sanctify every moment by remembering that whatever we do, we want to please God with it.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What have you done already today that glorifies God?
2. What is planned for later today and how can that be offered to God?
3. What will you do to remind yourself daily to do everything for the glory of God?
4. Describe ways that we can glorify God in normal, everyday activities.
5. How do you turn mundane tasks into a gift for God?
6. When is it most difficult to glorify him?
7. How can even our lapses into sin become blessings that glorify God?