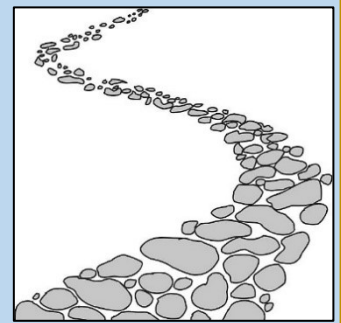
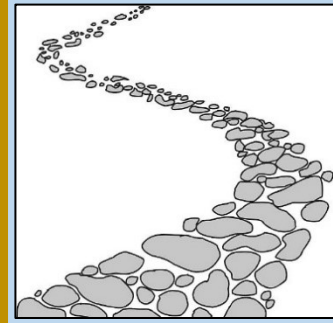


# WALKING THE PATH



## Walking the Path ... of Gratitude

Mother of Mercy,  
Health of the Sick, Comforter of the Afflicted,  
you already know my sufferings and my needs;  
look on me with mercy.

At Lourdes you have given us a sign  
of your compassion and your love.  
Many sufferers have already found healing  
through your intercession.

I come before you with confidence  
in your motherly care.

O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to you.

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Mark's Gospel,  
Jesus heals  
with the words :  
"Be made  
clean."



### OUR PRAYER INTENTION THIS WEEK : FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

#### PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE : JERUSALEM

Several key events in the life of Jesus, as related in the Gospels, took place on the **Mount of Olives**, and in the Acts of the Apostles it is described as the place from which Jesus ascended to heaven.

Because of its association with both Jesus and Mary, the mount has been a site of Christian worship since ancient times and is today a major site of pilgrimage.



#### 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY ST VALENTINE

Saint Valentine of Rome is a third-century saint widely celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> February and commonly associated with "romantic love".

One common story about St. Valentine is that he was under house arrest with a judge named Asterius. While discussing religion with the judge, Valentine spoke of the power of the love of Jesus. As

proof, Valentine restored the vision of the judge's blind daughter. Valentine refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, and sent a farewell note on the day of his execution to the girl he had healed, signed : "Your Valentine".



"God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved."



- Pope Francis, *World Youth Day 2023*



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