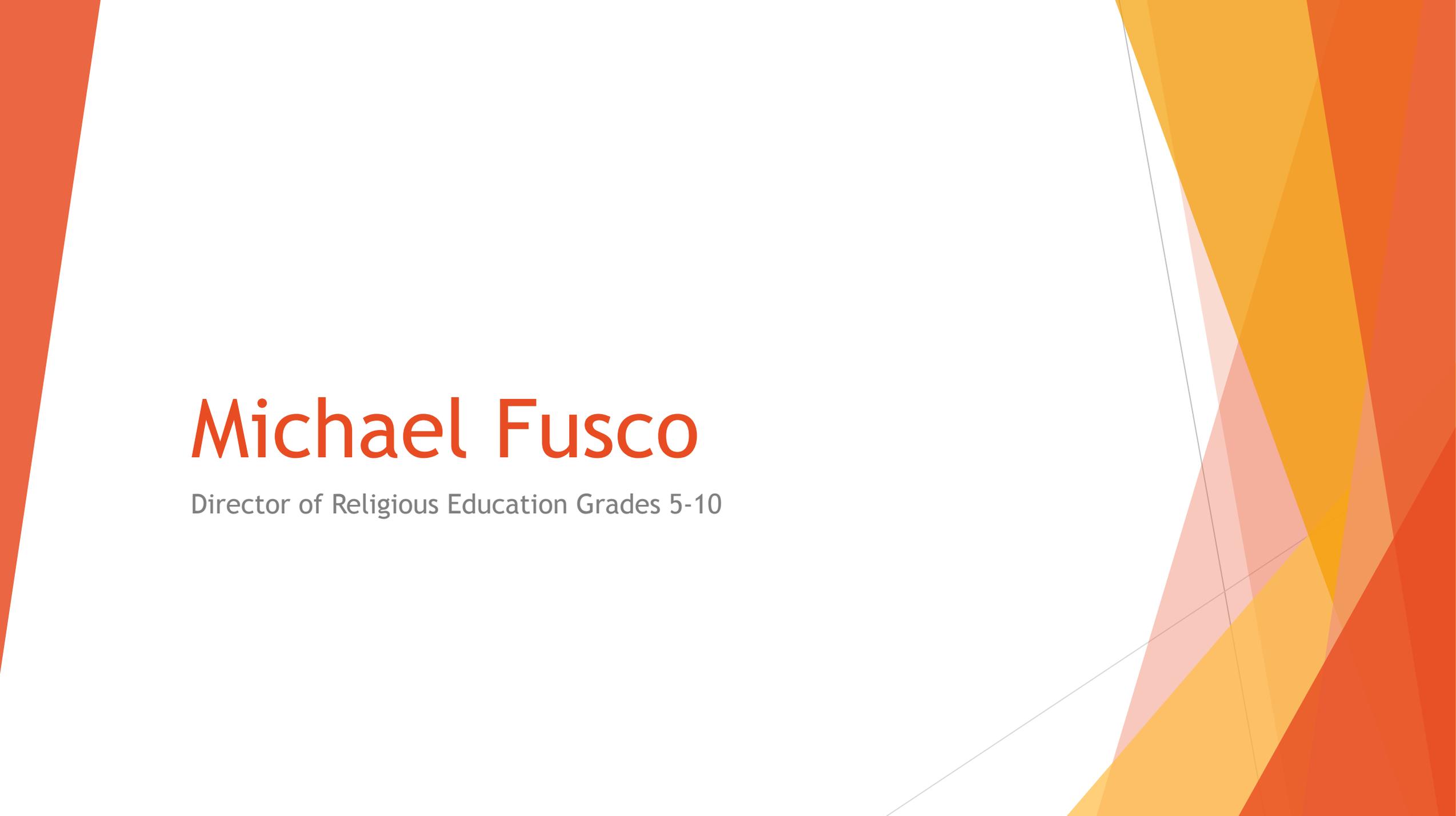




Spotlight Lesson 2
Saint Helen's Grades 5-8
Healing

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Welcome and Rules for Livestream

- ▶ Have Fun!!
- ▶ Learn something from this event
- ▶ The chat room is to be used sparingly. You are welcomed to greet each other but during the session we request that it not be used unless we ask you to use it.
- ▶ Chat will be monitored by Saint Helen's staff
- ▶ Please like this video and subscribe to our channel. Also forward this to someone who may need this in their lives.

Opening Prayer Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord our God

You sent your Son into the world to live with us as one of us, to heal, to teach, to sanctify and to proclaim the Good News of the coming of the Kingdom. Help us to live our Baptism to the full and find ways to do what Jesus did: to bring joy and life wherever we go. To lift up the suffering, and to tell other people about the new life Jesus has brought us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

(Liturgy Training Publications - Celebrating the Lectionary for Junior High Year C)

Goals of the Lesson

- ▶ Learn that God offers Salvation to all
- ▶ Deep dive into the Gospel of Luke 17:11-19
- ▶ R.O.C.S. - The life of St. Damien of Molokai & Saint Marianne Cope

Important Words:

- ▶ Salvation - The Catholic Church teaches that salvation comes through Jesus alone (Acts 4:12), since he is the “one mediator between God and man” (1 Tm 2:5-6). The saving grace won by Jesus is offered as a free gift to us, accessible through repentance, faith, and baptism. We turn away from our sins, we are sorry for them, and we believe in Jesus Christ and the gospel. Repentance shows our willingness to turn from things that keep us from God, and baptism renews us, filling us with the grace necessary to have faith and to live it. (Catholic.com)
- ▶ Healing - the natural process by which the body repairs itself; tending to cure or restore to health - Healing of the body (physical self), mind (our mental health) and soul (spiritual healing)
- ▶ Leprosy - from CDC.gov - Hansen’s disease (also known as leprosy) is an infection caused by slow-growing bacteria called *Mycobacterium leprae*. It can affect the nerves, skin, eyes, and lining of the nose (nasal mucosa). With early diagnosis and treatment, the disease can be cured. People with Hansen’s disease can continue to work and lead an active life during and after treatment.
- ▶ Leprosy was once feared as a highly contagious and devastating disease, but now we know it doesn’t spread easily and treatment is very effective. However, if left untreated, the nerve damage can result in crippling of hands and feet, paralysis, and blindness.

Luke 17:11-19

New Catholic Bible

- ▶ **11 Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy.**^[a] As he continued on his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² When he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Standing some distance away, ¹³ they called out to him, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.
- ▶ ¹⁵ One of them, when he realized that he had been cured, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. This man was a Samaritan.
- ▶ ¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten made clean? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one except this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well.”

Scripture Reflection

- ▶ Can you think of a time when you or a family member or a good friend had an illness that was contagious? Think Covid-19!
- ▶ What was it like to be in quarantine for 5-10 days or more?
- ▶ Did people help you? Did they avoid you? Did your friends or family members blame you for being sick?
- ▶ In the time of the scriptures, people with leprosy would need to call out to others when they went somewhere “unclean, unclean”. Can you imagine what that would feel like?
- ▶ What would you do if that happened to people with Covid-19?
- ▶ Those in the Gospel saw Jesus and called out to him to be healed. Jesus saw them and, in an instant, cured them of their disease.
- ▶ One came back to praise Jesus. Let us not forget to thank Jesus for his healing in the world.

Scripture Reflection

- ▶ God wants to heal all of us from the things we suffer from. Sickness, anxiety, our sins.
- ▶ Only one person came back to thank and praise Jesus. We need to thank Jesus for the blessings we have everyday.
- ▶ They called out for help. We need to call out to Jesus for help in our lives. To ask others for forgiveness. To seek help when we struggle.

Questions for Today

1. Who are the students in my school or neighborhood that seem to be excluded?
2. What can you do to help them?
3. How are people of different faiths and cultures treated?
4. What are some ways you include people that are different from you in your life?

R.O.C.S. - St. Damien of Molokai

► Feastday: May 10

Patron: of people with leprosy

Birth: 1840

Death: 1889

Beatified: June 4th, 1995, Basilica of the Sacred Heart (Koekelberg), Brussels,
by Pope John Paul II

Canonized: October 11th, 2009, Vatican City, by Pope Benedict XVI





R.O.C.S. - St. Damien of Molokai

- ▶ Br. Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained as a priest on the island of Hawaii two months later. For nine years, he worked on the island as a priest, leading an important, yet undistinguished life.
- ▶ In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. It was still mistakenly believed that leprosy was highly contagious. This belief resulted in the forced quarantine of leprosy patients.
- ▶ These people still needed spiritual and medical care, so to Fr. Damien discerned his call to serve them. In 1873, Fr. Damien made the trip to be with these people in their colony.
- ▶ Upon arrival, he found the colony was poorly maintained. Anarchy reigned among the people living there. Many patients required treatment but had nobody to care for them. Other patients took to drinking and became severe alcoholics. Every kind of immorality and misbehavior was on display in the lawless colony. There was no law or order.
- ▶ Fr. Damien realized the people needed leadership, so he provided it. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. The church still stands today.
- ▶ The sick were cared for and the dead buried. Order and routine made the colony livable. Fr. Damien personally provided much of the care the people needed.
- ▶ He was supposed to only work in the colony for a time then he would be replaced by one of three other volunteers for the work. But the leper colony was to become his permanent home. After working with the people for a time Fr. Damien grew attached to the people and his work. He asked permission to stay at the colony to serve. His request was granted.

R.O.C.S. - St. Damien of Molokai

- ▶ His relic, a piece of his heel, made its way into the Hawaiian peninsula after being buried in Belgium for 73 years.
- ▶ The relic made its way back to Oahu, where it was laid to rest at the Cathedral of our Lady of Peace.

Wins and Spins

- ▶ Think about one really-good thing that happened to you today. (A Win)
- ▶ Type your “Win” for the day in the chat or talk with your parents about it.
- ▶ Think about one thing that did not go your way today or a mistake you made or something that made you feel sad, anxious or just not right.
- ▶ Talk about what did not go right for you and see if you can Spin the bad situation into something positive or what you can learn from that situation. Think of a bible story or something Jesus did to help you with this.
- ▶ TIP - Use the term “What Would Jesus Do” to help you when making suggestions to each other. Also think about a piece of scripture that may help someone with their situation.

Announcements

- ▶ Register for CYO
- ▶ Watch video #2 of Padre Pio - Luciano tells his story
- ▶ First large Group last week of October

Closing Prayer

- ▶ SAINT DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI (1840-1889), SERVANT OF GOD, SERVANT OF HUMANITY
- ▶ God, our Father, we give thanks for Damien, our brother. Following Jesus, Your Son, he went to the lepers of Molokai, he became one of them even onto death; he showed them that You love them; he gave them back the pride of being human, and the hope of a future.
- ▶ Therefore, we ask You; may we be resurrected by Your Spirit to walk in the footsteps of Damien, to be animated by the same faith.
- ▶ Open our eyes, open our hearts, that we might go to all those abandoned, ignored, forgotten. Obtain that through us they may discover who You are. Raise up men and women ready to follow the road he has walked.
- ▶ This is the prayer that we address to You, Father full of tenderness and love, You, our God, always and for all eternity. Amen.



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