



## **Week 3 – The experience of healing**

### **1. Cure of the leper – Matthew 8: 1- 4**

“Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

### **2. Woman with a haemorrhage – Matthew 9: 20-22**

And behold, a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment; for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well.”

### **3. Cure of the cripple – Acts 3: 1-11**

But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

### **4. St André Bessette**

Born in Quebec, on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1845, Alfred Bessette was an orphan at twelve and eventually entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross after initial setbacks due to his poor health. Taking the name André, he built a shrine out of his great devotion to St Joseph. He eventually became known as the ‘Miracle man of Montreal’ and his full-time ministry was tending to the crowds that would come for healing. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and is the first saint of the congregation of the Holy Cross.

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