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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 97 (98): 1-4

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel:

Luke 17: 11-19

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"



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Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings online [here](#).

Check out [this video](#) on the Gospel for children.

Pray

In the Gospel today we hear about Jesus healing the ten lepers, but only one returned to thank Him.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- Can you imagine the desperation the lepers felt, and the overwhelming experience of being healed? Why do you think only one came back? Do you ever find yourself so caught up in praying for intentions, that you forget to thank God for answered prayers?
- Is gratitude an attitude you practice in your life? What are you grateful for today? Thank God sincerely from your heart.

Talk

In today's readings we hear the miracle of the ten lepers being healed by Jesus, but only one came back to offer thanks to Jesus.

- What is it like to do something for someone and receive no thanks in return?
- What are the different ways we can say or show our thanks to someone?
- What kind of prayers do you usually say? Do you ask for something more than you thank God?
- Jesus worked a great miracle in the lives of all ten lepers, but nine never came back to thank Him. How do you think Jesus felt about this? How do you think He felt when one came back? Why did He comment on his faith?

Family Challenge!

Make a poster or use a noticeboard as a focal point for your gratitude this week. Every day, each member of the family can pin up a note or a drawing of something they are grateful to God for, and offer a prayer of thanksgiving as a family!

Practice an attitude of gratitude this week! Make sure you say please and thanks, and be grateful for all the little things in your life, from food in your belly, to a comfy bed, and a family that cares for you!



"There's nothing better than thanksgiving, and nothing worse than a lack of thanksgiving."
Fr Mike Schmitz

IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS

GRATITUDE IS THE BEST ATTITUDE

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Loyola Press Sunday Connection

We can read the story of the ten lepers and be shocked at the behaviour of the nine. Imagine being cut off from society, alone, in desperate straits, facing a life of misery, isolation and eventual death - only to find restoration and healing in the person of Jesus Christ! Incredible! You would imagine they'd be grateful and come rushing back to Him. Yet only one did. How strange and shocking! We'd never do that, would we? And yet, if we think about all the blessings and gifts we have every day in our lives, and how often we thank God for them, we might find ourselves aligning a little more closely with the 9 lepers and not the Samaritan leper who came back and threw himself at the feet of Jesus.

"What if you woke up this morning and had only the things you thanked God for yesterday?" (Max Lucado) That's a quote that's well worth spending some time on - might be a little uncomfortable too. But the good news is we can start an attitude of gratitude today, right at this very moment, and especially at the moments when we feel down, or a little meh about life! In all things give thanks!

Fr Mike Schmitz: The Absolute Necessity of Saying "Thank You"



Brandon Lake: Gratitude

To the Heights Youth Newsletter will return at the end of August



Family Prayer

Lord, for all that you have given us we thank you. Keep us ever grateful and ever mindful of your goodness at work in our lives, each and every moment. Amen

EVENTS

Lectio Divina with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Waterford.

Tuesdays, 2:30-4pm- St. John's Pastoral Centre or Thursdays, 7:30-9pm- Sacred Heart Convent, Cedar Lodge (Newtown Rd.) Starting from 13th September. Queries: Sr. Kathryn 087 404 2784.

The Chosen: Zoom Series, Season 2: TUESDAY nights, 8 - 9.15pm, 4 - 29 October - www.waterfordlismore.ie for more information or [click here to sign up](#)

Encounter: Gathering for young adults aged 18-35. Talk - Music - Prayer - Refreshments. Fri 14th October - St John's Church, Waterford @ 8pm. More info: www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry

Family Day at Holy Family Mission: Sun 6th Nov, 10am - 3pm. All Saints Costume Party. Bring a packed lunch. Book essential. Email info@holymission.ie

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