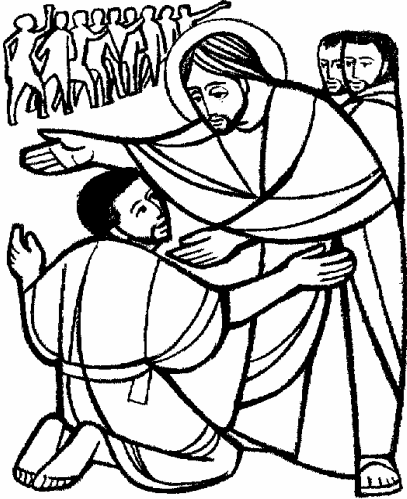


Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) October 14th, 2007

Pastor: Fr. Patrick Furtado Associate Pastor: Fr. Leo Monroe Deacon: Michael Soentgerath



This Week In Our Parish LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 13th 5:00 pm mass:	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time †Emma Barry / Fraser Family
Sunday, October 14th 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass:	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time †Annette Desrochers / Lucille and Family Deceased Family and Friends / Bill Panko
Monday, October 15th 9:00 am mass: 10:30 am mass:	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus (Avila) In thanksgiving of Pen Sestosa / Family Southwood Care Centre: For all parishioners, living and deceased
Tuesday, October 16th 9:00 am mass:	Memorial of Saint Marguerite d'Youville In Thanksgiving / Alfonso Family
Wednesday, October 17th 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: 6:30 pm:	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch †Felicidad Danan / Jun and Family (2nd Intention) †Frank Schatz / K of C Council #4878 Prayers for the Sick
Thursday, October 18th 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass:	Feast of Saint Luke †Luis Campos / Family Infant Jesus / Pen and Nening Sestosa
Friday, October 19th 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass:	Ferial / Saint Paul of the Cross †Tyrone Deane / Robert and Marcel Birthday of Connie Turingan
Saturday, October 20th 9:00 am mass:	Ferial / Our Lady's Saturday †Jerry Palko / Fraser Family
Saturday, October 21st 5:00 pm mass:	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday †Marie Hill's Mom / St. Cecilia's Folk Choir
Sunday, October 22nd 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass:	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday †Josue and Adoracion Suple / Family †Tyrone Deane / Bill Panko

Dear Friends,

Allow me to share with you these words of reflection for this Sunday's reading taken from "St. Paul's Centre for Biblical Theology".

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman, the Syrian, trusted in God's Word and was cleansed. Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the 10 lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites - but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see [Isaiah 56:3-8](#)).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees - that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance - as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice - falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith - that we, too, may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

Deacon Michael Soentgerath

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Application forms for our Sacramental Preparation Registration are now available at the back of the church until the deadline date. The deadline date for each sacrament is printed in the blue Sacramental Preparation brochure, along with the dates for classes, parent meetings and retreats. Please attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Following are the dates for the sacraments:

First Reconciliation: Saturday, December 8th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation: Sunday, April 20th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mass

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 4th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mass

The 49th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Quebec City from June 15th to June 22nd, 2008.

The Diocese of Calgary is offering seven workshops to develop the themes of the document. Please refer to the bulletin board for locations and times of these workshops. As well, please check the poster in the library window for a list of books and other material in preparation for this event.