

READINGS

October 9, 2016

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

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

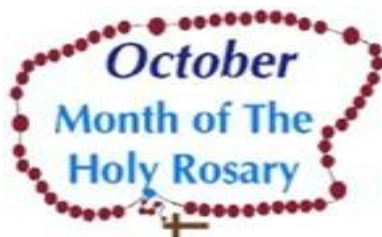
Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

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INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For all people, that by responding in faith to the Gospel, they may be made whole and restored to proper relationship with God and the Church ...



STEWARDSHIP

October 2nd.....\$3,574

Our Lady of Wisdom relies on Bobcat Catholics like you for more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Daniel Glaze, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In Jesus' day, leprosy included several skin diseases and was understood as a punishment from God. Sufferers of the disease were separated from the community and not allowed to publically worship with the community. It was the duty of the priests to declare the person healed of the disease and thus allow the person to return to society and regular worship in the temple. Encountering Jesus and acting on his instruction in faith brought healing to the 10 lepers and restored unity with society. Yet only one, a non-Jew, returned to Jesus praising God. Today, ask yourself, "What damages my relationship with God? Am I willing to respond to Jesus in faith and be restored? Like Naaman and the leper do I praise God for my many blessings?"

FR. CHARLIE BANKS is available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., October 11th. Sign up in the Lobby for 30 min. appointments.

DISCERNMENT DINNER

This Wednesday October 12th at the Borromeo House in Austin at 7pm. Catholic men (over 18)RSVP to Fr. Jonathan Raia at fr-jonathan-raia@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2430.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament *Tuesdays* 5:45-9pm and *Mornings* Mon-Fri 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel

NIGHT PRAYER hosted by the men of Lambda Omega Alpha, 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings after Adoration.

FREE LUNCH every Tues., 11am-1pm in the Lobby

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

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LIVING THE GOOD NEWS CONFERENCE

Saturday Nov. 5th at St. Dominic Savio in Austin. Registration is now open. Cost is \$25. Everyone is invited to delve into what it means to serve the least among us. There will be keynote speakers from Loyola Press, the Diocese of Austin and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. There will also be social justice workshops from various presenters in the Catholic community. Register and learn more at www.austindiocese.org/livingthegoodnews.

25th ANNUAL RED

MASS Thurs., Oct. 13 at 6pm St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Guest speaker Anthony R. Picarello, Jr., associate general secretary and general counsel for the USCCB. This Mass is for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

OCTOBER IS

PRO-LIFE MONTH

Pick up your Baby banks Today! All boxes will be picked up at the end of October and the money raised goes to the Diocesan office of Pro-Life as well as our own Bobcats for Life.

USCCB Join the US Bishops in fasting and praying on Fridays as we prepare to elect new leaders. Participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the upcoming elections.

DONATION DRIVE

The men of Lambda Omega Alpha invite you to join them in donating to the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center Until Oct. 31st. Items can be placed in the large tub in the lobby. Please see the tub for a list of items needed.



From the women of Mu Epsilon Theta for your support of their salsa sale last Sunday!