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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

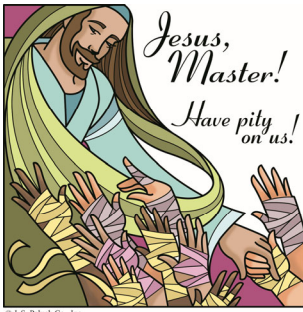
MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE GIFT OF SALVATION

Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus saw God's hand in their healing. Only through God's intervention could they have been cured. Through this recognition of God's presence and action in their lives, they grew in faith. For what are you grateful? Pause for a moment to reflect on all of the blessings in your life. God is the source of these many blessings—life, love, gifts, and so much more. Of all the gifts for which we must be grateful, none is as great, or as astounding, as the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. Let this sink in, not only in your mind but in your heart. Like Naaman and the leper who returned, allow yourself to be touched by the immense love of God for you.

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This Sunday's readings explore how we see and respond to blessing in our lives. We hear two stories of healing and of thanksgiving, of a powerful military leader Naaman, and of a powerless Samaritan leper. Both are examples of humility and gratitude that mark the presence of faith in God. We observe that both Naaman and the leper had their horizons expanded by their healing. Once healed, they did not simply attribute this to a stroke of luck, and then go on with their lives. Instead, they began to see God on the move, reaching out to everyone, and actively blessing all creation. Jesus notes that the leper's faith saved him, because he was receptive to seeing this fuller reality. Faith changes our perception. Faith allows us to see beyond our usual boundaries, to embrace a loving God, and to participate in sharing that love with others.

GOD'S WAYS

The passage from 2 Kings concludes the story of Naaman, a foreign military leader who suffers from a skin disease named as leprosy. The full story of Naaman is well worth reading, beginning in 2 Kings 5:1, as it describes the journey of a powerful man desperate for a cure, and who finds it most unexpectedly. He has used up all the options available to the wealthy and well-connected. But his slave girl from Israel points him to Elisha, the little-known Jewish prophet. Other servants rescue Naaman from his pride, and he is led to accept healing.

This story illustrates how God's ways are different from worldly ways. God acts primarily through the lowly and faithful, while power and wealth fail to solve the world's problem. Those on the margins, or those with humility, are often best able to see the opportunities God makes available. When Naaman humbled himself, he discovered God's ways, and gave thanks to God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the LORD (2 Kings 5:14-17).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

Gospel — After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

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THE OTHER

Saint Luke has a special interest in Samaritans. In Luke and in Acts, Samaritans keep popping up, both in parable and in the narrative. In today's Gospel, Jesus travels among peoples with a long history of hostilities between those loyal to the Temple in Jerusalem, and those (Samaritans) who rejected it. They shared many common beliefs, and honored the God of Abraham and Moses. As in many conflicts, two groups who have much in common tragically have the most intense disagreements.

It was the Samaritan leper who returned to thank Jesus and praise God for his healing. Someone across the social divide became an example of faith in God, just as, earlier in Luke, the Good Samaritan demonstrated love of neighbor. Might you be part of a group that finds reasons to distrust another group? Jesus points toward new possibilities within and between families, ethnicities, and religious groups. If "the other" is in fact admirable, if we can learn from them, then perhaps we can work to be reconciled with them.

Miracles of Faith

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God; he even wants to worship the LORD in his own country. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on good solutions by not asking for help. Help often comes from someone who shows us a way through our problems, without solving them for us. Perhaps if we talk about the problem with another person, the solution will become obvious to us. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer, giving God the chance to speak to your heart with the answer or the encouragement you need.

Miracles don't just happen to other people. We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be no more than a theory. Scientists work with theories all the time, but until they write out the math or do the experiments, the theory is never proven. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.

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This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, text BLESSINGS to 474747.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 10, 2022

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 10, 2022

Monday
9:00am Ana Felicita Hernandez - conversión y liberación

Tuesday
8:30am Ana Jerez, Pedro Almonte, Rosa Jerez, Humberto Fernandez (D)
12:00pm Ana Mung (D)

Wednesday
8:30am Margaret Grossenbacher (D)

Thursday
8:30am Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesus

Friday
8:30am

Saturday
7:45am
7:00pm Julia Guasp (D); Juan Ramon Adorno (D); Anthony Negron (D); Maria Mercedes Alместica & Pablo De Jesus (D); Feliz Evangelita Gonzalez, Eduvina Gonzalez, Serafin Alfredo Gonzalez (D); Anthony Negron (D); Felix Antonio Tejada (D)

Sunday
8:00am People of SNT
9:30am Maria Perez (D); Idalia Ventura (D); Lucrecia Estevez & Severo Jimenez (D)
11:30am Phero Chi (D)
1:30pm Giuse Luc & Gioanbaotixita (D)

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We pray for the sick: Ismael Negron, Lisette Tiburcio
We pray for the dead:



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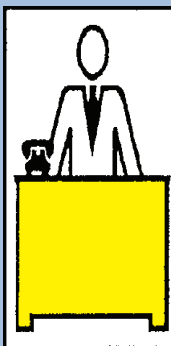
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