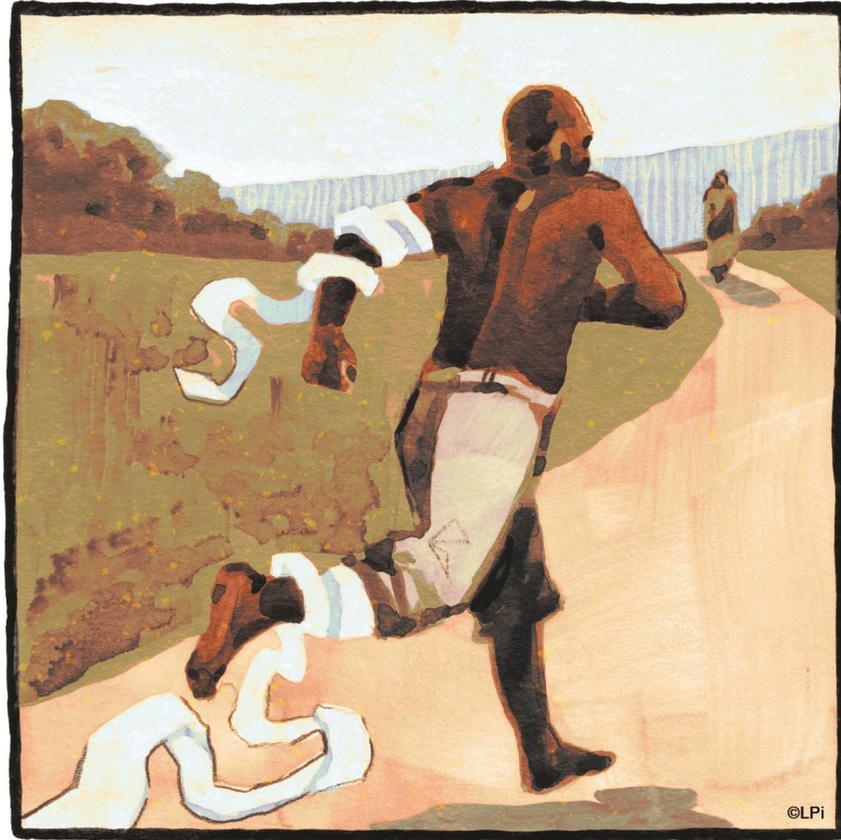


St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

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.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

OCTOBER 12, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Anastacio Montero, Fernando Hernandez, Ana Rosa Amarante (D); Carmen Luisa Rosario (D)

Tuesday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Carmen Marquez (D), Acción de gracias a Jesús Sacramentado
12:00 pm All Souls, Carmen Rivera (D)

Wednesday, October 15

8:30 a.m. Felix Antonio Hernandez, Maria Ramirez, Keren Hernandez, Juan Bautista Hernandez (D)
12:00 p.m. San Anthony Negron, Cruz Negron, Filomena Reyes, Ricardo Reyes (D), Angel Maldonado (D)

Thursday, October 16

8:30 a.m. Maria Perez (D)
12:00p.m. Pereta Rodriguez (L)

Friday, October 17

8:30 a.m. Sonia Rivera (D)
12:00 p.m. For the Souls of Juan, Eugenia, Damian Jr, and all in Purgatory

Saturday, October 18

7:45 a.m. Maria Nga (D)
7:00 p.m. Jesus Paulino (D), Ulises Francisco Aquino (D), Ligia Ines Peña Jimenez (D), Maria Trinidad Nuñez (D), Bladimir Espinal (L) - liberación, Francisco Martinez, Victor Baldera (D) & Maria Francisca Baldera (D)

Sunday, October 19

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Altagracia Collado (D)
9:30: a.m. Nancy Margarita Perez (D), Alvin Ortiz Jr. (D), Yadira Librado (salud), Felipe Omar (salud)
11:30 am Justin Strauss (L)
1:30 pm Maria (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God.

His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

Gospel:

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

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Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

Your Faith Has Saved You

Your faith has saved you. These are the words I pray I will hear when my heart stops beating, when the last breath has left my lungs.

We hear Jesus say these words, or words like them, several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak in a crowd, to the men who testify to their belief that he can restore their sight, to the leper kneeling before him in thanks.

These are some of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, because they illustrate so beautifully what salvific faith is — and what it is not.

It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply *believing*. Yes, Christ is my Savior. Yes, the Church is his bride. Yes, this doctrine is true, that dogma is infallible, so on and so forth.

I believe!

Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good.

The lepers had faith — so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith — so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith was sufficient to motivate these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, "Thank you. Now what?"

I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about an arm that is reaching for the hem of a garment, a voice that says "I believe" or a knee that is bent in gratitude.

He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.

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Luke 17:11-19

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "**Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.**" This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If we have faith, we call out to God and we beg him for healing. But when our faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others."

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Weekly Offering - October 5, 2025

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