

St. Mary's Catholic Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13 2019

Dear Parishioners:

When we don't expect receiving it, **gratitude** can be very confusing. When we do expect receiving it but it isn't shown we are left feeling bewildered, disappointed, or angry. There is a great deal of awkwardness surrounding the virtue of **gratitude**. We know from experience that doing some people a favor puts us at risk of losing their friendship. Mark Twain put it bluntly when he wrote: "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. That is the principal difference between a dog and a man." The question remains: why bother getting hurt by doing some people favors? How can some people not appreciate your kindness after you have reached out to meet their needs? Why do some people treat you as a leper after you helped them? This is the issue addressed in today's Scripture readings.

The story about Naaman, the Syrian pagan military commander focuses on healing, conversion and **gratitude**. His cure of his leprosy was clearly miraculous. All he had to do was submit himself to the ritual that the prophet Elisha prescribed. Once he did so and was cured, he sought out Elisha to show his **gratitude** and offer him a reward. Elisha declined the reward but agreed that Naaman should take back some earth to Syria and build a shrine to the God of Israel.

Our Gospel passage today echoes the story told in our first reading. Ten men suffered of pain and indignities of the dreaded leprosy disease, but when they encountered Jesus they experienced healing and were cured. But only one of them, a Samaritan, turns back in his tracks and takes time to show his **gratitude** by thanking Jesus for his miraculous healing. The absence of the other nine leaves Jesus hurt and puzzled: "Were not all ten made clean?" The **ingratitude** of the other nine makes Jesus wonder: what makes people that way? Why do the nine who were healed now treat Jesus as if He was a leper and stay away from him? Why is saying thank you such a big problem?

I suppose the nine other lepers were appreciative of what Jesus had done for them. However we don't know why they never bothered to show their **gratitude** to Jesus. We can only look at ourselves and ask why are we at times reluctant to say **thank you** and show our **gratitude** towards someone else. Sometimes it is because we resent the fact that we needed help in the first place. Or perhaps sometimes we are suspicious and wonder about their motives for helping us. Whatever the reason for our **ingratitude** we know it diminishes us and those who help us.

All of us can easily lose our sense of **gratitude** for the blessings we have received. Do we show our **gratitude** towards God for the blessings given to us and for the gift of our Catholic faith? Do we show our **gratitude** to our parents, spouses, children, neighbors whose love give us a sense of self-worth? Do we show our **gratitude** for the friendships we have; those who continue to support us and stand by our side? Do we show our **gratitude** for those who helped us along the way in school, those who helped us in finding a job and starting our career? And do we show our **gratitude** for our First Responders and for those serving in our U.S. Military Forces?

Love & prayers,
Fr. John

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 12	4:00 p.m.	Lillian, Richard, and Ellen VonLehmden, George Donaldson
Sun Oct 13	10:00 a.m.	Mary Zaleskie
Sat Oct 19	4:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
Sun Oct 20	10:00 a.m.	Nick Stechschulte Will Schulte

Communion Service

Fri Oct 18 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,685.00	Loose \$924.00
Children	\$13.24	Total \$4,622.24

71 envelopes returned = 35%



*Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also to those who give
electronically!!*

Assignments for October 19 & 20, 2019

Money Counters: Janet Begg and Angie Wenger

4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Diana Bucher, Jennifer Tschour, Amy Marcum

Servers: Elizabeth Honse and Carson Meyer

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: Steve and Kelly Yarnell family

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker

Lectors: Chris Denecker and Mel Heitmeyer

E.M.: Luke Denecker, Hank Schroeder, Rachel Welch, Noralu Kahle, Kim Garmatter

Servers: Josh Meyer, Nathan Meyer, Julia Mehaffie, and Isabella Stechschulte

Readings for October 20, 2019 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8 - 13

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1 - 8

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Thanks to Fr. John the Younger and all of you for the prayers, cards and visits! All I have heard since leaving the hospital is "how good I look!" I can only assume I must have been real ugly before my surgery and hospital stay! I am resting at home and gaining strength. - **Fr. John the Older**



Where to Place the Tabernacle?

Catholic documents affirm that the tabernacle, because it contains within it The Body of the Lord Jesus Christ, should be the central focus within a Catholic Church. "According to the structure of each church building and in accordance with legitimate customs, the Most Holy Sacrament is to be reserved in a tabernacle that is noble, prominent, readily visible, and adorned in a dignified manner." (Redemptionis Sacramentum: On Certain Matters to be Observed or to be Avoided Regarding the Most Holy Eucharist March 25, 2004). "The correct positioning of the tabernacle contributes to the recognition of Christ's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, the place where the Eucharistic species are reserved, marked by a sanctuary lamp, should be readily visible to everyone entering the church. It is therefore necessary to take into account the building's architecture and where the high altar with its tabernacle still in place, it is appropriate to continue use this structure for the reservation and adoration of the Eucharist." (Sacramentum Caritatis February 22, 2007). After consulting with the Pastoral Council on this matter, we came to an agreement that the Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle on the High Altar in the Church's sanctuary so that the Eucharist would be in a central, noble and readily visible place. Therefore we will be placing the tabernacle upon the high altar in a couple of weeks. I wanted to let everyone know ahead of time why we are doing this and share our reasoning for removing the tabernacle from the side chapel. The side chapel will remain a chapel for private prayer and also serve as a place where parents and babies and very young children can gather for the celebration of Mass.

Thanks, Fr. John

Please remember to pay PREP Registration if

you have not yet done so. If you have any questions regarding your payment, please contact Kelly Honse at the office at (419) 358 – 8631.



SACRISTANS/LITURGICAL

ENVIRONMENT We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to help (setting up the Liturgical Books, Sacred Vessels, etc.) in the preparation before the celebration of Mass. Also, we are seeking volunteers who are willing to help in setting up our environment for special liturgical celebrations during the year (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter etc.) If interested please contact Fr. John or call Rachel in our parish office. Thanks, Fr. John



Thank you to Jessica Grandey, Brandi Meyer, Cathy Couch, and Kelly Honse for driving the JH students last weekend while they volunteered around the community. We appreciate your help and your dedication to our students!

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday.

Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and other parts of Europe and the Americas, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection for our brothers and sisters in faith throughout the world.



P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10a.m. Mass

K-6: Class is this Wednesday, October 16th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Jr High: Class will meet Sunday, October 20th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.



God Squad--High School Youth Group



God Squad High School Youth will meet for class on October 20th, from 11:00-1:00. **Third Thursday** is October 17th from 7-8:30 p.m.