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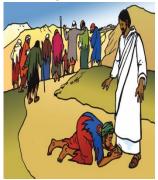
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C. 09th October 2022

The Gospels make explicit God's Word to us, through the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are disciples of Jesus!

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Summary



Jesus continues on His journey to Jerusalem. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all ten. However, only one, the Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus and "to give praise to God." Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith: 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.' This reinforces Jesus' message from last week's gospel (Luke 17: 5-10) when Jesus assures the disciples that even a little faith (as small as a mustard seed) is a wonderful blessing.

Our Faith = Our Salvation!

When God answers our prayers and helps us with our problems, we have faith in God, but sometimes, God leaves us to solve our problems ourselves - because God has faith in us.

Samaritans in the Gospel

Background. There was an ancient animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans dating back to the period after the reign of King Solomon, when his death resulted in civil war and the splintering of the kingdom into two. The break-away northern kingdom of Samaria built a new temple on Mount Gerizim, rejecting the temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans were considered apostates by those of the southern kingdom of Judah because of the differences between the two communities, in their observance of Judaism. Jesus' ministry was in Judah (around the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth and Jerusalem) and His followers would have been largely (if not exclusively) Jews. So, why would Jesus include a "good Samaritan" in His parable and in today's gospel??

Jesus and the Samaritans in the Gospel. When Jesus identifies the "good Samaritan," Jesus is teaching His followers, that God's love is for all people, Jews and gentiles alike. Also, perhaps at this time (the later period of Jesus' ministry on His final journey to Jerusalem) Jesus is also preparing His disciples that they are not to restrict their apostolic mission to just the Jews but are to take the Word of the Kingdom of God, to all nations.



Do to others as you would have them do to you.

A Personal Observation. Today in the Holy Land, the situation of the Christians is no different to the Samaritans at the time of Jesus. Though we share the first five books of the Old Testament with the Torah, Christians are only tolerated by the Jews and Muslims, in the Holy Land. Like the Samaritan in Jesus' parable of the "Good Samaritan," the Franciscans and other Christian missions are "good neighbours," who do many "good works" in the Holy Land; providing hospitals, schools, orphanages and other services to the needy. Like the grateful Samaritan in today's gospel, pilgrims travel to the Holy Land to "give praise to God," and like the Samaritans in Jesus' time, Christians are just tolerated and at times - mocked, by the Jews and Muslims alike.

Note. The above are the personal observations of the author. Thanks Cliff

In Month of October, We Honour Our Lady of the Rosary.

In the month of October, we can get back to the practice of praying the rosary, or to praying it more often, or, to praying it more deeply. The rosary is esteemed because it involves the body and the soul. As each Hail Mary is prayed, a bead is physically touched and the person moves through the rosary reflecting on each mystery. The beads are helpful and remind us to focus our minds and heart on prayer. Even if we are distracted, the beads call us back. Pope Francis has highlighted the ease of praying the rosary and called on believers to pray, or, at least to carry the rosary with them: "I invite you to pray the rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life of Jesus the Saviour with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations."

The rosary has been called our "link to heaven," by some saints, since the rosary keeps us connected to prayer, to Mary, and to our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a simple, but a very powerful

spiritual help to all believers. If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proof of its wonderful value. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation - there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives.

The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary."

(Pope Benedict XVI)

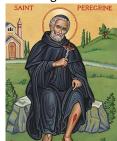


Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could say a daily Rosary (it takes just 15 - 20 minutes) during this month of October, as thanks to our Blessed Mother in Heaven; and to ask for Her intercession, for our own private intentions. We can say the Rosary quietly and individually, or, as a family, or, as a group of parishioners at our Marian Chapel at church. Holy Rosary prayer cards are always available at our Marian Chapel.

When Mary speaks, God listens.

St Peregrine Healing Mass Thursday 13th October 2022

A healing Mass in honour of St Peregrine (patron Saint of cancer sufferers and helper of all in



need), will be celebrated at Saints John and Paul Church, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton, on Thursday 13th October 2022, at 7.00 pm. This Mass is for all who are with cancer, as well as, those suffering from other long-term illness, and also, for their carers and the members of their family. This Mass will include a blessing with the Relic of St Peregrine.

Catholics turn to the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when we long to feel the comfort and healing touch of God in times of illness.

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

(James 5:14-15).

Parish Worship Schedule

A parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, who gather to celebrate the Mass and to "live the Gospel." We are a community of Jesus' disciples and our church is here for our collective and individual worship and prayers. We welcome the faithful to our Mass, or, to light a candle at our Marian chapel, or, to just pray in silence; and to grow spiritually.

Mass Times Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri 8.00 am (the Rosary after)

Mass TimeSaturday6.00 pmMass TimeSunday9.30 amReconciliationSaturday night5.15 – 5.45 pm

Anointing of the Sick Liaise with Fr Greg

Baptisms, marriages and funerals Liaise with Fr Greg

Our Prayers of the Faithful

The Church expects that each parish community would prepare their own prayers so that all the community can join in the sacred intercessory prayer (Prayers of the Faithful) at Mass. In our parish prayers of the faithful, we pray to the Lord, to help and comfort our sick and suffering. We also pray for the souls of our recently departed, as well as, for those whose anniversaries, we remember at Mass today.

Prayers for Our Sick and Suffering

Tony Galvez, Jenny Cassin, Betsy De Wass, Frank De Luis, Nigel, Christina Sim, Maria Marshall, Claire Webster, Ivan Fletcher, Fabian Edmunds, Celia, Crowley family, Joe Sundaram, Thilak, Diana Scully, Bluey Thompson, Celeste Vicensoni, Carla, Annette, Joe Gibson, Georgina and Ronnie Ghosh, Gemma Altieri, Fred Kara, Reg Brown, Mary & Derrick Jansen, Marie Webster Viola, Gerry and Maisie Prendergast, James Rydqvist, Annie Magdalena Rydqvist, Anne Rydqvist, Dr Andrew Chilufya Snr, Robbie Iliffe, Donna Green, Horatio Hill, Ilean Wright, Cathy and Peter Ghouse, Jimmy Olivero, Kaye McIntyre, Jeff and Tony Francis, Fr Andre, Sheila Vanwieringan, CD Joseph, Marina Lim, Wendy Price, Julie Pinto, Christopher Jaffer, Bonnie Sullivan, Joslyn De Sylva and Philomena Rodrigues.

Prayers for our Recently Deceased

Bertha Lyddy.

"God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort" (Matthew 5:4).

Anniversaries of our Beloved Departed

Jimmy Cunningham (06 Oct), Janet Jakubowski (07 Oct), Kath Scott (09 Oct), Marie de Souza (09 Oct), and all our departed relatives and friends.

Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (John 11: 25-26).

Note: Parishioners may email Cliff at: cliffordgerard@bigpond.com, for any additions (or deletions) to our lists of sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, whom you wish to be included in our "Prayers of the Faithful."

Everyone has a name, and if we are to pray for them, we should say their name.

Our Next Parish St Vincent de Paul Donations is 05th/06th November



For parishioners who may wish to contribute to this worthy program, any <u>non-perishable</u> food in tins, packets or boxes will do (but no glass please). In addition to a food hamper, a \$30 Woolworths voucher is usually provided to enable the purchase of essentials like; fresh fruit and vegetables, baby food and more. Cash donations may be deposited in our SVDP/poor donation box at the entrance of the church, to enable the purchase of cash vouchers.

Parishioners who may need a "helping hand," may contact the SVDP Society for assistance, or speak with our local SVDP representatives: **Bruno George (mobile: 0470571041)** at Wilson Parish, or, **Sister Charla (telephone: 93545083)** at Riverton Parish. **The names of those requesting and receiving assistance is always confidential.**