

Returning Thanks: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14–17 | Psalm 98:1–4
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8–13 | Gospel: Luke 17:11–19



A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12–14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3–8).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist."

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
October 12th – 20th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 12th	Sunday Vigil Helen Annett – RIP – by her mother
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 13th	Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Victor O. Kramer – RIP – by Violeta Kramer and family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Oct. 14th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 15th	Saint Teresa of Jesus Thanksgiving by Maria Simmons
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 16th	Saint Marguerite d'Youville Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 17th	Saint Ignatius of Antioch Elizabeth Biro – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 18th	SAINT LUKE Jean Brocklehurst – RIP – by Joan
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 19th	Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 20th	Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Angela, Rose and Giuseppe - RIP – by the Mignacca family Anita and Julianna – Birthday Blessings

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

Collection:
October 6, 2019 - **\$2,944.80**
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(bringing our total to **\$142,367.75** for our goal of **\$170,000.00**)
Thank you for your generosity.

NOTICE

The Parish office will be closed for Thanksgiving Day on Monday, October 14th.... **HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY TO ALL!!!**

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS: October 15

Teresa was born in Avila, Spain, on March 28, 1515, and died in 1582. Of the many women who have exercised leadership roles in the Church, Teresa must surely be considered among the greatest.

When she entered the Carmelite convent, some thought Teresa was a spoiled young woman with an unremarkable prayer life but she soon advanced in prayer, experiencing visions and hearing voices. Dissatisfied with the laxity she perceived among religious, she determined to institute reforms and established St. Joseph's Convent where enclosure and a strict rule prevailed. With the assistance of Peter of Alcantara and John of the Cross, Teresa succeeded in founding the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite orders of nuns and friars.

Teresa wrote several works considered classics of spiritual literature, including *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*. A great mystic and a strong, intelligent and active leader, Teresa was canonized in 1622 and in 1970 became the first woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is a patron of Spain.

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ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL CENTER: ANNUAL FALL FAIR

The Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital Center is holding its annual Fall Fair, also known as the Jingle Bell Fair on **Thursday, November 7, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** in the hospital auditorium (B-309) basement floor, 3830 Lacombe Avenue, Montreal, Quebec.

Start your shopping early. There is something for everyone on your list: jewellery, country kitchen, odds and ends, handicrafts, chance table. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The Auxiliary raises funds to enhance patient care and for the purchase of specialized medical equipment.

For more information, please call the Gift Shop at 514-345-3511 ext. 3247. Please note that the Auditorium is wheelchair accessible.

HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St. Alphonsus Ligouri

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.