

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:14 - 17

Through the word of Elisha, the prophet, God cured Naaman the leper. Naaman's gratitude changed his life, and he refused to offer worship to any other god except the Lord.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8 - 13

Paul told Timothy that the resurrection of Christ makes preaching the gospel worthwhile: "If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him."

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11 - 19

Jesus cured ten people, and one, a Samaritan, returned to give God thanks and praise. Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Naaman, a foreigner, returns to Elisha and promises to worship God exclusively after he is cured of his leprosy. Another foreigner, a Samaritan, is the only one of ten lepers who return to thank Jesus after being cured. Physically and socially, their lives have been completely transformed and their immediate response is to return and give thanks. As we listen to today's readings, let us consider how God has blessed us, so we can sincerely respond, "Thanks be to God."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God deliverance, healing and blessings for Holy Family Parishioners.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Rita Brady Bermudez
rb Rita Brady Bermudez.

10:00 AM: Maria Nguyen (*deceased*) rb Her father, Binh Nguyen.
Karlene and Haines Brooks (*deceased*) rb Their daughter,
Dr. Gloria Callwood.

5:00 PM: God's continued healing and guidance for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct 14, 30, 7:00 AM: **St. Callistus I**
Unborn Son (*deceased*) rb His father, Binh Nguyen.

Tues. Oct. 15, 7:00 AM: **St. Teresa of Avila**
Lorraine Giffit Vialet (*deceased*) rb Giffit, Vialet and Forde families.

Wed. Oct. 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**
Deacon Austin Medina (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. Oct. 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Ignatius of Antioch**
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Oct. 18, 7:00 AM: **St. Luke - Feast**
Adrian James (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the *Music Ministry*. Next week's second collection will be for *World Mission Sunday*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's continued guidance, protection for Fr. Kerly Francois*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

THANK YOU: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere thanks to St. Joseph Workers for their check of **\$4,572.00** from the proceeds of their 2019 Father's Day Luncheon. Once again, thank you.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, October 14, 2019**, in observation of Columbus Day. Please be guided accordingly.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class commenced on **Monday October 7, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office, and will continue every Monday in October. Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

ANNUAL PUBLIC SQUARE RALLY: Thank you to all who came out to attend the annual public square rally. May Our Blessed Virgin Mary continue to watch and protect us. Once again thank you for your usual support.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: The Holy Family Church will be conducting a 6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar to begin on **Monday October 14th, 2019** and end on **Monday November 18th, 2019**. The goal of this seminar is to introduce the Holy Spirit to those in the community who have not yet experienced His love and His power in their lives. The Lord is calling us into a deeper relationship with Him. Come and experience his Love. For further information please call the Church Office at 340-775-1650.

BREAKFAST SALE: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a Creole breakfast sale on **Saturday, October 19, 2019**, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you for your usual support.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Lauren Thomas and family on the passing of her father, **Leonard Garfield Reed, Sr.**, who died on **Thursday, September 26, 2019**. The memorial service for the late **Leonard Garfield Reed, Sr.**, will be take place on **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Lauren Thomas and family on the passing of her aunt, **Thelma Lucilla Francis Ware**, who died on **Thursday, September 19, 2019**. The funeral mass for the late **Thelma Lucilla Francis Ware** will be take place on **Friday, October 18, 2019**, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CREOLE MASS: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass on **Sunday, November 10, 2019**, at 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. The regular weekend masses will remain the same. All are welcome.

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING:

NAMAN IS CURED OF LEPROSY

Naaman is the courageous commander of the army of the king of Aram. But Naaman becomes the victim of leprosy that is the most dreaded disease at the time which means alienation and untimely death. Hearing about the prophet Elisha Naaman goes to the prophet and is told to wash himself seven times in the River Jordan. After initial hesitation, Naaman follows the prophet's instruction and is cured. His cure leads to his acceptance of the God of Israel as the only God in the whole world. As he parts from the prophet, he asks for some of Israel's soil to take home because henceforth he wants to worship only the God of Israel.

2ND READING:

GOD'S WORD CANNOT BE SUPPRESSED

In this passage Paul gives to Timothy a brief summary of the gospel he preaches. It includes Jesus' Messiahship, his resurrection, and his descent from David. As an isolated statement it would be inadequate as a summary of the gospel, but Timothy would be well able to fill in the gaps. Paul then sees his own chains as contrasted to the unchained character of God's Word. By this he means that in spite of his own chains, the gospel will nevertheless be preached by others. He also speaks about his sufferings and hopes that his own sufferings will help others to come to faith in Jesus.

GOSPEL:

THE GRATEFUL SAMARITAN

En route to Jerusalem, Jesus enters a village when ten lepers happen to meet him. When the lepers ask Jesus to heal them, he tells them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they go, they are healed. One of them, a Samaritan, comes back to thank him. Seeing that only one came back, Jesus asks him about the others. He then sends the Samaritan on his way, assuring him that his faith has brought him salvation. Salvation is God's gift which is offered to us through Jesus. The curing of the ten lepers happens as Jesus is journeying towards Jerusalem, the city of his destiny. Jesus is not going to Jerusalem as a pilgrim: he is going there to suffer and die for the salvation of human beings.

"Leprosy" is a term used to designate a number of skin diseases, so the

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: **376**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,935.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,613.25

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fundamental problem of the ten is, in all likelihood, not a malady that is physically life-threatening. Instead, they are faced with a debilitating social disorder.

Regarded as living under a divine curse and as ritually unclean, they are relegated to the margins of society.

What distinguishes the one from the nine is that he "saw that he was healed." He shows gratitude. "Falling at the feet"

of someone is an act of submission by which one acknowledges another's authority; it signifies reverence, just the sort of response one might make towards a person regarded as one's benefactor.

Gratitude, too, is expected of those who have received benefaction. Because the former leper recognizes Jesus as the agent of the in-breaking kingdom of God, there is nothing incongruous in his actions. Both praising God and honouring Jesus with gratitude follow immediately from Jesus' gracious answer to his request for the merciful visitation of God.

The Samaritan by going beyond and encountering Jesus (Nine do not come back), receive the gift of faith that leads to salvation and eternal happiness. The Paschal events of his suffering, death, resurrection and ascension are what constitute the salvation.

The salvation achieved by Jesus is not meant for a few, as the episode of the healing of the lepers clearly reveals. The Samaritan leper not only gets healed of his physical ailment but also becomes the beneficiary of salvation that Jesus has come to offer.

Jews are not the only ones who qualify for God's messianic blessings; outsiders may receive the benefits of salvation, and indeed, may prove to be more discerning about Jesus' identity and role within the divine plan than Jewish insiders. Salvation comes to this former leper apart from normal concerns and physical ancestry and religious purity.