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ONE OF THE LEPERS,
REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD
IN A LOUD VOICE.

LUKE 17:15

October 9, 2016 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am & 8:30 am
Wed: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Sign Language: 1st Sun 11:00 am
Vietnamese: 4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Confession

Saturday, in the Church
9:00 am & 3:45 pm
6:15 pm in Spanish
1st & 3rd Wed, Convent Chapel, 2:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
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Sunday Readings ...

Giving Thanks

by Opening the Word

First Reading

*Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy
and chooses to serve the God of Is-
rael. (2 Kings 5:14-17)*

There are sacramental resonances, including Baptism, found in this story. The seven washings is another. In Hebrew, "seven" means completeness and is virtually synonymous with the covenant, owing to the importance of the Sabbath or seventh day. In our seven sacramental celebrations we receive faith in the one God, as did Naaman, and the abundance of divine life of grace.

Naaman still holds to the ancient idea that gods are resident in particular places and invoked by the people of that place for their protection. That's why he requests some earth to carry with him back to Damascus. He may have had in mind erecting an altar to Yahweh on the earth brought from the Promised Land and so constructing for himself a little island of Israel in Syria. Christ reveals that God's covenantal favor extends to every person of every nation, that he's the one God of all. How ironic it is that Naaman is used by us as a symbol of the universal sovereignty of God and yet he still believes that he must take Israel with him to Syria if he is to worship God there.

Second Reading

*Those who remain faithful to Christ
will share Christ's glory. (2 Timothy
2:8-13)*

The real reason that Paul and millions like him have been willing to exert themselves to the point of death is found in two simple lines in our reading. The first is, "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead" was "a descendant of David." Jesus is the messianic heir of the eternal throne promised to David and, as proof of that, he rose from the dead. That terse statement contains the whole of the Gospel. The second simple line explains Paul's willingness to undergo unbelievable trials, "I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen." He's not suffering for his own reward, although that's promised, but that others "may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus together with eternal glory."

The whole paradigm of the Christian life is contained in those two short phrases. Anything necessary, including loss of life, is worth the salvation of even one soul. Each of the chosen of God is loved so completely by Christ that he was willing to die for that one. His love for us and others calls forth a response of love in us. It comes down to the great commandment—love of God and neighbor.

Gospel

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks. (Luke 17:11-19)

Reflections

It's important to note that this episode is set on the border between Galilee and Samaria, both of which were avoided by pious Jews. The fact that Jesus is skirting Samaria may indicate that his destination, Jerusalem, makes him unwelcome even by the outsiders in Samaria. So the location itself suggests that Jesus is addressing the needs of covenant outsiders and as an outsider himself.

The "distance" between Jesus and the lepers is, like the setting of the story, more than a simple question of geography. Leprosy didn't simply impose a physical distance upon its victims but a religious one as well. Leprosy left one unable to participate in Jewish ritual practices and was considered symbolic of the ravages of sin. Jesus invites the ten lepers back into the covenant family of Israel and in so doing, was invoking Levitical Law which required that someone cured of leprosy present himself to the priest for examination.

The one leper who returned to thank Jesus was a Samaritan—the outcast among the leprous outcasts. He receives the faith that brings him into communion with Jesus and the new covenant community. Jesus declares to him, "your faith has been your salvation." Ironically, it's the ultimate outsider who's received by Jesus into the kingdom.

Meditation

Leprosy was one of the biggest social stigmas of Jesus' time. Lepers were not allowed to live in society, but had to live apart. They could not participate in the worship of God in the Temple, as they were unclean; they had to announce their presence by shouting, "Unclean, unclean!" What are some examples of modern-day lepers? How do our fears cause us to treat certain people or groups of people without the dignity that they deserve? What does Jesus' behavior teach us?

One of the themes of this week's Gospel is our response to answered prayer. What are some prayers that have been answered in your life?

Opening the Word offers prayers and insights for the Sunday Scriptural lessons. Watch the video presentation **FREE** at Formed.org.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: Canadian Thanksgiving Day; Columbus Day

Tuesday: St. John XXIII; Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) begins at sunset

Friday: St. Callistus I

Saturday: St. Teresa of Jesus

Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam through out the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayers

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the innumerable blessings we have received in our lives. We thank you first and foremost for sending your Son to save us from our sins and for giving us your Spirit so that we may be your children. Thank you for this gift of faith. Help us always to be grateful to you and to remember to thank you for your help. We humbly make our own the prayer the priest says at Mass: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation, through Christ our Lord." Amen

Special Intentions

That we may receive the grace to become a more grateful people who thank the Lord daily for his many blessings.

For our parish staff who will be on retreat this Monday, that they may rest and refocus on Christ's mission for them at St Michael.

For the 40 Days for Life peaceful vigil taking place at Planned Parenthood in Hayward now through November 6, and an end to the horror of abortion.

For the fourteen babies that were baptized in September and their families, that they may continue to be richly blessed.

For those who are enslaved by addiction and their family and friends who love them.

In thanksgiving for our guest speakers this month, that God may richly bless them and those who hear their words.

That all may grow closer to Jesus through our dear Blessed Mother and her Rosary during this Month of the Rosary.

*The Lord has
revealed to
the nations
his saving
power.*

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4



Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/8

- 8:30am Maria Zaczek †
- 5:00pm Mary Czerniawski †
- 7:00pm Joseph Trinh Van Cuu †

Sunday 10/9

- 6:45am Dena Piroso †
- 8:00am David & Barbara Mertes †
- 9:30am Janice Alvarez †
- 11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi †
The Souls in Purgatory †
- 12:30pm Felix Nnamdi Ezekwem
- 6:00pm Tom Archuleta †

Monday 10/10

- 8:30am Tri Nguyen †

Tuesday 10/11

- 7:00am Giuse Nguyen V. Ruy †
Anna Tran T. Trong †
- 8:30am Mike Malone †

Wednesday 10/12

- 7:00am John Pidoli †
- 8:30am Richard Boerger †
- 7:00pm Hugo Albornoz y Felicitas
Arevalo and their group

Thursday 10/13

- 7:00am Eleanor Biel †
- 8:30am Janice Alvarez †

Friday 10/14

- 7:00am Andrea Quinones †
- 8:30am Kathy Beltrame †

Saturday 10/15

- 8:30am Catherine Sweeney
- 5:00pm Mass for Our Parish
- 7:00pm Teresa Salcedo †

To request a mass intention, please visit the church office.

What is the Mass?

1. In the Mass, the Son of God becomes man again, so that in every Mass the stupendous Mystery of the Incarnation, with all its infinite merits, is repeated as truly as when the Son of God first took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. St. Augustine: "What a sublime dignity is that of the priest, in whose hands Christ once more becomes man!"

2. The Mass is the birth of Jesus Christ. He is really born on the altar each time that Mass is said, as He was born in Bethlehem. St. John Damascene: "If anyone wishes to know how the bread is changed into the Body of Jesus Christ, I will tell him. The Holy Ghost over-shadows the priest, and acts on him as He acted on the Blessed Virgin Mary." St. Bonaventure: "God, when He descends upon the altar, does no less than He did when He became man the first time in the womb of the Virgin Mary."

3. The Mass is the same as the sacrifice of Calvary. In it, God dies as He died on the first Good Friday. It has the same infinite value of Calvary, and

brings down on men the same priceless graces. The Mass is not an imitation nor a memory of Calvary; it is identically the same sacrifice, and differs only from Calvary in appearance. In every Mass, the Blood of Jesus is shed for us again. St. Augustine: "In the Mass, the Blood of Christ flows anew for sinners."

4. Nothing on this earth, nothing in Heaven itself gives more glory to God and obtains more benefits for us than a single Mass.

5. By the Mass, we offer to God the greatest praise, the greatest glory He could possibly desire. We give Him most perfect thanks for all the benefits He has bestowed on us. We make more reparation for our faults than by the severest penances.

6. We can do nothing better for the conversion of sinners than offer for them the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If mothers would only hear and get Masses said for their erring children, and wives for their husbands, how happy their families would be!

7. No prayers, no suffrages, no matter how fervent, can help the Holy Souls as the Mass. Oh, let us think of the Souls in Purgatory. Among them may be our dear father and mother and friends. We can help them most easily, we can relieve their awful pains most efficaciously, by hearing Mass for them.

The wonders of the Mass by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, O.P.

“*The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.*”

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1407

Resurrection Choir: Music at Funerals

Offering beautiful, sacred music at funeral liturgies has proven to be a tremendous gift to grieving friends and families. If you are being called to offer your musical talents - voice or instrument - to the Resurrection Choir, please contact JaNet at Music@StMichaelLivermore.com or 925-292-5071

Thank You from the Heise Family

Thank you to our St Michael family, St Vincent family and everyone that offered Masses for Tom Heise, beloved husband, Dad and Papa. We especially thank Father Van and Deacon Dave for the beautiful funeral liturgy. Our hearts are broken, and he is truly missed. Your prayers are truly appreciated.

Your Spring/Summer 2017 Wedding

Congratulations on your engagement! Start planning your Spring or Summer Weddings now. Your first step is to call the church office at 925-447-1585 x 10 to make an appointment with one of our priests or deacons. For more details, visit StMichaelLivermore.com and click "Weddings" at the bottom.

This Week

40 Days for Life Peaceful Vigil

Now through November 6

Please help the voiceless unborn with daily prayers in front of Planned Parenthood at 1032 "A" Street, Hayward, CA anytime from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please sign up to participate at 40daysforlife.com/Hayward

Parish Office Closed Monday, October 10

In observance of Columbus Day, the parish offices will be closed on Monday. There will be no 7 am Mass, but Mass at 8:30 am will be celebrated as usual. Our parish staff will be on retreat. Please keep them in your prayers.

Counter Point Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Counter Point is a support group for friends and family of alcoholics and addicts. We will be meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 pm at our new temporary home at the Faith Formation office at 345 Church Street.

Fr John Tran, Witness to a Eucharistic Miracle

Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm

Fr John Tran, an eye-witness of the Risen Christ in a Eucharistic Miracle, will share the story of his profound encounter. Come gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Eucharist.



God's Endless Mercy

Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm at St Michael Church

What do we mean by "mercy"?

How do mercy and justice relate to each other?

Why did Pope Francis inaugurate an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy?

How can we concretely experience God's mercy in our lives?

Fr Mark Wiesner, pastor of St Charles Borromeo and one of the Missionaries of Mercy commissioned by Pope Francis, invites you to a special presentation to gain answers to these questions. This is an opportunity for us to come to a greater understanding of God's endless mercy for us, and how we as his chosen people are called to share the mercy we have received with others.

Join us on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm at St Michael's in the church.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

Saturday October 15
6:30-8pm in the
St. Michael's Courtyard

All are invited to celebrate and remember babies whose lives on earth were brief yet unique and meaningful and to support parents who have suffered the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn.

Gather at 6:30pm for a blessing and prayers. A candlelight vigil will begin at 7pm.

Public Rosary Saturday, Oct 15 Carnegie Park at 11:45 am

Join us to pray the rosary in public for peace in our country and the world at Carnegie Park on 4th Street (right where the Farmers Market is usually held).

This is a wonderful opportunity to publicly stand up for your faith and to implore our Blessed Mother for her intercessions.

Upcoming

Journey Through Grief Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 pm at St Charles

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, your response to grief is unique, completely normal -- and not easy. But we have found that sharing with others in a safe, supportive environment can lighten the burden.

Come to our Grief Support Workshops on Thursdays at 7:30 pm on Oct 13, Oct 20, Nov 3 and Nov 10. We will explore the following topics: Coping with Grief, Where is God in our Grief, Coping with the Holidays, and Making Progress in our Journey.

There is no charge for this series, but a free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.

Deacon Steve Greco, **Spirit Filled Hearts** **Ministry** Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm

Deacon Steve Greco will give a talk on how to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, followed by a charismatic healing service. Deacon Steve's Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry shares testimonies of love, the Catholic faith and the importance of the Holy Spirit through his Immaculate Heart Radio show, talks and retreats.

6:30 pm: Songs of praise and worship.

7:00 pm: Talk on unleashing the Holy Spirit in your life.

7:45 pm: Healing Service



3rd Annual St Michael **School Walk-a-Thon** Friday, October 21

The students will walk the school block, having fun with their classmates and teachers while raising money to improve the school courtyard.

Our goal is to raise \$45,000. This is a BIG number. But we can achieve anything with the support of our extended SMS family.

Students will be outside the church after masses on October 9th and October 16th. Visit smsliv.org under "Parent Links" to donate. Call the school office at 925-447-1888 for details. All donations are most appreciated!

Bilingual Mass of **Remembrance** Monday, October 24 at 7:00 pm St Michael Church

Those who wish to remember a loved one who has passed away are invited to a special Mass of Remembrance. This Mass will be celebrated in both Spanish and English.

*Have you ever
thought about
becoming a
Dominican
Sister?*

Dominican Sisters **Discernment Retreat** November 11-13

The Dominican Sisters San Rafael welcome single Catholic women (ages 18 - 40) to attend a prayerful "no-pressure" weekend to explore the spiritual practice of discernment as we reflect on the question: "Where is God calling me?" For information or to RSVP, please contact Reena Roskopf at 415-257-4939 or vocations@sanrafaelop.org

New!

Golden Friends Hilmar **Cheese Factory Trip** Wednesday, November 30

Come join the Golden Friends of St. Michael Parish for our fall trip. We will visit the Hilmar Cheese Factory, enjoy a buffet lunch at the Fruit Yard and visit the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery. All of these are in the Modesto area.

New!

Price is \$50 per person for round trip bus fare and lunch. Bus will leave promptly at 9 and return approx. 4 pm. Reservations and payment due NO LATER than Fri. Oct. 28. Contact Wilma: wilma.matuska@gmail.com or 925-447-8198



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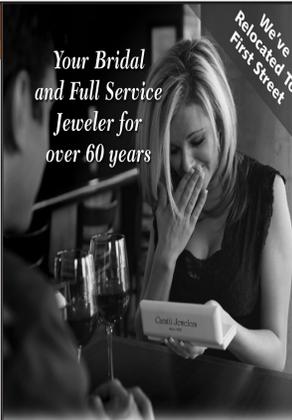


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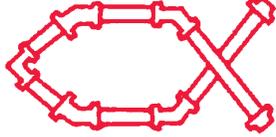



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SANACIÓN

La lepra no es una enfermedad mortal aunque su duración puede tardar varios años, sus consecuencias son deformar el cuerpo y aislar a la persona que la sufre. Se ha acostumbrado en las Escrituras sugerir la fuerza destructora del pecado y sus resultado el aislamiento de la comunidad. Jesús actúa con un marcado contraste para observar esto cuando el toca y sana a aquellos descartados por la comunidad.

El objetivo de las lecturas de hoy no es ni la enfermedad en sí misma o el pecado, sino la respuesta de esas dos personas que fueron sanadas. Ambos leprosos están fuera de la comunidad de fe. Naamán es un Sirio y el leproso en Lucas es un samaritano. Ambos son sanados y experimentan la integridad que la sanación proporciona. El alivio y agradecimiento que tal sanación proporciona son más que suficiente, así como lo fue por aquellos nueve de los

diez leprosos sanados en Lucas. Pero para Naamán y el décimo leproso, su sanación no solamente les devuelve una excelente calidad de vida, sino que los hace desear más. Naamán quiere llevar este Dios a su hogar con él y el décimo leproso quiere agradecerle a aquel que lo sanó y le dio una nueva vida. Los hace querer una conexión continua con este Dios que les devuelve la vida.

SALVACIÓN

Cada uno de nosotros ya conoce la dolorosa depresión y soledad que trae el pecado, tanto personal como social, individual y comunitario. Conocemos el sufrimiento que perdura por años. Y también conocemos momentos de sanación, la calidad de vida restaurada, el apapacho cariñoso y compasivo de alguien que nos hace recordar que además de pertenecer a la comunidad, pertenecemos a Dios. Somos sanados no solamente de nuestra

depresión, también somos sanados de llevar una vida solitaria y de miseria. Recibimos esa salvación cuando, como Naamán y el décimo leproso, reconocemos el origen de la gracia y la misericordia y regresamos a ese origen y lo llevamos con nosotros a casa. Así que no solamente somos sanados, sino que nos convertimos en origen de sanación y salvación para los demás en un mundo donde el sufrimiento parece que no tener fin.



Peregrinación del Año de la Misericordia a la Puerta Santa

Sábado 22 de Octubre

1:30 pm Peregrinación desde la explanada de la Catedral. A las 2:00 pm entrada por la Puerta Santa, seguido por un tour en español para conocer mejor la catedral, con una explicación de su diseño y construcción. Terminaremos con una Misa Solemne a las 3:00 pm para recibir las Indulgencias ofrecidas en este año Santo de la Misericordia.

Primera lectura -- Naamán, purificado de su lepra, regresó a Eliseo y prometió obedecer al Señor (2 Reyes 5:14-17).

Salmo -- El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura -- Acuérdate de Cristo Jesús que fue resucitado de entre los muertos. Si perseveramos con él, también reinaremos con él (2 Timoteo 2:8-13).

Evangelio -- Después que diez leprosos se encontraron curados por Jesús, solamente uno, un samaritano, regresa para darle gracias (Lucas 17:11-19).



La Parroquia de San Miguel

En la Parroquia de San Miguel nosotros como mission celebramos los sacramentos, formamos discipulos, y llevamos a Cristo a la comunidad.

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Misa en español

Sábado 7:00 pm
Domingo 12:30 pm
Miércoles 7:00 pm

Confesión en español

Sábados 6:15-6:45 pm
Primer y tercer miércoles a las
2:30 pm en el convento

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AL VER QUE ESTABA CURADO,
REGRESÓ, ALABANDO A DIOS
EN VOZ ALTA.

LUCAS 17:15

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