

November
Every Thursday
Memorial Mass
for the enrollees
in the CLJ!
Memorial Burse

November 1 *All Saints' Day*

November 3 31stSunday in Ordinary Time

November 10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

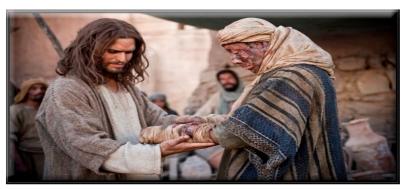
November 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 24
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe



Come, Lord Jesus!

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A Spirit of Gratitude

"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan." (Luke 17:15)

The grateful Samaritan falls upon his face at the feet of Jesus, the one in whom he sees God present and acting. His prostration expresses his utter nothingness and indebtedness, his total unworthiness of so great a gift. Not only is he cleansed from his leprosy; he has seen the true light and the one that God has sent to free human-kind from the leprosy of sin and its power to divide people from each other.

He who felt so unworthy is filled with gratitude. He praised and "glorified God in a loud voice". And he thanked Jesus. But Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

Where were the other nine? They trusted and believed Jesus enough to obey him: they went off to show themselves to the priests. But their faith went only so far. They did not see what the Samaritan saw. They failed to see the presence and power of God in Jesus as the source of their healing, worthy of being honored and showed

gratitude. What might have blinded and arrested their initial faith from seeing Jesus for what he truly was? Perhaps what blinded the nine is the same obstacle that we place to our faith: they were so taken up with their newly found health and freedom, they forgot about Jesus. They were too absorbed in the gift to acknowledge the Giver.

There is a spiritual principle which says, "Joy in the creature causes withdrawal from God." We get so caught up in self and sense enjoyment, we are indisposed for seeing and enjoying higher spiritual realities and even God himself.

A spirit of gratitude takes us out of ourselves and flings us to God, bringing us into communion with God. It keeps us living on a divine level. It is response to grace moving us out of our disordered self-love to live in joyful appreciation to God for his gifts.

We must not allow the good gifts we enjoy from God to absorb us unto themselves or unto ourselves as if we deserve them. We must be an insightful, grateful people like the Samaritan leper who was healed by Jesus, and never stop thanking him.

Father Conely Bertrand



Anniversary Mass Our Lady of Prompt Succor Westwego, LA























Anniversary Mass Saint Joseph Catholic Church Cecilia, LA

















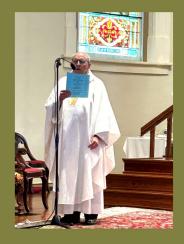


























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