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EVERYTHING IS A GIFT, EVERYTHING IS GRACE

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 12, 2025

This Sunday's Gospel presents Jesus healing 10 lepers, of whom only one, a Samaritan and therefore a foreigner, returned to thank him (cf. Lk 17: 11-19). The Lord said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well" (Lk 17: 19). This Gospel passage invites us to a twofold reflection.

It first evokes two levels of healing: one, more superficial, concerns the body. The other deeper level touches the innermost depths of the person, what the Bible calls "the heart", and from there spreads to the whole of a person's life. Complete and radical healing is "salvation". By making a distinction between "health" and "salvation", even ordinary language helps us to understand that salvation is far more than health: indeed, it is new, full and definitive life.

Furthermore, Jesus here, as in other circumstances, says the words: "Your faith has made you whole". It is faith that saves human beings, re-establishing them in their profound relationship with God, themselves and others; and faith is expressed in gratitude. Those who, like the healed Samaritan, know how to say "thank you", show that they do not consider everything as their due but as a gift that comes ultimately from God, even when it arrives through men and women or through nature. Faith thus entails the opening of the person to the Lord's grace; it means recognizing that everything is a gift, everything is grace. What a treasure is hidden in two small words: "thank you"!

Jesus healed 10 people sick with leprosy, a disease in those times considered a "contagious impurity" that required ritual cleansing (cf. Lv 14: 1-37). Indeed, the "leprosy" that truly disfigures the human being and society is sin; it is pride and selfishness that spawn indifference, hatred and violence in the human soul. No one, save God who is Love, can heal this leprosy of the spirit which scars the face of humanity. By opening his heart to God, the person who converts is inwardly healed from evil.

Let us ask Our Lady for the gift of true conversion for all Christians, so that they may proclaim and witness consistently and faithfully to the perennial message of the Gospel, which points out to humanity the path of authentic peace.

POPE BENEDICT XVI — October 14, 2007

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 11 5:00 PM
+Annie Meagher

Sunday, October 12 9:00 AM
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, October 14 11:00 AM

Wednesday, October 15 11:00 AM
Saint Teresa of Jesus
+Maria Rebelo

Thursday, October 16 11:00 AM
Saint Marguerite D'Youville

Friday, October 17 11:00 AM
Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 18 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 19 9:00 AM
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

XXVIII Domingo Ordinario

Sabado 11 de Octubre 7:00 PM
+Pedro Antonio Molina + Carlos y Amparo Santos Eslava

Domingo 12 de Octubre 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 14 de Octubre 12:00 PM

Miercoles 15 de Octubre 12:00 PM
Santa Teresa de Jesús
+Francisco Zapata Camacho +Jonatha Lopez +April Viernes

Jueves 16 de Octubre 12:00 PM
Santa Margarita de D'Youville
+Beatriz de Paez

Viernes 17 de Octubre 12:00 PM
San Ignacio de Antioquia

XXIX Domingo Ordinario

Sabado 18 de Octubre 7:00 PM

Domingo 19 de Octubre 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

World Mission Sunday: Sunday, October 19, 2025—"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"

As the Church prepares to celebrate World Mission Sunday 2025, on October 19, Pope Francis has given us a powerful theme that resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: **"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."** In his message, the Holy Father reminds us that hope is at the heart of the Christian mission, calling every baptized person to be **"messengers and builders of hope"** in a world that often finds itself overshadowed by uncertainty and despair.

Reflecting on the significance of this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis urges us to keep our gaze fixed on Christ, the center of history, emphasizing that His mission continues today through the Church: *"Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed, and pours 'upon their wounds the balm of consolation and the wine of hope.'"* - [Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025. \(cf. 1 Pet 1:3-4\) English—Mensaje del Papa Francisco—Domingo Mundial de las Misiones - Español](#)

Thanksgiving Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator of heaven and earth
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
we praise you for your glory,
and thank you for your goodness to us.

We praise you for your generous gifts
and for bringing fruitful results to our labors.

As we rejoice in your kindness,
we pray also for those who are in need.

Open our hearts to them,
and teach us to be as generous to others
as you are to us.

Heavenly Father,
help us all to follow Jesus our Lord,
and so bear eternal fruit for you.
Amen

Oración de Acción de Gracias

Bendito seas, Señor Dios nuestro,
Creador del cielo y la tierra
y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo:
te alabamos por tu gloria,
y te damos gracias por tu bondad con nosotros.

Te alabamos por tus regalos tan generosos
y por los frutos de nuestros trabajos.
En este día en que nos alegramos por tu bondad,
oramos también por los que tienen menos
que nosotros.

Abre nuestros corazones a sus necesidades,
y enséñanos a ser tan generosos con los demás
como tú lo eres con nosotros.

Padre Celestial,
ayúdanos a seguir a Jesús nuestro Señor,
y así dar frutos que duren para la vida eterna. Amen