



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays  
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Second Book of Kings 5:14-17*. Elisha from Thisbe in Galaad is the first of the great prophets in Israel after the separation of Israel from Judah. He lived during the reign of King Achab (869-850), who married a daughter of the pagan king of Tyre. She introduced idolatry into Israel which Elisha fought fearlessly. He is credited with many miracles, one of which is related in today's reading.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 2:8-13*. In last Sunday's extract from this same reading, St. Paul exhorts his convert and disciple to be proud of the Gospel. He must guard the rich treasure of the faith he has received from Paul and hand it on to the next generation. Today, he reminds Timothy of the resurrection of Jesus, the crowning act of divine drama of our redemption.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 17:11-19*. The incident of the ten lepers happened as our Lord was on His way to Jerusalem, where He was to die on the cross so that we could live eternally. The Church brings it before our minds today, not so much to remind us of the mercy and kindness of Jesus to all classes, even the outcasts, as lepers were, as to make us see and be amazed at the depths of ingratitude to which men can sink.

This is but one of many such examples of ingratitude that occurred during Christ's public ministry, most of those He miraculously cured forget to thank Him. In today's incident there was one, and he was the one least expected to do so, who had the

decency to return and thank his benefactor. This pleased our Lord and led Him to remark on the ingratitude of the others. "Were not all ten made whole, where are the other nine?"

He was surprised and also sad for their sakes, not for his own. They missed greater graces through this lack of appreciation and gratitude.

All ten showed great faith and confidence in Jesus' power to heal. They had not heard Him preach nor had they seen any of His miracles. They lived in isolation camps, yet they believed the reports they had heard. They all were very obedient too. They set off for Jerusalem to carry out the command of Jesus, even though their leprosy had not yet left them.

In all of this it was their own self-interest which came first in the minds of the nine Jews. Once they found their leprosy gone all they thought of was their own good fortune. Their Benefactor was quickly forgotten. The Samaritan's first thought, on the other hand, was of the one who had healed him. He was as delighted as the others with his cure but being generous and thoughtful for others, he felt it his bounden duty to return and thank the man who had done him this miraculous good turn.

While we are ashamed of our fellowmen who were so ungrateful, and who treated the loving Jesus so shamefully, let us see if we have improved very much in our way of acting towards our Savior. Those Jewish lepers did not know that He was the Son of God who assumed human nature, became man, in order to raise us up to a new supernatural status. He gave them the gift of physical health for thirty, forty, or maybe sixty years more. We know that He has come to give us an eternal life — a life that will last forever, a life free from all troubles

and worries "where all tears will be wiped away and death shall be no more."

With this knowledge then of what Christ means to us, of what His Incarnation has won for us, of the eternal freedom from all sickness and death which His human life, death and resurrection have put at our disposal, how can any real Christian ever cease thanking Him, could there be such a being as an ungrateful Christian ever on earth?

Unfortunately, there is not only one such ungrateful being, but there are millions of them. How many of us here present are numbered amongst these ungrateful ones? There are those of us who think of God only when we are in difficulties. While things are going well, when there is no sickness in the home, when our business is prospering, when there is peace all around us, how many times in the week do we say, "thank you, God, you are very good to me." When trouble strikes it is a different matter. We rush to church, we implore God to have pity on us, we make novenas to our special saints. This is not wrong. What is wrong, however, is that we forgot to thank God all the time that He was giving us spiritual and temporal favors.

Think for a moment. If those nine ungrateful lepers were struck again with disease some months later and returned to implore Christ for a cure, would you blame Him if He refused? Most of us would refuse. Yet we expect Him to listen to our urgent pleas the minute we make them, while we have not given Him a thought and never said one "thank you, Lord; while things were going well with us.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings Cycle C, Fr. Kevin O'

**Collection****October 01, 2022**

Envelopes	\$235.00
Loose	\$5.00
	\$240.00

**NOTICES:**

**1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market:** The final market will be on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Special music for the day will be provided by Keith and Kyle MacDonald.

**2: Internment:** The late Michael MacNeil (Irish Cove) will be laid to rest on Monday, October 10th at 3 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery in Johnstown. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

**3: Sewing/knitting/handwork:** The start for the sewing/knitting/handwork afternoons will be on Thursday October 6. This will take place at District 10 Fire Department in Red Islands. Once again they will run from 1 pm until 3:30. They will run every Thursday until December 8.

**4: Public Square Rosary Crusade:** As part of the 2022 Public Rosary Crusade the Fatima Rosary and prayers will be said after the 4pm Mass on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Public Square Rosaries are essential for the conversion of our county. As Blessed Lady said: DO AS I SAY AND THERE WILL BE PEACE.

**INVITATIONS:** I want to invite you to join in a Public Square Rally on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 4pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Johnstown. The Public Square Rosary sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady, will be one of 700 rallies that will take place across Canada on that day. Please join us in offering in reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada.

**5: Cape Breton Chorale:** On Saturday, October 29, make plans to join the Cape Breton Chorale and guests for Moonlight Masquerade at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.

Start time: 7:30pm with cocktails and appetizers.

Special guest musical and dance performances.

Semi-formal dress code, Party masks optional.

Tickets are \$65.00 per person, up to 10 people per table, sold online at [capebretonchorale.com](http://capebretonchorale.com) or from chorale members.

**6: Mass for Shut-Ins:** Mass for Shut-Ins is beginning its 60<sup>th</sup> year this October 16, at 11:30am on CTV Atlantic.

**7: Update on the Parish Hall:** Cathy Farrow, Managing Director/Financial Administrator The Catholic Episcopal Corporation Of the Diocese of Antigonish send in a request, in June, to Public Works (Department of Transportation) to get the right-of-way transferred over to the Diocese so that they can meet with the Fire Department and continue with the new Fire Hall/Community Hall. Public Works have still not made a decision on this request. The MLA has been in touch in people in Public Works, but they said it could take up to 6 month or more before a decision is made.

Since we were not sure when we can move forward on the new Fire Hall/Community Hall the Parish Council obtained a grant from the Provincial Government to complete much needed work on the back of the hall (the room where most of the activities take place). The back and roof were in terrible shape and we did not want that part of the hall to deteriorate even further. The lower half of the outside wall was repaired and the roof was re-shingled. See information on the grant below.

Total Grant quoted: \$34,500.00



Community Facilities Improvement Program: Approved grant: \$24,00.00

Total Invoiced from Aaron Lee Construction: \$34,822.00

Cost to the Parish: \$10,822.00