



October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17 | 2 Tim 2:8-13 | Lk 17:11-19

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

After his healing in the Jordan river, Naaman returns to Elisha. It's clear from their ensuing conversation that his miraculous healing had led to him recognizing the God of Israel as the one who had healed him. In thanksgiving, he desires to offer sacrifice, and pledges that he "will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except the Lord." In the Gospel, we see the Samaritan returning to Jesus after his healing, falling at the Lord's feet and "glorifying God in a loud voice." It's clear from both Scriptures that when we recognize what God has done for us, our first response is to worship. That's why our central act of worship as a Christian community is called *Eucharist* – from the Greek word for thanksgiving. When we come to worship God, what is it that we're grateful for? If gratitude is the heart of worship, it's a fruitful practice to intentionally spend some time considering God's providence in our lives over the past week so we come to the liturgy prepared to offer thanks.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Something that has always struck me about today's Gospel is that Jesus heals all ten of the lepers, not only the one who returned to offer thanks. While we, as humans, can be tempted to withhold love when we know it will not be acknowledged or appreciated, Jesus heals all ten. God is good to us, even when we're ungrateful. As Paul says, "If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself." God can do only one thing: love. How powerful would it be if we worked to imitate the kind of gratuitous love we see in today's Gospel? Think about opportunities to practice this kind of love. What a witness this would be to the world if we were to imitate God's way of loving. As the Persian poet Hafiz wrote: "Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole sky."

REFLECT

Take some time before Mass each Sunday to do an examine-style prayer, reflecting on where you've seen God's action in your life during the week. How has God provided for your needs? How has God accompanied you through challenges? How has the Spirit of God brought consolation and strength? Make a list of all the places you've experienced God's presence and grace and prepare to offer thanks to God for these gifts at Mass.



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OUR MISSION

'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



OCTOBER 12	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 14	OCTOBER 15	OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 17	OCTOBER 18
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	Happy Thanksgiving! Office is closed	8:30a Mass 6:30p CWL	8:30a Mass 7p Musical Adoration	8:30a Mass 7p Parish Pastoral Council	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration 6:30p Youth Group	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass



October is the month of the Rosary.

Check out the table in the Place of Welcome for activities and resources.

Musical Adoration
Wednesday, October 15th 7-8pm

During Exposition prayers, songs, and readings will be used to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of Christ.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.



Sacramental Preparation Registration
closes Oct 15!

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First Reconciliation & First Communion

visit our website for more information

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"Here I am Lord, Send me!" CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years and older.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 14

beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. Please join us.

Thank you to all who supported our Thanksgiving food drive for Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. Our next food drive will be in the spring.

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**HOLY SPIRIT
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
BOARD GAME NIGHT**

OR 8-12

FCGA

FRI OCT 17 6:30-9PM

This isn't just another book.
IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—

a Spiritual Pilgrimage

The journey begins the week of

OCTOBER 21

Visit the Connection Corner for times and to register



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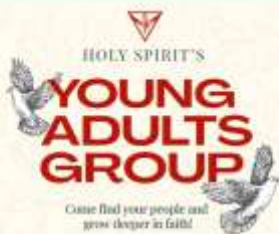
**THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity. OCTOBER 2025

WE PLEDGE 5%

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**HOLY SPIRIT'S
YOUNG
ADULTS
GROUP**

Come find your people and grow deeper in faith!

- October 26
- November 30
- December 28
- January 25
- February 22
- March 29
- April 26

JOIN US!

The last Sunday of every month
5-6:45pm, then 7pm Mass after!

Activities, Food, Reflection, Mass
Bring a friend
Ages 18-32

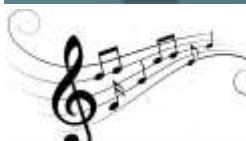


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With the approval of the Bishop, we would like to begin offering the chalice again at Holy Spirit Parish. However, we do not have enough Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for this to take place.

We need volunteers. If you are willing, please contact the office.



Needing more children ages 7 and up for Melodia Singers Community Choir. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Performances are at St. Paul's co-Cathedral. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our choir for all ages. Information can be found at melodiasingers.com

LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for: Callam Olver, Bob Kudel, Phil Klassen, Evangeline Manzon, Erin Stevens, Satindar Nijhawan, Adel Georges
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Valentine Mercredi, Louie Piche
- And on the anniversary of death: Danny Samson, Paul Kuzek, Jacey Hunter

We pray to the Lord



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL MAIL OUT

If you haven't received yours, visit the BAA Table in the Place of Welcome





FORMED NOW
SACRED ART

Rogier van der Weyden
SAINT LUKE DRAWING THE VIRGIN

St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm

Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7-8pm

Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm

Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon

or by appointment.



For more news and events in our diocese, see the Diocesan Bulletin at rcdos.ca under the News and Events tab.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 12, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Thanksgiving Weekend

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

<https://rcdos.ca>

Upcoming Events

Forty Hours for Life: Campaign Life Coalition Sask. continues the 40 Hours for Life campaign of prayer and witness in Saskatoon from 9 a.m. to noon, **Monday to Friday**, at 7th Ave. and Queen St. until Oct. 24. Come to pray and witness for life; signs provided. To commit to a time, contact: campaignlifesk@gmail.com or (306) 249-2764.

Rosary Coast to Coast Oct. 13: On the date of the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, all are invited to join in praying the Rosary for our world. Rosary Coast to Coast will be livestreamed Thanksgiving **Monday, Oct. 13** at 6 p.m. Zoom log in Meeting ID: 488 053 1654 Password: Jesus .

The Apostolate of The Precious Blood of Jesus will be held 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 14** at St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church on Avenue O South in Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome.

Ecumenical Lunch and Learn Monthly Series will be held at St. Martin United Church, 2617 Clarence Ave. S., Saskatoon, from noon to 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 15**, featuring Grow Hope Saskatchewan. Lunch provided (free-will offering), but RSVP at: admin@pccumenism.ca or (306) 653-1633. (*Ecumenism is supported by gifts to the BAA.*)

Explore the Call for Young Adults is a one-day retreat 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 10**, giving young adults an opportunity to connect with Jesus and to come to know the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary charism; free-will offering. Register at: <https://presentationofmary.ca/events> by **Oct. 15**, or send any questions to: info@presentationofmary.ca.

Priest Discernment Night for Men will be held 7 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 16** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1224-12th Street East, Saskatoon. RSVP to Fr. Dan Yasinski by e-mailing dymasinski@rcdos.ca.

"The Miracle of the 5000 & the Strength of Rwanda" All are welcome to this information night about Grow Hope Saskatchewan to be held 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 16** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon). Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/252125719376259> or contact Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5841. (*Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the BAA.*)

Bishop's Annual Appeal

**"Pilgrims of Hope
Rooted in Prayer and Mission"**

Find this year's video, information,
and online giving at: dscf.ca/baa.

**Adult Faith, the Sts. Benedict and
Scholastica Formation Program
and Called and Gifted**

are among the programs that are
forming and equipping missionary
disciples in our diocese, supported
by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation
123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK S7S 1H1
E-mail: admin@dscf.ca
Phone: (306) 659-5851



**Diocesan Fall Congress Day: "Activating Leaders to
the Ends of the Earth"** will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Thursday Oct. 16** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with leaders from Catholic Christian Outreach; cost is \$25 (includes lunch). Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/251905619346260>.

Pancake Breakfast: San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council will hold a pancake breakfast 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Oct. 19** at St. Joseph Hall, Broadway Ave. and 8th St. East, Saskatoon; adults: \$10; children 5-15 yrs: \$5.

Martensville Fall Supper – Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 300-8th Avenue S., Martensville, SK, will hold a fall supper **Sunday, Oct. 19** with two sittings, 4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Tickets: adults (18+) \$25; youth 6-17 years \$10; children 5 and under free; or family rate \$60 (two adults and all children under 13 years). Call to book: (306) 891-6146.

**Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit, Designed and Created by
St. Carlo Acutis** will be presented from 7 p.m. to 9:30 pm on **Tuesday, Oct. 21** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon; presentations 7 p.m., musical Eucharistic Adoration 7:45 p.m.; viewing of exhibit 8 p.m.

STM Keenan Lecture - "Protecting Civilians in a Turbulent Age" will be presented 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 29** by Dr. Jennifer Welsh at the Shannon Library, St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon.

Message Board

Parish Youth Ministry Programs: This month a number of youth programs are starting at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon, including: **Kids4Christ** for kindergarten to Grade 5, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 (parents are encouraged to attend with their children); **Heart2Heart** for Grades 6-8, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 16; **Soul Food** for Grades 9-12, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 28, and **"Made to Worship" Music Ministry** 7 p.m. Oct. 15, for those in Grade 6 and up who sing or play instruments. To register or for more information contact parish youth minister Conchita Fonseca at conchita@holycathedral.ca or see the website at: <https://holycathedral.ca/youth>.

Endow: Fellowship and Study of St. John Paul II's Letter to Women will be held Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning **Oct. 23** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd., Saskatoon. Register by e-mailing Alicia and Sue at: holycathedralwwp@gmail.com. "Endow" is a Catholic apostolate that calls women together to study important documents of the Church and the lives and writings of the saints: <https://endowgroups.org>.

FacetoFace United for youth will be held **Oct. 25-26** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon for Grades 9-12; spots are filling fast. Engaging talks, dynamic music, prayer, and community, to help youth take the next step in making Jesus the centre of their lives; cost is: participant \$115; chaperone \$55. All youth must attend with a chaperone (at least one chaperone for every eight youth): <https://facetofaceministries.ca/events>.

Knights of Columbus fund-raising Turkey Buffet in support of Canadian Aid to Persecuted Christians (CAPC) will be held **Saturday, Nov. 1** at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon; cocktails 5 p.m., dinner 6:20 p.m.; tickets \$35 each. There will be silent auction, a 50-50 draw, and a cash bar. For tickets contact Larry Packet at (306) 567-3180 or John Marshall at (306) 362-8534 or Nadeem Bhatti at (306) 717-7725. CAPC advocates and assists minorities and Christians who are persecuted, forcefully converted, or facing death sentences for false accusations of blasphemy. Find more information at: <https://capc.life>.

Returning to Spirit - Advancing Reconciliation will be held in Saskatoon **Nov. 7 to 10**, intended for anyone who has previously taken a Returning to Spirit Roots of Reconciliation Workshop at any time or location. It will empower participants to build reconciliation on a community scale. Cost is \$120 (includes lunch and refreshments each day): <https://form.jotform.com/252118860263253> or for further details, contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 or e-mail mrogal@rcdos.ca or visit the Returning to Spirit website at www.returningtospirit.org. (*Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)



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Feminine Genius Film Forum

The full-length movie "Mother Teresa" starring Olivia Hussey will be shown
Wednesday, Oct. 29

Two times to choose from:

1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This "Feminine Genius" follow-up event will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, shown with permission, by free-will donation.

Includes drink and popcorn; everyone is welcome!

Space is limited; registration is required, online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/251257791562261>

or contact Sr. Malou Tibayan

mtibayan@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5843.

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Food Pantry Appeal: The emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is appealing for donations of non-perishable food items (or funds to purchase needed items) to help meet the desperate needs of some of the most vulnerable in our community. Contact the parish at (306) 653-4945; the office is located at 426 Ave. J S., Saskatoon.

Tourtières for Sale: Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish in Saskatoon is again holding a "Tourtières" fund-raiser. These traditional French Canadian meat pies are \$20 each. To reserve contact: mhill@rcdos.ca or (306) 665-1829.

Blankets needed: Mission and Outreach Ministry at St. Mary Parish in Saskatoon is seeking donations of blankets, new or gently-used for those sleeping on the streets. E-mail jnunes@rcdos.ca or visit www.stmarysoutreach.com.

Diocesan Prayer - Creator God, on this Thanksgiving weekend, we give you thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth echoes the many blessings of sharing and support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal: Loving Father, bless all those who give to the Appeal and bless all those impacted by the ministries and outreach that it makes possible in our diocese and parishes.

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Bringing Home the Word

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They Were Cleansed

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The men in today's passages were considered outside the realm of God's concern. First, they were foreigners. Naaman was from Syria, a frequent enemy of ancient Israel. One of the healed men in the gospel passage was a Samaritan, a descendant of marriage between Israelites and foreign people who were exiled to northern Israel around 722 BC. These men were outsiders, distrusted, even despised because they were not Israelites who believed that only they were "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6).

Besides their foreign affiliation, these men suffered from the dreaded

disease of leprosy. Their affliction might not have been the disease we know by that name today, but perhaps a skin condition such as psoriasis or eczema. Whatever the case, Israel held that any form of skin flare-up rendered the sufferer unclean or unfit to participate in public ritual. Furthermore, contact with lepers threatened the religious status of others. It was for religious, more than hygienic, reasons that lepers were shunned.

It appears that God is not inhibited by human customs, even religious customs. Both men are healed of their ailment, one by the prophet Elisha and the other by Jesus. This alone would make both stories remarkable. But there is more: both returned to express their profound gratitude to the agent of God through whom they had been healed. Naaman was willing to transfer his religious allegiance to the God of Israel, and the Samaritan fell at the knees of Jesus, a hated Jew. Surely, God works in mysterious ways. ✠



Both men who were healed returned to express their profound gratitude.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us... "build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together."

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025



Sunday Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17

[Naaman said,] "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant."

2 Timothy 2:8-13

The Word of God is not chained.

Luke 17:11-19

[Jesus said,] "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?... Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I often thank people?
- When I can't say thank you in words, do I express it with a smile, gesture, or act of kindness?



The Holy Hour and Perpetual Adoration of the Eucharist

This eucharistic devotion consists of an hour of prayer in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. As a practice, the custom of the Holy Hour draws its inspiration from Christ's admonition to the apostles in Gethsemane: "Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mark 14:37).

The devotion of the Holy Hour was taught to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque when our Lord spoke these words to her in June 1674: "Every week, between Thursday and Friday, I will grant you a share in that mortal sadness which I chose to feel in the Garden of Olives. You shall keep me company in the prayer I then offered to my Father."

This devotion is one of the special practices associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart. Later in the nineteenth century, a French Jesuit founded a confraternity known as the Archconfraternity of the Holy Hour to help foster this devotion. The Holy Hour devotion has spread to many other countries and is quite popular today.

Perpetual adoration is a eucharistic devotion in which people of a particular church, diocese, or religious community practice uninterrupted adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day and night, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, without end. In some cases, perpetual adoration takes place in a small chapel apart from the main church building.

In 1642, Baron de Renty, famous for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, founded an association of women in Paris for perpetual adoration. In 1654, the Benedictine nun Mother Mechtilde founded the first community of Benedictines of the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Since then, many religious communities have made eucharistic adoration either the main part or an essential part of their rule of life.

Pope St. John Paul II was a major advocate of eucharistic adoration. He started daily adoration with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Peter's Basilica and erected a perpetual adoration chapel in Rome at the prompting of Mother Teresa. †

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"You shall keep me company in the prayer I offered to my Father."

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "21 Days of Self-Care—With Biblical Inspiration" by Paige Byrne Shortal

"Elisha sent [Naaman] the message: 'Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean.' But Naaman went away angry." (2 Kings 5:10–11A). Elisha ordered Naaman the Syrian to wash in the river Jordan to be cured of his leprosy. Naaman's initial reaction was anger at such a simple solution. We may think that to be healed, we need expensive medicines and complicated regimens. Sometimes, all that is needed is the plain and simple: a restorative nap, deep breaths, a walk, good food, cool water or a warm beverage, and a gentle shower or bath. Good health begins with self-care. If you are beginning a regimen of self-care, you may want to ask for the prayers and support of others.

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Generous and loving God,
source of all blessings,
please give us the grace
of humble gratitude and
unstinting generosity.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 13–18

Monday, Weekday:

Rom 1:1–7 / Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday, Weekday:

Rom 1:16–25 / Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday, St. Teresa of Jesus:

Rom 2:1–11 / Lk 11:42–46

Thursday, Weekday:

Rom 3:21–30 / Lk 11:47–54

Friday, St. Ignatius of Antioch:

Rom 4:1–8 / Lk 12:1–7

Saturday, St. Luke:

2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

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Sunday, Oct 12, 2025

Faith brings a wellspring of healing

Whether Jesus was speaking to a woman who had anointed him in a Pharisee's house, another woman whom he had cured of a hemorrhage, or a leper whom he'd cleansed, his closing words were much the same: "Your faith has saved you." Believing in Jesus' power to heal had opened the door to healing. Some versions of the Bible, though, translate this phrase a little differently: "Your faith has made you well." To be "saved," then, can mean to be made well, to be made whole, not only in one's own person but in relationships with others, too. In yourself and in your relationships with God and others, what needs healing?

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (144).

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Monday, Oct 13, 2025

Don't say no to this invitation

When in Luke's gospel Jesus uses the phrase the "sign of Jonah," most of us would think of the whale. But Jesus has something else in mind. Jonah had been a prophet sent by God to convert the pagan city of Nineveh—a job Jonah didn't want. But when he finally buckled down and did what God asked, the people—much to Jonah's astonishment—converted! So for Jesus the "sign of Jonah" recalls the Ninevites' acceptance of God's word through God's prophet. At the judgment, Jesus says, those Ninevites will shame his own generation because they were humble enough and smart enough to accept God's invitation. We, who have been given the gospel and are surrounded by so many signs of God's love, have even less justification for not hearing the word of God and keeping it.

Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"This generation ... seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah."*

Tuesday, Oct 14, 2025

Be slow to judge

The Pharisees may have gotten a bit of a bum rap in the New Testament because of events that occurred after Jesus' death. The passages of the New Testament that are most hostile to the Pharisees were compiled at a time when it had become clear that most Jews did not consider Jesus to be the Messiah. The Pharisees may have served as a convenient scapegoat for that rejection. The Pharisaic tradition was in fact more flexible on many questions than it was portrayed to be. It does us well to look and listen carefully and judge slowly when it comes to those who follow a different drummer.

Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"You Pharisees . . . inside you are filled with plunder and evil."*

Wednesday, Oct 15, 2025

A one-step program

Ever wonder whether you are in good spiritual health? It's easy to assess: If love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control come easily to you, you're in good shape. If hatred, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, and envy are your frequent reactions to events, you're in need of a spiritual workout. Let Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515-82), reformer and church doctor, be your spiritual trainer. Step one: Recite this Teresian prayer daily: "Let nothing disturb you; Let nothing dismay you; All things pass; God never changes. Patience attains all that it strives for. He who has God lacks for nothing; God

alone suffices." Step two: There is no need for a step two if you master step one.

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46 (469). *"There will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good."*

Thursday, Oct 16, 2025

We are already blessed

It helps to know things will work out before you get started on them. Paying bills is easy when you know the money is there. Getting something fixed is a less anxious experience when you have confidence in the repair person. So it is with the spiritual life. In all the apparent struggle to believe, live a holy life, and do the right thing, we can forget how much God has already done for us. And Saint Paul makes this point many times. We are already blessed. We already have redemption in Christ. God has revealed a plan for us. All we have to do is to stay close to God and follow the way. Saint Vincent de Paul understood this truth well when he asked, "Why should your soul not be filled with confidence since, by the mercy of Our Lord, you are his beloved child?" God has given us so much and promises to lead us to glory. Knowing that might make the journey a bit easier.

Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"The righteousness of God has been manifested ... through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe."*

Friday, Oct 17, 2025

A loving embrace

Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-110) is one of the apostolic fathers of the church, a small group of Christian authors who lived close to the time of Jesus and had personal contact with some of the 12 apostles. It is said that Saint Peter himself appointed Ignatius to be bishop of Antioch. Tradition also has it that as a young child Ignatius had been one of the children Jesus took in his arms and blessed (Matthew 19:13-15). Whether or not historically true, this story signals something each of us can make our own—the image of being held in the loving arms of our Savior. That is a tradition that remains unbroken, from the time of Jesus down to the present.

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR

Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). *"Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God."*

Saturday, Oct 18, 2025

Care to share with the class?

Today we celebrate Saint Luke, author of the Acts of the Apostles as well as the gospel that bears his name. Thanks to Luke we have an original, compelling portrait of Jesus, our Messiah, the master who emphasized the importance of prayer and who cared deeply for women and the poor, the outcast, the ill, and the lowly. Luke is the only one of the four evangelists whose stated purpose in writing his gospel is so that others would be assured of the truth of what they've already learned. He writes in the prologue to his gospel: "I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, . . . so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." Let us be grateful to parents, teachers, mentors, and others who, like Luke, freely share what they have learned for the benefit of others.

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). *"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Week of October 12, 2025



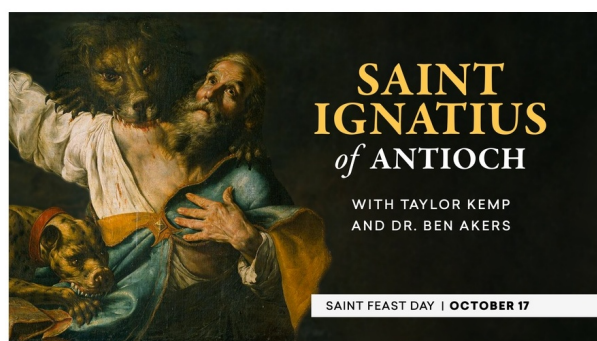
St. Luke the Artist

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St. Ignatius of Antioch

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