



THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

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OCTOBER 12, 2025



28th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

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?" - Lk 17:17-18

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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

2 Kings 5:14-17/ 2 Timothy 2:8-13/ Luke 17:11-19

Wonderful as the cure is, Jesus presents the Samaritan with his greatest gift when the man returns to thank and worship him. “Your faith has saved you,” Jesus tells him (Luke 17:19), promising him a share of the salvation that, after all, is the purpose of Christ’s mission on earth. First Jesus transforms the Samaritan’s mortal life, then he offers him the promise of immortal life.

Question of the Week: How can I, like the Samaritan, take the extra step to show my gratitude to God?

Gospel Meditation

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God’s existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift – this tiny, miraculous life – but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus’ feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man’s gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn’t that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God’s abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.” Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

– *Father John Muir*
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Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,
Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future.
Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

OCT 12	8:00 AM	WILLIAM MOHAN & SABATO PERSUITTE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OCT 12	8:00 AM	MARY ELLEN SAMPSON
OCT 12	10:00 AM	ROLAND PEPE BOUCHARD
OCT 18	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
OCT 19	10:00 AM	MICHAEL BRISSON
OCT 24	8:00 AM	DIANE RAPTERY
OCT 25	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
NOV 2	8:00 AM	WESLEY LAFORD
NOV 15	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
NOV 22	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of September and October will go to St. Francis food pantry. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

North Star Family Shelter

Our next week to support the North Star family shelter dinner and weekly groceries begins November 9th. Tags will be in the back of the church under the North Star basket. Please put any donations in the basket with the tags, so it doesn't get confused with pantry donations, prior to the 10am Mass on 11/9. Refrigerated items can be placed in the downstairs refrigerator.

If any parishioner enjoys cooking and is able to cook a meal for the families, or if anyone has questions about this ministry, please call Allison Lilly at 617-947-3574. Thank you for your many years of supporting the unhoused families in our community.

Community Clean-Up Day

Our annual Parish's Community Clean-up Day will take place on Saturday, November 1 from 9 am to 1 pm. We are asking you to consider assisting us this year. We will again help some of our fellow parishioners with cleaning and raking of their yards.

We will meet in the upper parking lot of our church at 8:50 am on Saturday, November 1. Please consider giving of your time to this worthy annual activity.

Any amount of time that you are able to help will be much appreciated. To sign up or for further information contact Bob Bourque at bobbourque@comcast.net

Knights of Columbus Hospitality

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Hospitality and Fellowship on Sunday, October 12th following the 8AM Mass. They hope you join them for some delicious food and great company.

STEWARDSHIP

Sept 28

Sunday	2,566.00
Fuel/Maintenance	50.00
Religious Ed	75.00
Catholic School appeal	53.00
Total	2,744.00



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Musical Instruments

We are still in need of any musical instruments for the children music program you can donate. They would be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the back of the church. Thanks so much!

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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Thomas St. George at tjstgeorge@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

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How St Michael saved a young marine in the Korean War

The young Marine, named Michael in honor of the archangel, said that prayer every day. His mother had taught it to him, and he had taught it to some of the men in his unit when they were deployed during the Korean War.

One day, Michael was sent with an advance detail beyond enemy lines.

It was bitterly cold. He could see his breath like smoke in the frosty air. As he trudged along, a big, tall Marine that he didn't recognize pulled up alongside him.

"I have never seen you before," Michael said. "I thought I knew every man in the outfit."

"I just joined at the last minute," the other replied. "The name is Michael."

"Is that so," said the first Michael, surprised. "That is my name too."

"I know," the other said and then went on, "Michael, Michael of the morning ..."

Michael was amazed that this other Michael knew the prayer.

A few moments later, Michael #2 said they were going to have trouble up ahead. Heavy snow began to fall, and soon, Michael #1 was marching in a thick white fog of snow. Briefly losing his companion, he called to him and felt a strong hand on his arm.

"This will stop shortly," Michael #2 said. And it did.

But as they came up over a rise, Michael #1 froze. Seven of the enemy stood at point-blank range, aiming their rifles at them. Michael dropped to the ground and screamed to his friend to do the same. Michael #1 heard the rifles crack as Michael #2 stayed standing. Not a bullet hit him. Michael #1 received a chest wound as he leapt up to pull his friend to the ground. As he collapsed in pain, he felt himself laid in the snow by strong arms. He saw Michael #2, but he looked different now. He seemed bigger, with brilliant light shining from his face and from all around him like wings. And he held a sword in his hand.

When the rest of the unit found the wounded Michael, he asked where the other Michael was. His sergeant said that, besides him, there was no other Michael in the outfit.

The sergeant then asked how Michael had done it.

"Done what?" Michael asked.

The sergeant explained that all seven of the enemy had been slain, not with bullets (none had been fired from Michael's rifle), but with a sword.

This incredible story was related by the Marine himself in a letter written to his mother as he lay recovering in the hospital. A Navy chaplain who read the letter and spoke to the Marine, his mother, and the leader of his unit attested to the truth of it.

Devotion to St. Michael is powerful—and it can change your life. By inviting his protection into your daily routine, you place yourself under the care of one of heaven's strongest intercessors.

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