

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THEME: GRATITUDE THAT TRANSFORMS

Dear beloved Parishioners,

This Sunday, Jesus heals ten lepers—but only one comes back to say **thank you**. That detail isn't just about good manners. It's about something deeper: **Faith that remembers**.

Jesus doesn't just ask, "**Where are the other nine?**" out of disappointment. He's showing us something: gratitude isn't just a response, it's a doorway. All ten were healed, but only one was made truly whole. Why? Because he came back, recognized the Giver, and gave thanks.

In the first reading, Naaman also receives healing. But again, it's his response of gratitude and faith that changes him. His healing leads him to know and worship the true God.

And in our own lives? God blesses us constantly—in big and small ways. But how often do we pause, re- turn to Him, and simply say, "**Thank You**"?

That's what the Eucharist is all about. The word "**Eucharist**" means **thanksgiving**. Every Sunday, we're invited to be like that one grateful leper—to re- turn, to remember, and to let our gratitude deepen our faith.

This Week, Ask Yourself:

- Have I thanked God today?
- Am I living like someone who's been blessed?
- Am I letting gratitude draw me closer to Him?

Remember: Gratitude doesn't just change your mood—it changes your heart.

Let us be the one who comes back and gives thanks.
Amen

May God bless us all,

Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike

