

Saving Grace

By Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

I was eating lunch at a local diner with a group of friends recently. As we prayed our customary grace over the food, a group in their twenties at the next table began conversing in voices so loud it was obvious they meant for us to hear their comments. The gist of their remarks was that it seems stupid to thank God for something we have earned and paid for through our own effort and hard work.

My normal reaction to this type of comment would be to chalk it up to arrogance. However, that morning I had read Pope Benedict's encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), which strongly emphasizes the need to recover a sense of the giftedness of our lives—an awareness that has been lost within some people in contemporary social life. His point became much more real to me as I witnessed a concrete manifestation of the very ingratitude he was talking about.

Self-sufficiency is one of the most prized values in the American psyche. It goes hand in hand with our emphasis on individual initiative, personal goal setting, and the strong work ethic that has helped make our nation successful. Properly understood and lived, tempered, and ordered by concern for the common good and for others, self-sufficiency often leads to



a strong moral character, innovation, creativity, and security.

But as Christians, we should also keep our accomplishments and individuality in proper perspective. There is a moral need to thank God and others for what we have “earned by our own efforts.” Our very existence is a gift to us from God that we did not and cannot ever earn. If not for the many others who took care of us, provided for us, protected us, and sacrificed for us, we could not have even survived the first years of our lives. Were it not for our health, our intelligence, our education, our physical and mental energy, our

personal and social opportunities—none of which we can take sole credit for and all of which have been given to us by God through the help of other people—we would not have what we do today. Even at lunch in the diner that day, were it not for the work of the people who grew the food, brought it to market, bought it and carried it to the restaurant, and prepared it and served it to us, our meal together would not have been possible. Just the simple act of saying grace, thanking God, maybe mentioning the farmers and the cooks, reminds us to be grateful for the unearned love of God and the work 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 10–15

Monday, Weekday: Gal 4:22–24,
26–27, 31—5:1 / Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday, Weekday:
Gal 5:1–6 / Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday, Weekday:
Gal 5:18–25 / Lk 11:42–46

Thursday, Weekday:
Eph 1:1–10 / Lk 11:47–54

Friday, Weekday:
Eph 1:11–14 / Lk 12:1–7

Saturday, St. Teresa of Jesus:
Eph 1:15–23 / Lk 12:8–12

Bringing Home
the Word 
October 9, 2022

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
October 9, 2022

Paid with a Glass of Milk

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

A young Howard Kelly was poor and hungry, knocking on doors for a bit of charity. At the last door, discouraged with so little response that day, he merely asked for a glass of water from the young girl who opened the door. Realizing he was more than thirsty, she brought him a glass of milk. He asked what he owed her and she responded, “Nothing. Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness.” Little Howard responded simply: “Then I thank you from my heart.”

Years later, the girl who gave milk

to Howard had become a seriously ill, middle-aged woman. She was transferred to the city hospital and treated by a successful specialist. After months of treatment and medication, she overcame the disease and returned home. When the bill arrived, she feared to open it because, although not totally poor, she was of humble means. Upon opening the envelope, she found this message on the bill: “Paid in full with one glass of milk. Dr. Howard Kelly.”

Our acts of kindness never go unpaid, and a little love goes a long way toward transforming the world. True gratitude is never just a word on the lips but a lifestyle and an attitude of a noble heart. A grateful-hearted person knows that everything is a gift, and we should, in turn, give to those around us. Our biggest benefactor is God himself, our Creator, who has given us life, love, and eternal salvation. May he be the first one to whom we express our gratitude! +

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A Word from Pope Francis

The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from...the recognition that grace precedes us. We were thought of before we learned how to think; we were loved before we learned how to love; we were desired before our hearts conceived a desire. If we view life like this, then “thank you” becomes the driving force of our day.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
DECEMBER 30, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS REFLECTION

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



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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28th Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Oct. 9, 2022

Lector: Greg hart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mike Reimers

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Stacy Ferguson Family

Altar Servers:

Isabella H. & Brandy F.

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Oct. 16, 2022

Lector: Victoria Ocampo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Maria Garcia

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Terry and Helen Tobin

Alter Servers:

Adrian & Emmett Kniveton

Pope's Prayer intentions:

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Maria Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

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Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

LIKE our Facebook page to get updated posts and information about our parish. You can also see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on Facebook please email Onna Pollock at olpollock@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Oct. – Guadalupanas

Nov. – Altar Society

NO CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday the 12th

@ St. Vincent Parish

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED

We meet every Wednesday

@ 5:30 pm. Dinner followed by lesson of the day. Come and learn about our Catholic faith.

COFFEE HOUR

Sunday the 16th Oct.

Come join us for some coffee and calories of the favorite kind – Sweet!

Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

Whose generosity do you tend to take for granted? How will you change this? When have you failed to say thank you? Why does this matter?

STEWARDSHIP

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Sept. 18, 2022	Sept. 25, 2022
10:30 am - \$744.00	Bilingual - \$630.05
12:00 pm - \$412.56	12:00 pm No Mass
Basin City - \$769.00	Basin City - \$810.33

Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Vincent's Goal:

\$23,891.00

Donations as of Sept. 30th: \$1320.00

Connell Food Bank

Banco de Comida

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes

11 & 25 of Oct.

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / Miércoles

12 & 26 of Oct.

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS: Oct. 9, 2022 – Oct. 23, 2022

Monday Oct. 10:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. Oct. 11:

No Confessions @ Eltopia

5:30 pm Mass / K o C @ Eltopia

Wed. Oct. 12:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

Fr. Gus Afternoon Meeting @ Spokane

5:30 pm Hi School Group @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Oct. 13:

10:00 am Meeting @ Spokane

No Adoration @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

Fri. Oct. 14:

8:00 am Prison Ministry

4:30 – 6:00 pm Confessions @ Basin City

Sat Oct. 15:

12:00 pm Baptisms @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Oct. 16: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Please keep Fr. Gus in your daily prayers.

Monday Oct. 17:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. Oct. 18:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

Wed. Oct. 19:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:30 pm Hi School Group @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Oct. 20:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Guadalupanas

Fri. Oct. 21:

8:00 am Prison Ministry

4:30 – 6:00 pm Confessions @ Basin City

Sat Oct. 22:

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Oct. 23: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell