



**Clement
Manor**

PASTORAL CARE

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCE PACKET

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Gospel

**As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem,
he traveled through Samaria and Galilee.**

**As he was entering a village, ten lepers
met him.**

**They stood at a distance from him and
raised their voices, saying,**

"Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"

And when he saw them, he said,

"Go show yourselves to the priests."

As they were going they were cleansed.

**And one of them, realizing he had been
healed,**

returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;

and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.

He was a Samaritan.

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?"

**Then he said to him, "Stand up and go;
your faith has saved you."**



Praying for More than Our Needs

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This story begins very well for all ten of these lepers. For nine of them, it ends tragically. For one, it ends in an even better and more glorious way than it began.

The lepers represent us all. Their illness was a symbol of all sin and the consequences of sin. When the disease began, the lepers began to experience the effects of their disease. Discolored and thick dry skin, sores, and rashes would set in. Once detected, each leper was removed from the community to stop the spread of the disease and was only free to associate with other lepers. They no longer could gather freely with their loved ones as the lepers entered isolation and shame. Analogously, all sin has similar effects. Sin causes pain within our souls as we discover the growing wounds it causes. Sin affects our relationships and our ability to freely relate to those whom we love.

The initial cure for sin is simple. We cry out, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!” But that is only the first step. By curing the lepers, Jesus was showing us that He had power over our sin. He could forgive us and will forgive us when we seek His mercy. But forgiveness will end in tragedy if it does not lead us to faith and to a following of the will of God with zeal and determination. If we take the forgiveness of sins for granted, then we will be in an even more miserable state than before. The nine lepers who failed to return and give thanks to God represent those who do not convert their lives when touched by God’s merciful hand.

This story highlights the importance of our response to God when He does touch us. We must glorify God with a loud voice, fall on our knees before Him and express our deepest gratitude. When the one leper does this, Jesus says to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” That mercy from our Lord was a mercy that touched his soul. It imparted the gift of faith and enabled this man to go forth and be healed with eternal graces.

Too often we turn to God in prayer only when we have a problem. Then, once the problem is taken care of, we pay little to no attention to our Lord. God’s

role in our lives is not to fix our problems so that we can then go about our daily lives as normal. His mercy must evoke ongoing and profound gratitude. Gratitude to God is nothing other than an acknowledgement of the truth. We owe everything to God. Without Him, we are nothing. We are dead in our sins. Just one leper realized this and was blessed with the gift of faith that saved not only his body, but also his soul.

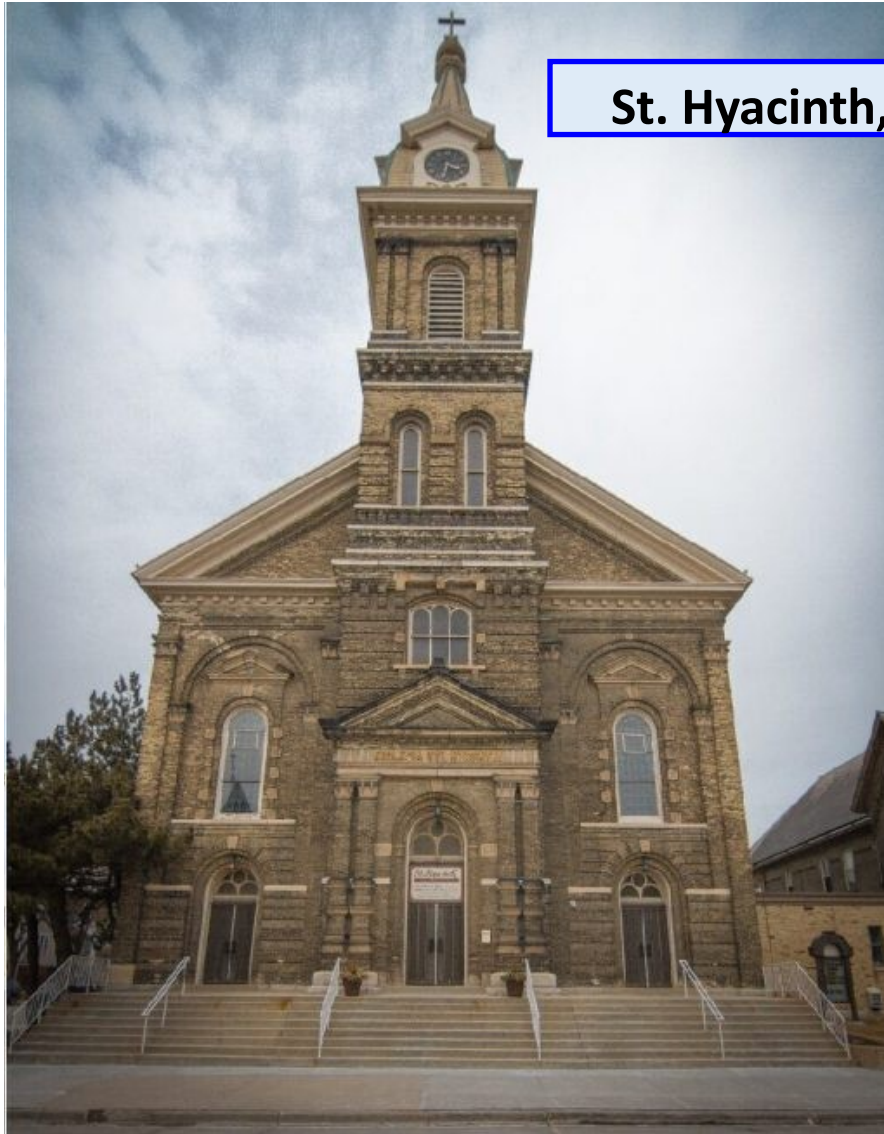
Reflect, today, upon the ways in which you turn to God in prayer. It is good to come to Him with your needs and problems. It is good to cry out “Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!” It is good to come to Him as the Physician of your soul and the source of healing you need. But that is not enough. In fact, if you stop there in your life of prayer, you will end in a most miserable state. You will be using God for your selfish advantage. Reflect upon whether you are able to take the next and most important step in faith. Do you come to Him when all is well? Do you praise Him with all your might for all that He has done for you? Do you fall on your knees before Him with the deepest gratitude in your heart? Reflect upon your prayer and seek to imitate this one leper. If you do, your faith will also save you and our Lord will invite you to rise and go forth, healed in the truest way possible.

Most merciful Lord, You are able to do all things. You are able to heal all my wounds, forgive my sins and solve every problem I encounter. As I cry out to You in my need, please do heal me. In response, may I always turn back to You with the deepest gratitude and praise so that my faith in You will grow and my love for You will truly flourish. Jesus, I trust in You.



Holy Father's Monthly Intention October 2025

**Monthly Intention: 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.**



St. Hyacinth, Milwaukee

Loving God,

You are the source of all truth and the author of peace. Open our hearts to recognize Your image in every person, no matter their faith or tradition. Help us to listen with respect, speak with kindness, and act with compassion. May our shared longing for peace unite us in purpose and guide us to build bridges of understanding. Strengthen all believers to work together for justice, reconciliation, and the dignity of every human life. Through the Spirit of unity, may we become instruments of Your love and builders of true human fraternity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you have any personal intentions you would like to add they will be added to our list, contact Tom 546-7980 or tbrefka@clementmanor.org:

Prayer Intentions:

- **For those residents who are sick:** May they feel the healing presence of God
- **For the Church:** That we may always seek the wisdom of God above earthly possessions, and proclaim the Gospel with hearts free from attachment to wealth or status.
- **For world leaders:** That they may govern with justice and integrity, using their authority to serve the common good and care for the poor and marginalized.
- **For those who struggle with materialism or greed:** That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to the true riches of God's love and the joy of generosity.
- **For our community of faith:** That we may find courage to follow Christ's invitation—trusting that in giving of ourselves, we receive far more than we could ever lose.
- **For all who have died, especially our loved ones:** That they may share fully in the eternal life promised to those who place their trust in God.

Annual Memorial Service

**Thursday, November 6,
2025, 6pm**

**This is a special evening for all of you
and for us here at Clement Manor.**

We hope you will find space

**To remember, to grieve,
to be comforted and to find hope.**



We Are Called

God of All People,

You came as one of us to show how we belong to each other. You served among us to show how we are to serve one another. You called us to follow you that we might build a better world together.

**God of Wisdom and Compassion,
Renew our minds with your call to humble learning and service. Refresh our hearts with your call to equity and integrity of community. Reignite our spirits with your call to justice for our brothers and sisters.**

**God of Righteousness and Justice,
Make us relentless as we examine the structures that perpetuate inequity. Make us humble as we lean in to listen and learn what we do not know. Make of us steady allies and advocates, leveraging the strength of our shared ministry for the good of your people.**

Amen.

Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived.. Happiness, Sadness, Anxiety, Anger, Knowledge, and all of the others, including Love. One day it was announced to the feelings that the island was sinking, so all constructed boats to leave and left.. Except for Love..

Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to hold out until the last possible moment. When the island had almost sunk, Love finally decided to ask for help.

Richness was passing by Love in a grand boat. Love said, "Richness, can you take me with you?"

Richness answered, "No, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place here for you."

Love decided to ask Vanity who was also passing by in a beautiful vessel made of mirrors. "Vanity of vanities, please help me!" "I can't help you, Love. You are all wet and might damage my boat," Vanity answered.

Sadness was close by so Love asked, "Sadness, let me go with you."

"Oh . . . Love, I am so sad that I need to be by myself!"

Happiness passed by Love, too, but she was so happy that she did not even hear when Love called her..

Suddenly, there was a voice, "Come, Love, I will take you.."

It was an old wise feeling.

So blessed and overjoyed, Love even forgot to ask the old wise feeling where they were going. When they arrived at dry land, The old wise feeling went her own way. Realizing how much was owed...Love asked Knowledge, another old wise feeling, "Who Helped me?"

"Oh, It was Time," Knowledge answered.

"Time?" asked Love. "But why did Time help me?"

"Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and answered, "Because only Time is capable of understanding how valuable Love is."





October 15

St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb thee,

Nothing affright thee;

All things are passing,

God never changeth!

Patient endurance

Attaineth to all things;

Who God possesseth

In nothing is wanting;

Alone God sufficeth.

AMEN

Saint Teresa, PRAY FOR US.

October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

**(On the way to be cast to the wild lions in the Roman Amphitheater, Ignatius said:
“I am God’s wheat, may I become the pure bread of Christ”)**

Blest are you, God of the Universe,

You inspire leaders to proclaim Your Word of truth.

**May the preaching and sufferings of Saint Ignatius help us to be zealous for the
faith.**

May we endure the daily irritations with patience.

We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

AMEN. Saint Ignatius, PRAY FOR US.

October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

Gracious God,

We thank You and praise You for revealing Your love through Jesus.

Open our hearts to Your Word in the writings of Saint Luke.

**May we, like Saint Luke, be sensitive and creative, especially in helping the poor
and powerless.**

**Grant this through Jesus, the Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

AMEN.

Saint Luke, PRAY FOR US.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Daily Reading for

Sunday October 12, 2025

Reading 1, Second Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Gospel, Luke 17:11-19

Reading 2, Second Timothy 2:8-13



Daily Reading for

Monday October 13, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 1:1-7

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Gospel, Luke 11:29-32

Daily Reading for

Friday October 17, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 4:1-8

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

Gospel, Luke 12:1-7

Daily Reading for

Tuesday October 14, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 1:16-25

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5

Gospel, Luke 11:37-41

Daily Reading for

Saturday October 18, 2025

Reading 1, Second Timothy 4:9-17

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Gospel, Luke 10:1-9

Daily Reading for

Wednesday October 15, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 62:2-3, 6-7, 9

Gospel, Luke 11:42-46

Daily Reading for

Sunday October 19, 2025

Reading 1, Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Gospel, Luke 18:1-8

Reading 2, Second Timothy 3:14-4:2

Daily Reading for

Thursday October 16, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 3:21-29

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel, Luke 11:47-54



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