

# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 20, 2022

## NINE PEOPLE WHO MISSED THANKSGIVING

**Scripture: St. Luke 17:11-19 (New Revised Standard Version)**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

### ~ SERMON NOTES ~

In today's Gospel passage, only one person out of ten that were healed returned to express thanks and gratitude for the miracle among them. Thus, nine of them missed Thanksgiving!!!

Today, I want to share three considerations on how we might find the way to thankful living, and not miss it this time around:



1. We need to focus on the \_\_\_\_\_.

"Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (I Thess. 5:17-18).

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2. We need to be aware of the \_\_\_\_\_.

We do not only help others so that **they** might be saved, but that **we** might be saved from the greed and the insensitivity that captures the soul of the ungrateful.

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3. We need to yield completely \_\_\_\_\_.

We sometimes forget that the only hands God has are our hands. A hand stretched out in love to "one of the least of these" is a hand that reflects a thankful heart.

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