

St. Philip the Apostle
Roman Catholic Church

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

-- Wednesday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

-- Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

-- Fr. Sherdel's Morning Mass Intention:

Living and Deceased Veterans



First Reading: Titus 3:1-7

Beloved: Remind them to be under the control of magistrates and authorities, to be obedient, to be open to every good enterprise. They are to slander no one, to be peaceable, considerate, exercising all graciousness toward everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, deluded, slaves to various desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful ourselves and hating one another.

But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. ***R/.***

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage. ***R/.***

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows. *R/*

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come. *R/*

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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 voice, 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.”

Reflection

Stand up and go. (Luke 17:19)

In the Gospels, we often see a theme of rest — sitting at Jesus’ feet, soaking in his teaching, finding peace in him. But not today. There is a lot of “going” and not a lot of “resting” in this story of healing. Jesus is going to Jerusalem; ten lepers go to the priests; one grateful healed leper goes back to Jesus; and Jesus responds with a command to go. All of this movement can help us see how our Christian life involves going to Jesus and then going out on mission:

- Jesus was on a mission from his Father when he met ten lepers: he was heading for Jerusalem, where he would begin his passion. By stopping to heal them, he revealed the Father’s compassion. The “big story” of salvation is not so big that our struggles become insignificant. God is always interested in our lives.
- The lepers set off for the priests. It’s likely that they had already tried every possible remedy; now they obeyed Jesus and went to present themselves to the priests. Once they realized they were healed, nine of them continued on. They were doing what Jesus said — getting their certificate of health and starting their lives as soon as possible. Our first steps need to be steps of obedience to do what Jesus tells us to do.
- But there was deeper movement in the one fellow who returned to Jesus. Filled with gratitude for his healing, he decided to go back; he saw his healing as an invitation to draw closer to Jesus. Every time Jesus works in our lives, he is inviting us to come to him, to bow before him in love and gratitude. With the Holy Spirit’s help, we can learn to hear that summons.
- Finally, Jesus gave the man a mission: he didn’t just say, “Your faith has saved you” but also “Stand up and go” (Luke 17:19). Once we have gone to Jesus with our needs and received his healing or mercy, he tells us to go out and share what we have received.

Imagine yourself in this pattern of “going.” How do you need to go to Jesus? Where might he be sending you today?

Lord, let me journey with you. I believe you are present in the going.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.