

## Parish Staff

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## Sunday Mass

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

## Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

## Holy Day Mass

Evening Before 5:30 P.M.

Holy Day 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

## Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

## Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

## Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

## Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

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# The Church of St. Helena

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 13, 2019**

*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."*

*- Lk 17:17-19*



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## THE WORD

Most of us are pretty good at saying “thank you” to people who help us in one way or another. It’s a lesson well learned from our parents and teachers, and it certainly is something personal and on-going. There isn’t a day that we don’t thank someone for an act of kindness or for helping us in some way.

The story of the ten lepers, in today’s gospel, is a story of thanksgiving with a lesson that we all need to hear and implement in our lives, that while we give thanks to others, we need to give thanks to God, like the one who returns to Jesus and gives him thanks. The irony is that Jesus told all of them where to go and they obeyed him. They were healed on their way, but it was only one of them who realized that it was Jesus who healed him. Not unlike the ten, most of us realize our blessings, but we don’t always realize the one who has blessed us. Yes, we are thankful to the people around us, but are we thankful to God?

We have much to be thankful for... the people in our lives, the food, the clothing, the shelter, the holy Church, the holy word of God, the holy Mass, the holy priesthood of Jesus, the health and well-being of our loved ones, our friends, our neighbors, our teachers, our baptism, our confirmation, the forgiveness of our sins, the protection from evil and sin, our vocations and work, the gift of life and a good night’s sleep, the community of the Church, our education and training, the gift of sight and hearing, of hands and feet, of laughter and tears, and most of all, the gift of the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in our lives.

It is one thing to be thankful for our blessings. It is another thing to thank Jesus, to thank God, like the leper in today’s gospel.

Father Villano

## PASTOR'S REMARKS

1) Because of MEA break in our school, the school will be closed on Oct. 16, Oct. 17 and 18, and our Parish Office will be closed on Friday, Oct. 18.

2) Next weekend, Oct. 19 & 20, there will be the annual collection to help the World Missions of the Church. There will be a second collection at each of the Masses for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity and dedication. Jesus has given all of us the mission to tell others about the Kingdom of God. Our financial support of this mission is critical and important.

3) *Let us not grow weary of doing good; if we do not relax our efforts, in due time we shall reap our harvest. While we have the opportunity; let us do good to all men—but especially those of the household of faith.* (Galatians 6:9)

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE**—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. Together we can work to protect God’s children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

**QUILTING TO START OCTOBER 14**—We will start quilting Monday, October 14 from 9:00—11:30 A.M. and Wednesday, October 16 from 6:15—9:00 P.M. in the basement of the Parish Office Building. You can come to either session whenever it fits your schedule. We will tie and hand stitch quilts for the fall festival as well as hem and sew. You don’t need to know how; we will be happy to teach you. Everyone is welcome. Call Lucy Koller (729-9445) or Kathy Wood (729-4167), if you have questions.

**ROSARY MAKERS**—Last month the Rosary Makers donated 950 Rosaries to various charities. "God has given you the beautiful gift of Rosary-making. Thank you for sharing it

with us. May our Blessed Mother and her precious son our Lord Jesus smile on you always."

**RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT**—If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next Rachel’s Vineyard Twin Cities’ retreat is November 1-3, 2019. For more information contact Nancy at [rachels@rvineyardmn.org](mailto:rachels@rvineyardmn.org), or call 763-250-9313, or see [www.rvineyardmn.org](http://www.rvineyardmn.org).

**ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD—ALL PARISH MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**—What’s working and what’s not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are: Saturday, October 26, 9:00 A.M.—Noon at St. Peter (Forest Lake); Tuesday, October 29, 6:00—9:00 P.M. at Divine Mercy (Faribault); Thursday, November 7, 6:00—9:00 P.M. at St. Wenceslaus (New Prague). See a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).

**THE APOCALYPSE AND KINGSHIP OF CHRIST—A BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER JOHN ECHERT**—Wednesdays, November 13—December 11, (No class November 27), 7:00—8:30 P.M. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (Hayden Hall, Lower Level). This four-week series is particularly timely as it coincides with the end of the liturgical year, which closes with the Feast of Christ the King, as well as the start of Advent, which focuses upon the Apocalypse and return of Christ. The cost is \$20 per person and includes lecture, materials, large group Q&A and a snack. Find details and register on the event page at [archspm.org](http://archspm.org). Cost: \$20. Includes lecture, materials, large group Q&A and snack. Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo at [randaz-zov@archspm.org](mailto:randaz-zov@archspm.org).

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**—The next Women's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, at 8:30 A.M. in Rowan Hall. Rachel Lu, Ph.D., will be the speaker. The cost is \$5 for the breakfast. Participants are invited to come to the Mass at 8:00 A.M. in church before the Breakfast. Registrations should be made before 12:00 Noon on Friday, November 8, by calling 612-729-7321.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST—SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**—The first Men's Breakfast of this season will be held on Saturday, October 26, at 8:30 A.M. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. Participants are also invited to attend the 8:00 Mass in church before the Breakfast. Registrations should be made before 12:00 Noon on Friday, October 25, by calling 612-729-7321.

**PRE-SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**—Parents with rambunctious 3, 4 and 5-year-old children can enroll them in the Pre-School Religious Education Program in Rowan Hall on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 A.M. Mass. The tuition for the school year until May is \$50 (although no child will be deprived of religious education because of finances). To register, come downstairs to Rowan Hall before the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, or call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**ENRICH YOUR FAITH**—The book entitled *Outlines of the Catholic Faith* can be found in the book rack in the back of the Church. We would appreciate a free-will donation of \$2 to cover the cost of the book.

**EVERYBODY IS WELCOME AT DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**—Come to Doughnuts and Coffee in Rowan Hall every Sunday after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. There's a free-will offering, but if you forgot your wallet or purse (or can't afford to make an offering), just come and enjoy the doughnuts. It's a great way to meet and visit with parishioners.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**—The Church of St. Helena has a program that prepares people to become Catholic which is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. To take the program does not mean that you must become a Catholic. Also, if Tuesday evenings are impossible to make, another time can be arranged. For more information, call Fr. Villano or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

**ARE YOU A PARISHIONER IN NEED OF HELP?**—If you are a parishioner who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems, please notify the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish. Individuals (or families) can receive assistance from the conference which reaches out to people in the parish who are having difficulties. (Your name will be kept confidential.) For more information or to give your name to the conference, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**GOING GROCERY SHOPPING?**—Buy a gift card for groceries and give the card to the parish St. Vincent de Paul

Conference which can give it to a needy person or family. Place the card in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Conference" and put the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

**PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN OR INFANTS**—Take advantage of the Cry Room for parents with small children or infants. It's located in the front of the church, if you go through the side door by the Baptismal font. After you go through the door, turn left, go up a small series of steps, open a door, and you'll enter a room where you can be close to the altar and that has the prayers miked into it, you can see everything that's happening, and your little ones can cry or talk without disturbing others in the main part of the church.

**A NURSERY SERVICE DURING THE 10:00 MASS**—St. Helena Church offers a nursery service for small children (up to but not including first grade) during the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sundays. There is no charge for the service. Parents may bring the children downstairs to the nursery before Mass begins, and an adult will watch your children for you while you attend Mass. If you have any questions, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**YOU CAN BE PART OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE**—The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to needy individuals or families who need assistance. Conference members visit their homes to assess how they can be of service and in a very personalized and confidential way give them help. Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 24, at 6:30 in the Parish Office Building. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**ST. HELENA MUSIC TROOP**—Musicians (young and old, beginner, advanced or in-between) are invited to be part of the St. Helena Music Troop which goes to nursing homes to entertain their residents two times a month during the fall, winter, and spring. Musicians do not have to come each time we perform, and they do not play music as a group but individually play the piano, band or symphonic instruments, or sing. If you are interested in participating, please call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR YARD SIGN**—If you had an "Autumn Daze" yard sign, please return it to the back of the church or Parish Offices.

**BALES OF STRAW AND CASES OF POP**—You may purchase bales of straw for \$4 a bale and a case of 12 cans of pop for \$3 or a case of 24 for \$5. To purchase these items, come to Doughnuts & Coffee or call 612-729-7321.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING COURSE—ST. CLEMENT CHURCH**—Tuesdays, November 19—December 17 and March 3—24. How do we critically evaluate whether politics, economics, and culture conform to the Gospels? Please join us at St. Clement Church for a 9-week interdisciplinary course that will unpack Catholic social teachings through live lectures, interviews with influencers, multimedia, and real world engagement. Space is limited. Deadline to register is October 18. Call 612-930-0860 or email [chia@ourholycross.org](mailto:chia@ourholycross.org) for more information.



## SCRIPTURE #1192

**2 Kgs 5:14-17**  
**2 Tm 2:8-13**  
**Lk 17:11-19**

### MASS INTENTIONS 8:00 AM

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Julie Elwood</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	†	<b>Bob McDonald</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	†	<b>Inez Brendmoen</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	†	<b>Nancy Keegan</b>
<b>Friday</b>	†	<b>Andrew &amp; † Donna Pukay</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	†	<b>Esther Gruidl</b>

**SACRISTY AIDES**—Barb Kaluza and Ann Gibney, (Linens) Eloise McDonald

### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**October 14:** Rom 1:1-7, Lk 11:29-32  
**October 15:** Rom 1:16-25, Lk 11:37-41  
**October 16:** Rom 2:1-11, Lk 11:42-46  
**October 17:** Rom 3:21-30, Lk 11:47-54  
**October 18:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b, Lk 10:1-9  
**October 19:** Rom 4:13, 16-18, Lk 12:8-12  
**October 20:** Ex 17:8-13, 2 Tm 3:14—4:2, Lk 18:1-8

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### **October 14**

-Quilting, Parish Offices, 9:00 am  
 -Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm  
 -Evangelization Meeting, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm

#### **October 15**

-School Mass, Church, 10:00 am  
 -Catechumenate, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm

#### **October 16**

**-School Closed**  
 -Senior Lunch, RH, Noon  
 -Quilting, Parish Offices, 6:15 pm

#### **October 17**

**-School Closed**

#### **October 18**

**-School Closed**  
**-Parish Offices Closed**

#### **October 19**

#### **October 20**

-Doughnuts & Coffee, RH, after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses  
 -Pre-School Religious Education, RH, 9:45 am

#### **October 21**

-Quilting, Parish Offices, 9:00 am  
 -Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm  
 -Evangelization Meeting, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm

## ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

### **Spotlight on First Grade**

The first graders have been working hard and having a blast with the start of a new school year. We have been reviewing the letters and sounds that they learned last year and are practicing putting them all together to read new words. Students have also loved exploring our writing center and creating all sorts of amazing stories and writing projects. In math, we are building routines and learning some basics, including different counting strategies and how to solve number stories in a variety of ways. During calendar time, students practice the days of the week, analyzing data on our weather graph, and using coins to represent the number of days that we've been in school. We have also begun our first social studies unit; students are learning about communities and what it means to be a good citizen. We also love our new Second Step program, and the students are doing a great job of showing off their skills for listening and focusing their attention. First grade is off to a great start!

### **School Mass Dates and Turkey Bingo Date - Please join us!**

- Tuesday, October 15 - Mass 10:00 A.M.
- Friday, November 1 - All Saint's Day Mass 10:00 A.M.
- Saturday, November 16 - Turkey Bingo

**BAPTISM**—A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. To register for the class, please call Virginia, the Director of Pastoral Care, at 612-729-7344.

**DO YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER NEED A VISIT?**—If you or your loved one will be hospitalized or homebound, and would like to receive Eucharist, let us know. Keep in mind hospitals and healthcare facilities cannot contact us. We need to be contacted by family. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care, Virginia, at 612-729-7344..

### **Prayer for Year of Pre-Synod Prayer & Listening**

Come Holy Spirit  
 Make our ears to hear  
 Make our eyes to see  
 Make our mouths to speak  
 Make our hearts to seek  
 Make our hands to reach out  
 And touch the world with your love.  
 AMEN.

Mary, Mother of the Church,  
 Pray for us.