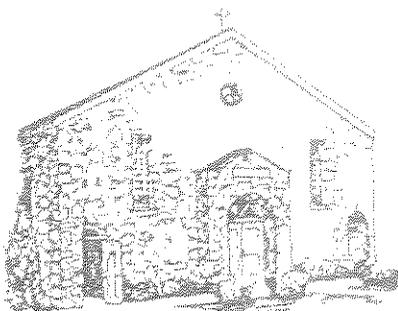


Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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419-237-2441
Office Hours – Tues. & Thurs.
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
(Reconciliation 30 minutes
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Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
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Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Barbara Roby

FINANCE COUNCIL

Terry Kovar
Barb Bruggeman
Joanna Marry

Council meetings are generally held the 3rd Thursdays of the month
5:45 p.m. – Finance
6:15 p.m. – Pastoral



Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information

OUR LADY OF MERCY
WEBSITE (bulletin online)
Stpeterarchbold.com/
our-lady-of-mercy

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the bulletin deadline is *Tuesday by noon*. Please either call, email or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following weeks bulletin.

Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.

Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made *six* months prior of your planned wedding date. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the sick

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for a visit.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults(OCIA)

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by contacting the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 for the process.

Prayer Chain

Anyone wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office.

Email: olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Privacy issues for Parish Office:

IMMEDIATE FAMILY - must contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon or email to olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

October 12, 2025 – 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

OCTOBER COUNT

Ushers, please take count of all peoples at Mass for the month of October. The count sheet is on the podium in the back.

FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)

Class after Mass today.

BFF'S

BFF's resume on October 19, 2025 after Mass. We will be doing BFF's differently this year and need the Parish family's help. We will be having donuts & beverages at the beginning of the month (this is where we will need help for families to donate donuts) and a BIG breakfast towards the end of the month. There is a sign-up sheet on the cry room door.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND RIGHT FOR LIFE

Our Lady of Mercy will be praying the Rosary for the Right for Life on Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. Please see the window to the cry room for all events in the Diocese for Right for Life.

OCTOBER FAYETTE COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Lady of Mercy's Altar Rosary will be hosting the Fayette Community Meal on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Altar Rosary is asking Our Lady of Mercy's parishioners for their help. We are in need of desserts and help to set-up/serve/clean-up. If you would like to supply a dessert or would like to help, please contact Sherry Renner.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Finance & Pastoral Councils will meet Thursday, October 16, 2025. Finance at 5:45 p.m. and Pastoral at 6:15 p.m.

FEAST DAY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a short follow up meeting of the Feast Day Celebration Committee on Sunday, October 19, 2025, during the BFF.

ORDINARY LIVES EXORDINARY MISSION – ST. PETER

John Wood, nationally known author and speaker, will be the presenter at the parish mission on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 at ST. PETER beginning at 7:00 pm. Mr. Wood will speak about our relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend this parish mission.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

ORDINARY LIVES

EXTRAORDINARY MISSION

October 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Topic - Eucharistic Revival:

Renewing the church by igniting our relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist – Flyer on the back tables (OLOM)

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

First Saturday 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---Oct. 15 – Fayette Community Meal provide by Our Lady of Mercy Altar Rosary

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Oct. 12	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Jeannette Tidwell Rosemary Pontious
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Grace New Dick & Susan Saaf
Mon., Oct. 13	NO MASS		
Tues., Oct. 14	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Oct. 15	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Oct. 16	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Oct. 17	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Oct. 18	4:30 p.m.	SP	French & Florence Dominique family
Sun., Oct. 19	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Rosemary Pontious Giovanni Stella Muriel Pennington
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Cathy Wagner Carolyn Bigger

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Shirley Taylor
Denise Miller

33 Days Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary
Right to Life

If you have someone or an intention you would like the Parish to pray for, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 or email olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com before noon on Tuesday.

-NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – OCTOBER 19, 2025-

Greeters / Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Proclaimer	Angie Beauregard
Servers	Myla Burkholder
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Money Counters	Barb Bruggeman / Michelle Miron / Cindi Siegel

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 5, 2025

Sunday Offertory (16 envelopes)	\$ 1,151.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 112.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 484.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Rel. Ed Tuition	\$ 60.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 25.00
Feast Day Celebration donation	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 3,368.00

(Sunday Offertory & Other)

	FEAST DAY CELEBRATION	
September 20, 2025	Donation's	\$2,936.00
	Auction	\$ 600.00
	Extra Food	\$ 330.00
	9/14 ,9/20, & 10/5 Donations	\$5,870.00
	Donated food & supplies	\$ 238.39
		\$9,974.39
Expenses	Chicken	\$ 354.00
	FEAST DAY TOTAL TO DATE	\$9,620.39

SAINTS OF THE DAY (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of October 12 – October 18

St. Carlo Acutis “For the first time in history we will see a saint dressed in jeans, sneakers, and a sweater...” These are some of the words spoken on the occasion of the beatification of Blessed Carlo Acutis in October of 2020. Blessed Carlo was born on May 3, 1991 and grew up in Italy. He enjoyed amateur computer programming and video games. From an early age he had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He researched sites of Eucharistic miracles and then created a website to categorize them. This website still exists and has also been turned into a traveling exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles which has been seen around the world. Blessed Carlo Acutis suffered from leukemia and died on October 10, 2006 at the age of 15. He is remembered for his cheerfulness and compassion for those in need. He is the patron of computer programmers and youth and was beatified on behalf of Pope Francis on October 10, 2020. His exposed relics can be viewed in Assisi. His feast day is October 12th.

St. Edward the Confessor (1003-1066 A.D.) was a prince born to the King and Queen of England. His family was exiled from the kingdom when the Danish took control of the country in 1016 A.D. Edward spent much of his life in exile, probably in Normandy. Witnessing the folly of worldly ambition, he became attracted to the life of the Church and grew in piety. When opportunity arose he was persuaded to reclaim the throne of England, which he did in 1042 as one of its last Anglo-Saxon kings. The people supported his rule, and he gained a reputation as a just king committed to the welfare of his subjects. He thwarted invasions, ended unjust taxes, and was profoundly generous to the poor. His reign was marked by peace and prosperity throughout his kingdom. He married a beautiful woman to satisfy the people's desire for a queen, but, having already made a vow of chastity, he obtained his wife's agreement to live together as brother and sister. He was buried in Westminster Abbey, which he built, and after his death many miracles were ascribed to his intercession. This led to his canonization in 1161, and in 1163 the transferral of his body to a new tomb. This was presided over by St. Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who found Edward's body to be incorrupt. Edward was called "The Confessor" to distinguish him from St. Edward the Martyr. He is buried behind the high altar in Westminster Abbey. He is the patron of kings, difficult marriages, separated spouses, and the English royal family. His feast day is October 13th.

Pope St. Callistus I (d. 223 A.D.) was a Roman by birth and a Christian slave. He was the servant of a fellow Christian serving in the Roman imperial household. He was entrusted with the task of managing his master's wealth, which he used to operate a bank into which many Christians invested their money. When the bank failed due to unpaid loans, Callistus fled the city in fear of retribution. He was soon caught, and in punishment was sentenced to hard slave labor in the Sardinian mines. He eventually obtained his freedom when he and the other Christian slaves working in the mines were released, or perhaps ransomed, with special pardon from the Emperor. Callistus was later recalled to Rome by Pope Zephyrinus to serve as his deacon, top adviser, and the caretaker of the important Christian cemetery along the Appian Way. This cemetery, which now bears Callistus' name, contains the relics of many martyrs. When Pope Zephyrinus died, Callistus was elected to the Chair of St. Peter in 217 A.D. As pope, St. Callistus was known for his leniency and forgiveness. He upheld the teaching of the Church that grave sins could be forgiven with true contrition and due penance, which was controversial at the time. He reigned for five years and died a martyr; one account holds that he was killed by an anti-Christian mob, being thrown from his house and stoned to death. His feast day is October 14th.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582), also known as St. Teresa of Jesus, was born in Spain to a large, devout, and prominent Catholic family. Fascinated with the lives of the saints taught to her by her pious parents, as children she and a brother tried to run away from home to seek martyrdom among the Moors. After an uncle found them and returned them home, they built hermitages for themselves in the family garden. At the age of 14 Teresa was plunged into sorrow upon the death of her mother; to find consolation she asked the Virgin Mary to be her new mother. When she began to exhibit worldly vanities, her father placed her in a convent to be educated with other ladies of her social class. Determined to avoid marriage, and motivated more by the need for security than love for God, at the age of twenty Teresa entered religious life as a Carmelite nun. For two decades she led what she describes as a mediocre prayer life, hindered by too much socialization with visitors.

(St. Teresa of Avila – cont.)

However, an intense prayer experience in her forties helped her to renounce worldly attachments and enter deeper into a life of prayer. She advanced rapidly and taught others to do the same, being encouraged by a vision of the place reserved for her in hell if she was unfaithful to God's graces. She had many profound mystical experiences for which she was often slandered and ridiculed. After the reform of her own life she worked hard to reform the laxity of many Carmelite convents, and was successful even while being greatly opposed in her efforts. She was a strong and important female figure of her era, and her great progress in the spiritual life led her to write the spiritual classics *Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection*. For these works St. Teresa of Avila was named the first female Doctor of the Church. Her feast day is October 15th.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born in France to a virtuous and distinguished family. As a child she showed great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and by the age of 9 was practicing severe penances. In her childhood she became sick with rheumatic fever and was confined to bed for four years. She made a vow to the Blessed Virgin to consecrate herself to the religious life, after which she was instantly healed. She often had visions of Jesus, which she thought was a normal experience in the spiritual life. When she turned 17 her mother insisted that she establish a place for herself in the world. Margaret imagined that her childhood vow was not binding, and persuaded herself that she could serve God while living at home and continuing her penances and charity to the poor. She then joined her brothers at dances and began considering marriage. One day, upon returning home from a carnival ball, Jesus appeared to her and reproached her for her infidelity, reminding her of her promise. Margaret then entered a Visitation convent at the age of 24. Jesus appeared to her frequently, and entrusted to her the mission of establishing devotion to his Sacred Heart during a time when religion in France had grown rigorous and cold. Because of her visions she was greatly persecuted by those around her, until her virtue under suffering won over her enemies. Her visions were determined to be genuine and officially recognized by the Catholic Church 75 years after her death. Her feast day is October 16th.

St. Ignatius of Antioch (d. c. 98-117) was a Syrian who became a disciple of St. John the Apostle. Tradition holds that he was the infant whom Jesus took in his arms, saying, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" as recounted in Mark's Gospel. St. Ignatius was a pagan convert to Christianity and succeeded St. Peter the Apostle as the third bishop of Antioch, being ordained by St. Peter himself. He was an important Church Father of the Apostolic age, an ideal pastor, and a fearless soldier of Christ. He was tireless in supporting his flock against dangerous heresies and the terrors of the persecutions of the Roman Emperors. When Ignatius violated the imperial edict to worship false gods, he was arrested and led before Emperor Trajan. After boldly proclaiming the truth of Jesus Christ, he was condemned to be devoured by wild beasts for public sport in the Roman Colosseum. On his journey from Syria to Rome he wrote many letters to his fellow Christians, encouraging them with his apostolic zeal and exhorting them to obey their bishops. He also pleaded that none try to obtain his release, as he was eager to lay down his life for Jesus, saying, "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." He was devoured by lions in Rome in the early second century. St. Ignatius of Antioch is the first to have used the term "Catholic" Church, meaning "Universal." His feast day is October 17th.

St. Luke the Evangelist (1st c.) was a well-educated Greek physician and a native of Antioch in Syria. He was a follower of St. Paul the Apostle and spent most of his life evangelizing with him in Asia Minor up until the time of Paul's martyrdom in Rome. Luke wrote a canonical account of his apostolic journeys with Paul (the Book of Acts) as well as a biography on the life of Christ (the Gospel of Luke). The two books of Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles were originally a single work. The intimate accounts contained in Luke's gospel of the early years of Christ's life (the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation, etc.) lead many scholars to believe that one of the eyewitnesses he interviewed was the Blessed Virgin Mary herself. According to tradition he was also a skilled artist and painted the first icons of Our Lady with the Child Jesus. Several of these icons are still venerated today, the most famous of which hangs in the Church of St. Mary Major in Rome. St. Luke is the patron saint of many trades including artists, painters, doctors, surgeons, and bachelors. His feast day is October 18th.

**ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY**

By Jane Tufant Harvey

“Ask Her...remind you that apologizing to your children when you've mad a mistake is life-changing for *them*.”

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 4

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O sweet Mother of God,
I model my life on You;
You are for me the birght dawn;
In you I lose myself, enraptured.

O Mother, Immaculate Virgin,
In You the divine ray is reflected,
Midst storms, 'tis You who teach me to love the Lord,
O my shield and defense from the foe.

MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE

On the 25th of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.

Up-to-date messages may be obtained at <http://www.medjugorje.org>

May 17, 1984 - “Dear children! Today I am very happy because there are many who want to consecrate themselves to me. Thank you. You have not made a mistake, My Son, Jesus Christ, wishes to bestow on you special graces through me. My Son is happy because of your dedication. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---October – 7 p.m. Thursday's
Rosary

---Faith Formation after Mass
Oct. 12 & Oct. 26

---Oct. 15 – Fayette
Community Meal 5 – 6 p.m.
Altar Rosary hosting

---Oct. 16 Council meetings
Finance 5:45 p.m.
Pastoral 6:15 p.m

---Oct. 19 – BFF after Mass
“BIG” breakfast

---Oct. 22 –7 p.m. St. Peter –
Mission with John Wood

Word(s) of the week (from the
America College Dictionary)

HUMILITY – quality of being
humble; modest sense of one's
own significance

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.”

Luke 17:17-19

**PANCAKE AND
SAUSAGE SUPPER
AT FAYETTE LOCAL SCHOOL**

**OCTOBER 21, 2025
5-7PM & TAKEOUT AVAILABLE**

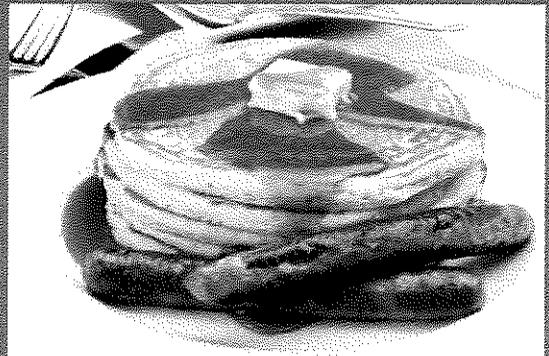
**ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN (3-12 YEARS OLD) \$5
CHILDREN (2 AND UNDER) FREE**

Kids Carnival

1 Ticket \$.50
3 Tickets \$1.00
15 Tickets \$5.00

Basket Raffle

1 Ticket \$1.00
6 Tickets \$5.00

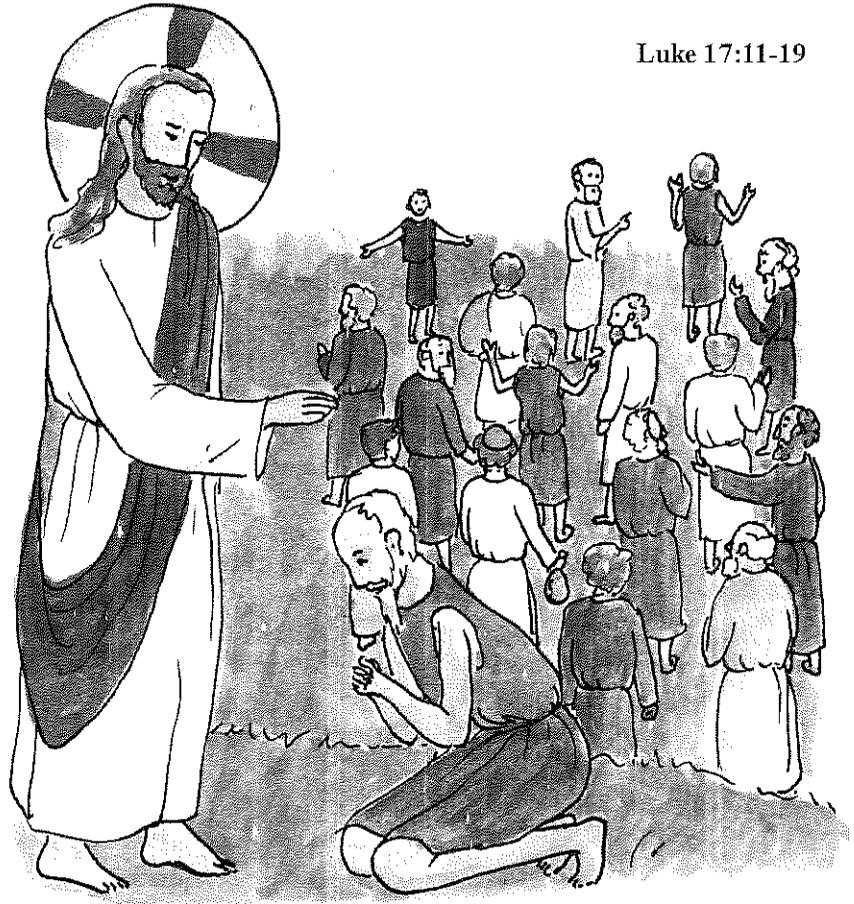


The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12th, 2025

How many lepers walked away without saying 'Thank you' when Jesus healed them?

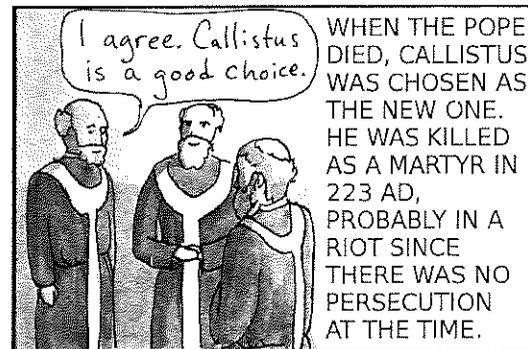
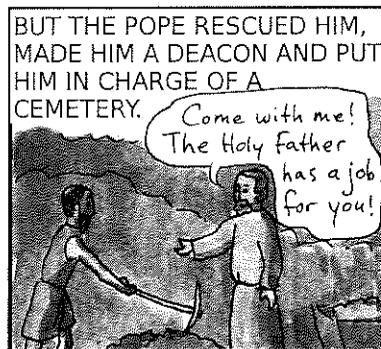
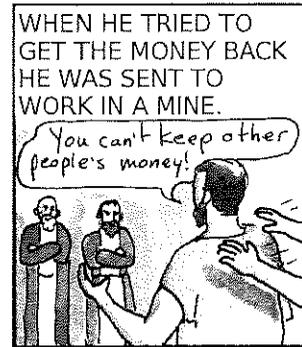
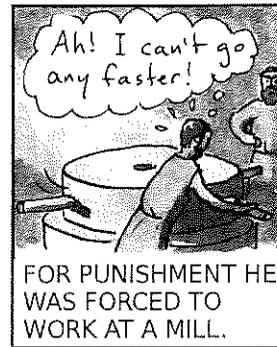
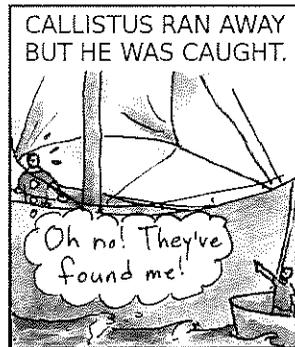
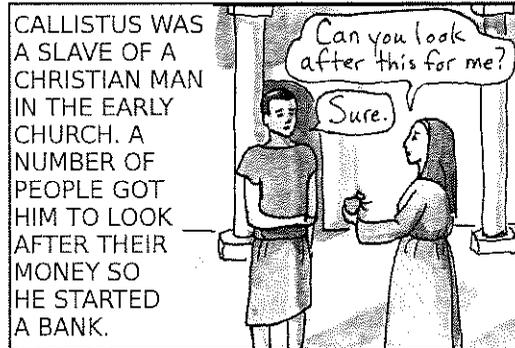
Luke 17:11-19



Count how many of the people who are walking away are wearing dark grey clothes.

Pope Saint Callistus I

October 14



SAINT CALLISTUS SAID THAT BAD SINNERS WHO HAD GONE TO CONFESSION AND DONE PENANCE COULD RETURN TO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH. SOME PEOPLE DISAGREED WITH HIM, BUT THE CHURCH STILL TEACHES WHAT HE SAID. HOW CAN YOU GIVE HOPE TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE SINNED?

True or False?

Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?



thankfulness

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured ten lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that eats away at a person's body until they die. It was pretty amazing for those people when Jesus just told them to go and show themselves to the priests and they realized that they were cured!

**THANKS FOR
THIS AMAZING
WEATHER!**



But then something interesting happened. Only one of the ten who had been cured came back to say 'Thank you' to Jesus. Do you think that the other nine were not happy that they were better? Why do you think they didn't come back to thank Jesus?

**THANK YOU FOR
LETTING ME
RECEIVE YOU!**



Now think about your life. You've probably never had a disease like leprosy, but God has still done amazing things for you. He made you and gave you everything you need to live. He gave you your friends and family, and most especially He gives Himself to us in the Mass and at Holy Communion.

Do you remember to say 'Thank you' to God?

Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.false 3.true 4.false 5.false 6.true 7.true