

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Welcome to our new Archbishop, Paul Etienne (pronounced Ashun with a long A and accent on the A). I am looking forward to meeting him and inviting him to Bristol Bay! He said he is an avid outdoorsman and wants to focus on the “peripherals.” So, it sounds like he is excited about visiting us out here in the Great Alaskan Bush!
2. Our handicap ramp is well under way. Randy should be finished this weekend for mass.



3. I will be celebrating Mass at Holy Rosary this weekend, October 9, and BJ Hill will be having a communion service at Saint Theresa in Naknek.
4. My brother Skip and Sister Brenda plan to visit me around the third week in October, 2016. I am looking forward to them meeting you. My sister said she has one thing on her bucket list: she wants to actually go up in the airplane with me!

HOMILY: Second Chances

SECOND CHANCES STRENGTHEN FAITH

The story of the ten lepers is about receiving chances to strengthen our faith. All the lepers received that opportunity. They were miraculously healed. Only one leper chose to let his spiritual encounter with Jesus strengthen his faith. In my life, I have received numerous second chances.

MY SECOND CHANCES SPIKE

While learning how to swim, I was swimming in the Deschutes river and Spike, our Labrador, wanted to play. He swam out to me and started jumping on top of me. I almost drowned.

SECOND CHANCE ROLLING CAR

Driving from Anchorage to Fairbanks I rolled my friends Jeep near Nenana. We hit a snowdrift. We rolled four times and landed upside down. It was 40 below zero outside. I got a second chance.

SECOND CHANCE PLANE LEVELOCK

Flying to Levelock, Alaska one windy morning I decided not to land there because I did not trust myself landing on the short gravel runway with the wind gusting to 35 MPH. I continued on to King Salmon and landed. The next morning, just before lifting off, I lost my engine. I was able to stop before I hit the end of the runway. If I would have been taking off from Levelock I could have died crashing into the trees at the end of the short runway. God gave me a second chance.

ONE LEPER RETURNS

These second chances strengthened my faith. Nine lepers did not use their spiritual experiences to grow in faith. They went back to their empty and unfulfilling lives. One of the lepers used the spiritual event to change his life. He acknowledged Jesus as Lord and Savior. He grew in faith. He gave thanks to God for his life.

SEIZE SECOND CHANCES

Ultimately, the story of the leper is about seizing or not seizing second chances. How do you react when you have a scare in life? How do you react when it turns out OK? Getting a second chance to nine of the lepers meant

going back to the same old way of life. Sure, they were happy at first. Sure they were grateful for a little while, but how soon they forgot.

SECOND CHANCES GIVE NEW INSIGHT

The second chance for the one leper launched a new insight, which was a deep praise for God and a relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus will sustain this grateful man for the rest of his life.

SECOND CHANCES ARE LIFE CHANGING

In the first reading from Kings, God gave Naaman a second chance. It changed his life. After being cleaned of leprosy, Naaman said to the prophet Elisha, "I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord."

WE GET SECOND CHANCES ALL THE TIME

For you and I, second chances don't have to come from life and death situations. We may get a second chance to repair a hurt relationship. We might get a second chance to give back something we took that was not ours. We may get a second chance to tell the truth to someone we lied to. From now on, if you get a second chance, take it, to help you get to know Jesus a little better (533 Words).

READINGS

2 Kings 5:14-17 - So Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. He returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant." "As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it," Elisha replied; and despite Naaman's urging, he still refused. Naaman said: "If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD.

2 Timothy 2:8-13 - Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Luke 17:11-19 - As he 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."

INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the Church: that she may ever witness to the joy and promise of God's love and the gift of salvation that is offered to all people, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for political leaders: that they may pursue policies and enact laws that are just and protect the most vulnerable in society, we pray to the Lord.

That all the ill and dying be strengthened through the anointing of the sick, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who have died (especially): that they may delight in the joy of heaven and the communion of saints, we pray to the Lord.

In Silence, let us now add our own intentions for our community and for the world.....we pray to the Lord.