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## Fr. Danny Murphy – 28th Sunday of the Year 2019

A teacher tells us this story. She asked her class, "How did Christopher Columbus finance his voyage to the New World?" A student answered, "The Discover card!" You can only tell that joke on Columbus Day weekend, that's over for at least a year and we'd better get right into the homily. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus cleansed, healed ten lepers, only one returned to thank him. Jesus asked the searing question, "Where are the other nine?" You might have heard this story of the two ways that you could wash dishes. Now before I tell the story, don't be a wisenheimer and say, "Nobody washes dishes anymore! We put them in the dishwasher!" Regardless of that, try to grasp the message of the story: The two ways that you can wash dishes. One way that you can wash dishes is by grumbling that you're tired of

washing dishes. By grumbling that it's boring to wash dishes, grumbling that it takes too long to wash dishes. OR, you can wash your dishes this way, thanking God that you have food to eat that made your dishes dirty, thanking God that you had the strength in your legs to stand at the kitchen sink and the strength in your hands to wash your dishes.

Thanking God that the reason you are washing your dishes today is that you are confident that you will have food to put on them tomorrow. How do I live my life, full of grumbling or full of gratitude? Jesus asks, "Where are the other nine?" Perhaps the reason why only one leper, who was cleansed, to thank Jesus because none of the other nine had a grateful heart. True story: A friend of mine fell recently. Thank God, she is not seriously injured. She has to wear a light cast on her arm. Because she can't get the cast wet, it's difficult for her to bathe. She can no longer fully dress herself without some assistance. She can't cook nor cut up her food. She can't drive until the cast is removed. Even brushing her teeth, brushing her hair has become a challenge. So many things she took for granted. So many things I take for granted. The old saying: "You don't know what you got until you lose it." Can I be more grateful for what I've got? Can I realize I've got so much? Do I have a grateful heart? See if you agree with this. Happiness is not what makes you grateful, rather, being grateful is what makes you happy. Jesus asks, "Where are the other nine?"