



*said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17: 11-19)*

The lepers we read about in today's Gospel observe social distancing around Jesus and He heals them anyway. One of them returns to thank Jesus, without the certainty of being tested first, and prostrates himself at Jesus's feet. Why didn't the others go back and thank their Saviour? Perhaps it was because they considered their bodies more important than their souls and the healing of the former as more important than the healing of the latter. The point here is that only Jesus can save us. Indeed, He is the Saviour of both our bodies and souls. A mask may or may not help save our bodies, but it certainly does nothing for the salvation of our souls.