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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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#### **Weekdays**

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### **CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION**

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

At the parish office by appointment.

### **MARRIAGE**

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### **VISITS TO THE SICK**

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS



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Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as “the image of the invisible God,” the very embodiment of this God of love. In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about *being* neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving *all* people, even those who seem to be our enemies.

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Love God. Love neighbor. This is our call, the sum of all it means to live as Christ’s holy people in the world. Moses told the people that the law—all that sums up this call to love God and neighbor—isn’t far off, something distant and hard to reach. It is in our hearts and minds, on our lips. We have only to live what has been instilled in us through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God’s love that dwells in us through Christ. We who are baptized into Christ’s life rely on this presence as we extend ourselves in service as did the Samaritan who saw the need of the injured traveler and stopped everything to give comfort, care, and mercy. Such love of neighbor is an outpouring and sign of the love of Christ.

## LOVE GOD

What does it mean to love God with all our heart, being, strength, and mind? We turn our hearts to God in prayer, quiet moments of reflection, and participation in the Mass and sacraments. Our whole being may turn to the Lord in trust in the midst of troubled times or when we need courage. We find strength to live as Christ’s people, even when faced with the questions, doubts, and derision of others. We may turn to the Lord with our mind as we prayerfully read sacred scripture and learn more fully the teaching of the Church. All of these things point to a singular desire to know God deeply. The love we have for God is, after all, a reflection of the great love God has for each of us.

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalm** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) *or Psalm 19*.

**Second Reading** — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

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## LOVE NEIGHBOR

Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan points to the impact our love of God is to have in our lives. The priest and Levite were more concerned with observing the letter of the law rather than living its essence. The Samaritan found himself unable to pass by without coming to the traveler’s aid. Who are the travelers whom we meet? What is our response? Are we so filled with the love of God that we cannot ignore the suffering of hunger or homelessness, the needs of the lonely and sick? Loving God necessitates loving our neighbor. We cannot have one without the other. Jesus shows us that the love we are to share is selfless, sacrificial. The Samaritan not only cared for the traveler’s wounds, but took him to find shelter and paid for his care. He went the extra mile on the journey of faith. Who is your neighbor today? How will you love him or her?

Excuses, Excuses

If you get pulled over for speeding, you might have several excuses to use, but did you ever say that you didn't know you had to obey the speed limit? As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love. That's why Jesus used the parable of the good Samaritan to show that love is as simple as helping someone in need.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We want someone else to interpret it for us, hoping they will find a loophole we can use to ignore God's commands. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We say that between work and family obligations, we have no time to give to the community. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. We always have time to watch our favorite TV shows, but there's never enough time for daily prayers.

Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love. Even Jesus, whom Paul describes in the second reading as the image of God and source of all creation, had to die on the cross to show God's love to the world. Jesus understands the difficult choices we make. Ask for his help and you shall receive.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
JULY 11, 2022

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21  
Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
JULY 11, 2022

**Monday**  
9:00am  
**Tuesday**  
8:30am  
12:00pm  
**Wednesday**  
8:30am  
12:00pm  
**Thursday**  
8:30am  
12:00pm  
**Friday**  
8:30am  
Felix Antonio Hernandez (D), Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernandez (D); Felix Antonio Tejada (D)  
Julia Guasp (D)  
**12:00pm**  
**Saturday**  
7:45am  
7:00pm  
**Sunday**  
8:00am  
9:30am  
Giuse Thai & Maria Tran (D)  
  
11:30am  
1:30pm  
People of SNT (D)  
Feliz Evangelista Gonzalez, Eduvina Gonzalez, Serafin Alfredo Gonzalez (D); Romulo Berges Perez (D)  
Ana Paulino Batista (D); John Meyers (D)  
Lorenzo Nguyen & Madalena Gia (D)

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