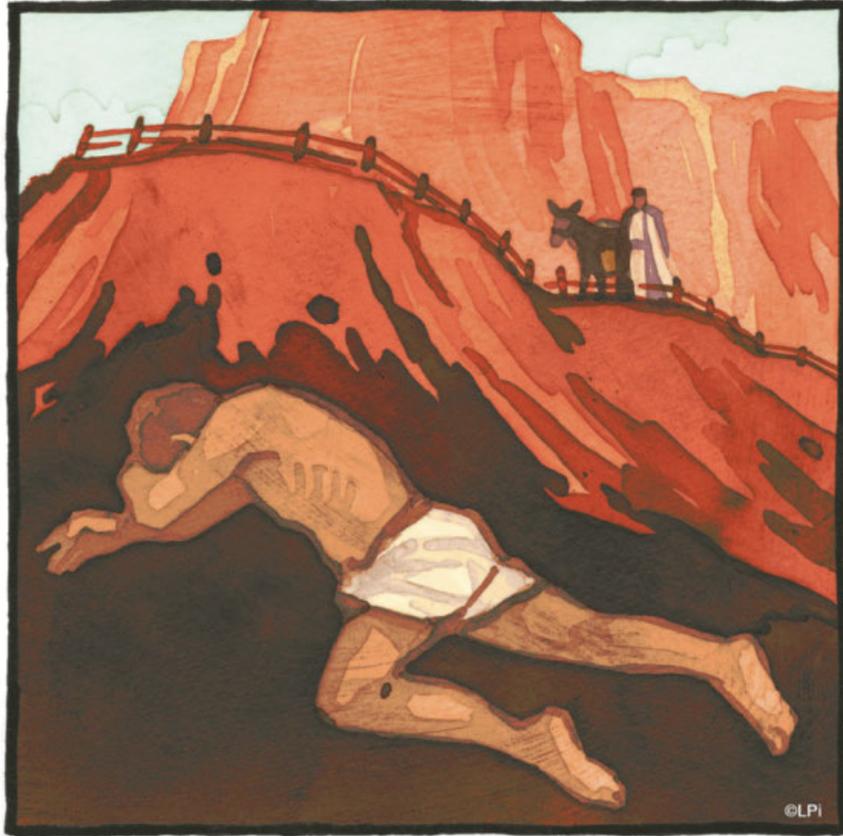


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

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.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JULY 13, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, July 14

- 8:30 a.m. Carmen Marquez (D),  
Gracias a la Virgen de  
Guadalupe, Marco  
Peguero (D)  
12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to the Holy  
Spirit, the Mercy of God,  
and God Almighty

### Tuesday, July 15

- 8:30 a.m. Felix Antonio Hernandez,  
Maria Olinda Ramirez,  
Keren Hernandez, Juan  
Bautista Hernandez (D)  
12:00 pm San Anthony Negron,  
Filomena Reyes, Ricardo  
Reyes, Cruz Negron,  
Angel Maldonado (D)

### Wednesday, July 16

- 8:30 a.m. Trinidad Zamora, Pedro  
Flores (D), Simona  
Mendoza Juarez, Narciso  
Garcia Vicente (L) - por  
sus saludes  
12:00 p.m.

### Thursday, July 17

- 8:30 a.m. Diana Samano (L) -  
cumpleaños, Pedro  
Reyes (D)  
12:00p.m.

### Friday, July 18

- 8:30 a.m. Olinda Salcedo, Rosa  
Carucci, Anastacio  
Montero, Joel Delfiner(D)  
12:00 p.m. Ricardo Reyes Caro (D)

### Saturday, July 19

- 7:45 a.m. Giuse Sinh (D)  
7:00 p.m. Nancy Margarita Perez (D),  
Raul Cabrera, padre, Juana  
Loncomilla, Carlos  
Cabrera (D), Maria Isabel  
Rodriguez, Juan Salcedo,  
Edna Maria Figueroa (D),  
Ana Maria Cesdedes (D)

### Sunday, July 20

- 8:00 a.m. People of SNT,  
9:30: a.m. Bessy Avilez, Jesus  
Aviles (L) - Bendición,  
Elaine Martinez (L) -  
Acción de gracias por  
nuevo trabajo, Idalia Maria  
Gonzalez (D), Amantina  
Gonzalez (D)  
11:30 am Ana Paulina Batista (D),  
John Meyers (D)  
1:30 pm Henrietta (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

No, it is something very near to  
you,  
already in your mouths and in  
your hearts;  
you have only to carry it  
out." (Dt 30:14)

### Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and  
life. (Ps 19)

### Second Reading:

Christ Jesus is the image of the  
invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
(Col 1:15)

### Gospel:

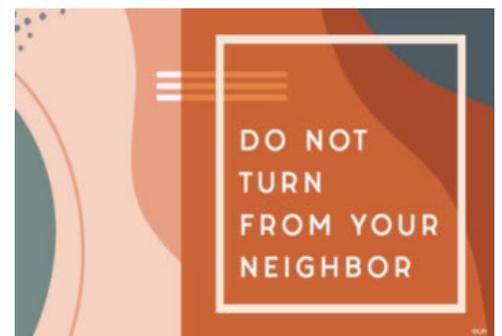
*You shall love the Lord, your  
God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your being,  
with all your strength,  
and with all your mind,  
and your neighbor as yourself.*  
(Lk 10:25)

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## Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

- Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37  
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21  
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading. But do we approach the victims that we see? Or do we draw away from the suffering of others in fear and confusion, thinking: "That's not my problem"?"

### Crossing the Street

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't *want* to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we *see*, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage?

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### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 10:25-37

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29).** Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— *Father John Muir*

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see him, too.

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