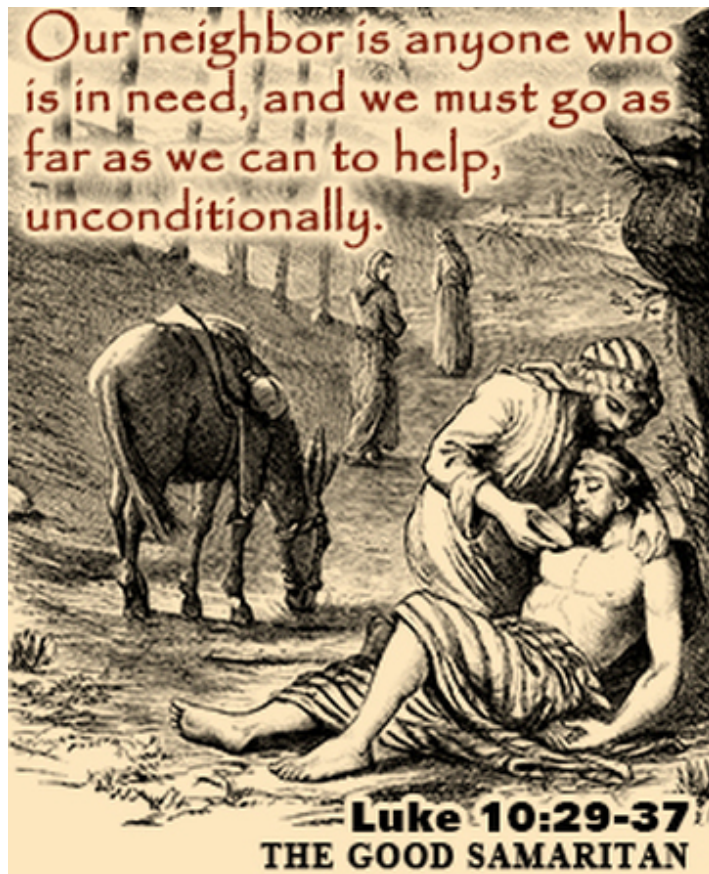


Sunday Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus answers the question, "Who is my neighbour?" with a story that overturns expectations. The priest and

Levite—religious insiders—pass by the wounded man. But the Samaritan, an outsider and enemy in the eyes of many Jews, is the one who stops, tends wounds, and shows mercy. Jesus challenges us not to define neighbour by proximity, similarity, or social group, but by compassionate action. It's not who we *like* that matters—it's who we *love*. This parable calls us to cross boundaries, risk inconvenience, and extend mercy to the stranger, the forgotten, even the disliked. In the Samaritan, we see Christ himself: one who binds wounds and pays the cost. And in his final words—"Go and do likewise"—we are commissioned not just to feel compassion, but to embody it.



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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

LOW MASS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

AT 8:30 AM

Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am

13th July 2025
4th Sunday after Trinity

10:30 am Sung Eucharist



The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (30.9–14)

Moses spoke to the people, saying: The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

I pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O Lord, for bounteous is your kindness: in your great mercy turn toward me

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not"

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The descendants of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall inhabit it

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (1.1–14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole

world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Sung Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia **All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and Life, you have the words of everlasting life.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel of Luke (10.25–37)

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **R. Praise to you, O Christ**