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July 14, 2019— The Good Samaritan Next Door

The  
Ragamuffin  
Gospel

Father Francis  
Lil'O Corner

## The Good Samaritan Next Door

*Fr. Joe Pellegrino*

Are you the Good Samaritan next door and beyond the four walls of this church? We have heard this parable many times but forget that it is about us and not someone else. The Parable of the Good Samaritan is a parable of living the Law of the Lord. That is how the parable begins. That is what the scholar of the Law asked Jesus to comment on. First he asked him what he had to do to inherit eternal life. When Jesus asked him what the Law said, the scholar quoted Deuteronomy and Leviticus, "Love the Lord with your whole heart, and being, and strength and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." The parable comes after the scholar asked who was a neighbor.

We all know the parable very well, perhaps too well. We know it so well that we forget that it is pointed towards us. The parable is about living the Way of Jesus, the Law of Love. The Samaritan's were seen by the Jews as outside of the Law. The Good Samaritan knew when God called him into action. He knew that he could not be a follower of the Lord and walk by that man who needed his help. The Levite and Temple priest (meaning us) should have gone into action and were supposedly, strong followers of God. But that wasn't an argument for the Samaritan to ignore the man on the side of the road. He did what the Law of God demanded that he do.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is real in our lives. It is present whenever we are confronted with demands on our time and resources to care for someone who needs us. It is particularly present whenever we are tempted to hide behind worship as a justification for refusing to answer the call to charity. "I am really busy at Church," we say, "God certainly doesn't expect more of me." But He does.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is far more than a pleasant biblical story told by Jesus Himself. The parable is an answer to the question: What must I do to inherit eternal life? We have only to look into our hearts. We know what we must do.



### The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out

The Ragamuffin Gospel was written with a specific reading open minded audience. This is a book Brennan Manning, a former Catholic priest, wrote for himself and anyone who has grown weary and discouraged along the Way.

- This book and its' lessons are not for the super religious types; Jesus comes not for the righteous but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together and are not too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace.
- It is for people who believe the kingdom is not an exclusive, well-trimmed gated estate suburb with snobbish rules about who can live there. No, it is for a far larger, homelier, less self-conscious caste of people who understand they are sinners because they have experienced the yaw and pitch of moral struggle.
- It is not for muscular Christians who have made sports or John Wayne, and not Jesus, their hero.
- It is for inconsistent, unsteady disciples whose cheese is falling off their cracker.
- It is not for religious academics who would imprison Jesus in the ivory tower of interpretation.
- It is for earthen vessels who shuffle along on feet of clay.
- It is not for noisy, feel-good folks who manipulate Christianity into the religion they desire it to be.
- It is for the sorely burdened who are still shifting the heavy suitcase from one hand to the other.
- It is not for hooded mystics who want magic in their religion. It is not for Alleluia Christians who live only on the mountaintop and have never visited the valley of desolation.
- It is for smart people who know they are stupid and honest disciples who admit they are ragamuffins.
- It is not for the fearless and tearless.
- It is for people who understand that Jesus learned how to walk, stumbled and fell, cried for his milk, sweated blood in the night, was lashed with a whip and showered with spit, was fixed to a cross, and died whispering forgiveness on us all
- It is not for the complacent who hoist over their shoulders a tote bag of honors, diplomas, and wealth, actually believing they have it made.
- It is for the bent and the bruised who feel that their lives are a grave disappointment to God
- It is not for legalists who would rather surrender control of their souls to rules of this world than run the risk of living in union with Jesus.
- It is for those who accept that one of the mysteries of the gospel tradition is this strange attraction of Jesus had for the unattractive, or the undesirable, this strange love for the unlovable.
- If anyone is still reading along, The Ragamuffin Gospel was written for the bedraggled, beat-up, and burnt-out.

*Brennan Manning*

## PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

### NEWS AND EVENTS



Please forward all bulletin information to Colleen Burke beginning July 21. Diana will be gone until 08/15/2019.

*Bulletin Page 2—The Ragamuffin Gospel*, emphasizes the grace of Jesus in ministering to the “ragamuffins”—the ragged, disreputable people of His day—the sick, the tax collectors and sinners and of Our Day. Jesus often served these “ragamuffins,” while the Pharisees and society opposed Him and refused to dirty their hands with society’s problems. This gospel applies to Our Day especially as many similarities exist. There are many ragamuffins among us

Brennan Manning, a former Catholic priest who wrote *The Ragamuffin Gospel* on God’s profound love and grace.

Father Francis, thank you, most of all, for bringing Christ himself into our lives. Where would we be without your astonishing ability to make the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ present on our altars and in our tabernacles? You are there for us every day, night and day, and every Saturday/Sunday, every morning & night giving us this infinite gift. Thank you.

Cluster Parish Parishioners: SSPJ cordially invites you to our 50th Church Anniversary scheduled for Sunday, August 25. We would be delighted to have you join us in the rededication of our church and celebration with Bishop Thomas Zinkula celebrating Mass along with all living priests who have blessed us. Please return your RSVP card by August 1 to SSPJ.

#### **COME TO THE QUIET: The Way of Patience:**

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat at 2664 145th Avenue in Wheatland is offering a one day program by Pat Shea on Tuesday, July 23rd from 9:30am to 3:30 pm. In the dark times, when we are mourning a loss, (Blessed are they that mourn) it is through the way of patience we shall be comforted. Fee is \$20 and includes a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To register, please call 563-336-8414 or [olpre-treat@gmail.com](mailto:olpre-treat@gmail.com).

#### **SS Philip & James Church Grand Mound**

##### **Fall Religious Ed Program**

All children Ages 4 years thru 8th Grade are invited to attend our Religious Ed Program. Classes will begin in September. In order for us to plan for the year ahead, please call or text Maureen Schrader @ 563-659-9545 and provide the name and grade of your children.

We are asking our parishioners if you have “general photos of past priests, resurrection of the current building, gatherings. Please contact a committee member and forward a copy for them to display on August 25<sup>th</sup> Committee members are Paul Rock, Joe Dierickx, Diane Skinner, and Camilla Lancaster.

It is important you return the RSVP by August 1 of your participation; an accurate head count for catering purposes is critical. If you are interested in making a donation for our anniversary celebration, please feel free to place your donation in the collection basket with your name. It will be included on your contribution statement.

##### **July Landscaping Committee**

- Bryan & Heather Whitman
- Terri Fischer

##### **School Supplies Collection**

The Social Action committee will begin its annual collection of school supplies with the final Sunday, August 18 as school begins on August 23. These items will be distributed to the Calamus-Wheatland and Ekstrand Community elementary schools. A basket will be in the back of the church.

##### **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**

A great time was at Bingo at Wheatland Manor and we thank the seven girls and boys from Friends of Faith who came to help us. They were helpful in serving treats, prizes, and assisting residents. Our next Bingo will be August 13th at Wheatland Manor.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary will be collecting school supplies during July and August. Toronto school items will be for the Calamus Wheatland School District and Lost Nation will be collecting for Midland School District.

Our next Parish Council meeting is July 18 at 6:15 in the church hall.

#### **Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction**

A huge thank-you to Nadine for her many years of service. Although she is retiring, she’ll continue her other advisory jobs and will help us through this transition time!

The sign-up sheet for August liturgy ministries is in the hallway. We encourage you to sign up if you have a certain weekend you wish to serve. Karen is working on the August schedule. Thanks for all your help in volunteering and signing up. If there are slots not filled, Karen will be assigning those jobs.

Bible School will be held at our church, July 29-July 31, 6:00-8:00 pm. We encourage our kids, grades K-6 to attend and invite their friends from the other churches. We would appreciate it older kids and families could help. Contact Stacy Agnitsch or Cheri Ruley if you would be interested in helping.

There is a sign-up notebook in the hall for those of you who want to sign up for cleaning through December. We encourage you and your family to find a month that will work for you. This work-in-progress will be assessed in a few months to see how things are going. Adjustments will be made as necessary and welcome suggestions before we begin the new year in January, 2020. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered, and we hope to have our entire parish family involved.

Fr. Francis will take his annual leave from July 26th to August 19th. This allows him to visit his family in Ghana, visit the Diocese of Ghana in addition to supervise work on the Wells project which were funded with donations from our cluster.

In his absence, let us warmly welcome other guest priests from the diocese. Priests are the hardest working members of the church. Schedules are located on each door and thank each Priest for celebrating Mass with us. Please take time to wish Father Francis safe travels and pray for his safe return.

Our annual church festival is coming up September 15 at the Legionnaire. It’s not too soon to begin thinking about silent auction items, as this has really been a popular segment of the day. Kolaches will be baked on September 14. This is a very important money-making project for our parish.

## HOSPITAL ADMISSION or HOMEBOUND

When you have a family member admitted to the hospital or is homebound, and you would like Father Francis to visit, please call the parish office and let us know. At times, our parishioners wonder why they haven't been seen by Father. To avoid any confusion, please call the parish office and let us know (847-2271) and Father Francis will be there.

Heal me, O Lord, and I  
will be healed; save me  
and I will be saved, for  
you are the one I praise.  
Jeremiah 17:14

- **Our Lady of Holy Rosary:** Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek,
- **SS Philip & James Church:** Deacon Mike Sheil, Austin Flammang, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Betty Forret
- **Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, John & Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy and Barb Denniston

## MASS INTENTIONS 4A

Saturday	07/13/19/Toronto
05:00pm	Tom Simmons
Sunday	07/14/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Richard Schwien
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Ken Behne
Monday	07/15/19 No Mass
Tuesday	07/16/19/Grand Mound
08:00am	Altar & Rosary Society
Wednesday	07/17/19
05:00pm	Grand Mound/Francis Donahue
Thursday	07/18/19/Lost Nation
05:30pm	Esther Benischek
Friday	07/19/19/Oxford Junction
08:00am	Rosine Regennitter
Saturday	07/20/19
05:00pm	Lost Nation/Daniel Lange
Sunday	07/21/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Viola Syslo
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter

**Jesus Calling:** Today July 14, 2019 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges His hearers---and us---to go and do the same!

### Readings for the week of July 14, 2019

Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or PS 19:8-11 Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/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 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24 28/Lk 10:38-42

### Observances for the week of July 14, 2019

Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bonaventure
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	St. Camillus de Lellis
Friday:	
Saturday:	St. Apollinaris
Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Quote of Faith for the Day

He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

George Herbert

