

JULY 10, 2022
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

God's law is written in our hearts; we need only to carry it out.

The parable of the Good Samaritan is a call to authentic, genuine love.

The Good Samaritan is one of those parables that has gained almost universal recognition even outside of Christian circles. This is understandable. The notion of radical generosity is one of those ideals that many religious traditions would propose to its followers. But that familiarity can dilute an even greater lesson Jesus is teaching here. Jesus is calling his followers not simply to radical generosity, but to love. And whom are we to love? Jesus emphasizes those "other" than our friends, families, and communities; those who have, by that "otherness," been deemed "enemies."

To appreciate that, we have to remember that Jews and Samaritans didn't get along, and hadn't for almost a thousand years. Disputes over how they worshipped, to what was the proper relationship with pagans, had intensified over the centuries to the point that each side ended up doing appalling things to the other. Jews had destroyed Samaritan cities; Samaritans would attack Jews as they made their pilgrimage to and from Jerusalem – the "road to Jericho." The animosity was so deep that they avoided each other at all costs. Jews would go through the much more difficult, challenging task of crossing the River Jordan to avoid walking through a Samaritan town in their travels. Calling someone a Samaritan was on the same level as saying they were possessed.

That's how deep the bitterness was. So when Jesus is asked by this Jewish scholar, What must I do to inherit eternal life? his response is almost unthinkable to this Jewish audience. When Jesus describes a Samaritan selflessly serving and, in fact, saving a Jewish man, he is calling us not simply to radical generosity, but radical love. For Jesus, this means not simply extending a helping hand to, but giving preference to our enemies – loving in a way that transforms the other ... into brother and sister.

Jesus makes it clear: The path to eternal life begins when we decide to imitate his selfless sacrificial love.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday July 9

9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: Claire Sabourin & William Sabourin (RIP)

Sunday July 10

8:00 AM	Mass: Edward Dutton (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Nancy Garvey (RIP)

Monday July 11

8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Mary Joseph (RIP)

Wednesday July 13

8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Living & Deceased Members of the Wodziak & Tarsa Families

Friday July 15

8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Intentions of Amelia & Joseph Chetwood on their First Communion

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

2022 Christmas Bazaar

Save the date: **December 3/4.**

Main Raffle Prizes:

- \$1000 gift card tree
- Amazon Fire TV 50" 4-Series 4K
- 50,000 BTU Gas Outdoor FirePit
- Inflatable StandUp Paddleboard

We are asking 40 people to donate \$25 toward the \$1000 gift card tree.

If you are able to donate please take one of the envelopes in the entrance of the church and return your \$25 cash or check made out to St. Paul's either to the office or in the collection basket.

We are in need of large baskets for our Themed Raffle Basket table; if anyone has some they are willing to donate, we would appreciate it.

We will be asking for **Table Items:** Hand Made Items.

'NEW' Items for Penny Social Table
New or Gently Used Jewelry
Empty Jewelry Boxes

If you are **canning jams/jellies/relishes** this summer please consider setting aside a jar or two to donate to the bazaar.

Food Closet Ministry

This month we are in need of **Cookies, Crackers and Snacks.**

Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution. Or consider convenient option: setting up an automatic contribution online.

2022 Catholic Charity Appeal

Waiting on final numbers but we should have surpassed our goal!

Mission Co-Op Appeal Collection

The second collection this weekend will be taken for donations to support the mission.

SAVE THE DATE:

St. Paul's 50th Anniversary

As announced earlier in the year, October 4th, St Paul's parish will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary!

Sunday, October 2nd, will be the celebration of The Holy Mass at 10AM with Bishop Tobin presiding over the Eucharist for us! A luncheon will follow at Foster Country Club.

Tickets will be available soon. We have a limited amount of tickets so be sure to get yours early.

Mission Co-Op:

Missionaries Our Lady of La Salette

Fr. John Higgins, is a La Salette priest who has ministered in Argentina for over 21 years and 11 years in Bolivia. As a native of the Boston area, he currently is in active ministry as Senior Priest now serving at the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows in Hartford, Connecticut. Fr. Higgins finds great joy in sharing his missionary experiences with the parish families as he gives the Mission Appeals.

He will preach the annual parish mission appeal **this weekend July 9/10.** Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation.

"They went forth and preached everywhere" (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, "Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people," echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Guidelines for Receiving Communion

To receive Holy Communion worthily, one must be in the state of grace, that is, free of having committed a mortal sin that has not been confessed and absolved in the Sacrament of Penance. To receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin is itself a mortal sin of sacrilege. A person who has committed a mortal sin must first cleanse his soul in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Communion. St. Paul declares (1 Cor. 11:29) that anyone who would receive the Eucharist unworthily eats and drinks judgment to himself. (The sin of sacrilegious Communion is of course forgivable in the Sacrament of Penance.) The communicant must also, in addition to being in the state of grace, have a right intention and perform the required fast. The current requirement is to fast from all food and drink (except water and true medicine) for one hour before the actual time of receiving. Fasting for a longer time - for example, for three hours or from midnight - is an excellent preparation. The serious Catholic will also strive to purify his soul from venial sin in order to provide a worthy dwelling place in his heart for Our Lord. The best immediate preparation for Holy Communion is praying the Mass devoutly.

EASTER DUTY

Catholics must receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season (in the United States, from the first Sunday of Lent through Trinity Sunday, the 8th Sunday after Easter).

~Committee on Doctrine of USCCB

**Your words,
Lord, are Spirit
and life .**

Psalm 19

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – July 2/3
\$2,712.00

Monthly 2nd Collection – July 2/3
\$2,212.00

Thank you for your support!