July 13th, 2025: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. The lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. Here Jesus asks, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead, he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.

Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex*Will start again September 5th, 2025. **Bible Study:**To be determined at a later date. **Holy Hour of Adoration**:
Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation: By request.

Marriages:Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.Baptisms:Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.Family Connections:At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS July 5 & 6

Regular Sunday	1305.00
Loose Offering	33.65
Building Fund	155.00
Parish Dues	50.00
Votive Candles	42.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00
Living with Christ	21.00

MASS INTENTIONS July 15 - 20

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July 15	The Late Mary Power	
July 16	The Late Theresa Joyce	
July 18	The Late Bernice Rowsell	
July 19	The Late Pat & Gertie Hynes and	
	deceased family members	
July 20	The Late Bernard, David	
	& Joseph Compagnion	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 19 – Saturday		
Reader	Eucharistic Minister	
Lynette Taylor	Art Hall	
July 20 – Sunday		
Reader	Eucharistic Minister	
Veronica Stone	Calvin Gillis	
Communion to the Sick: Eileen Moore		

NO MASS:

There will be **no morning mass on July 17th, 2025** as there is a funeral scheduled in the church and **none** on **Tuesday, July 29th** as there is mass at 7pm at Mount Cecelia Cemetery.

PILGRIMAGE:

OUR LADY OF LORDES PARISH GROTTO:

This past Monday July 7th, 2025, we had our 2nd pilgrimage to the grotto. Everyone had an amazing time and because of the efforts of our parishioners, people were better able to afford the trip. Thank you to the people for putting this together, they did an amazing job.

We hope to see even more people taking this journey with us next year.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Signs of Hope:

The elderly, who frequently feel lonely and abandoned, also deserve signs of hope. Esteem for the treasure that they are, their life experiences, their accumulated wisdom and the contribution that they can still make, is incumbent on the Christian community and civil society, which are called to cooperate in strengthening the covenant between generations. Remember the grandparents, who represent the passing on of faith and wisdom to the younger generation. May they find support in the gratitude of their children and the love of their grandchildren, who discover in them their roots and a source of understanding and encouragement. Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis

SACREMENTAL PREPARATION:

Sacramental Preparation will commence in September. Registration forms are now available at the back of the church or you can contact Julia Myles-Hackett at juliahackettmyles@gmail.com

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTER SERVERS NEW SCHEDULE:

A new schedule is available for the above, at the back of the church for the months of July 2025 to January 1, 2026. Please check your name off the list after receiving a copy. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Griffin.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL JUNE ACTIVITY REPORT:

FURNITURE REPORT:

June was another busy month as we made 26 furniture deliveries and picked up 40 furniture donations, among many other items. 17 mattresses, 10 boxsprings, 12 dressers, 4 kitchen tables and 17 kitchen chairs were distributed, including 12 deliveries to households of New Canadians from India, the Philippines, Nigeria and Pakistan. Storage cleanup, furniture repair, bagging of bedding and other ongoing tasks were also completed. Thanks to our SSVP members and friends who contributed a total of 107 volunteer hours. Appreciation as always to those who blessed us with their donations.

MARY'S KITCHEN:

Kudos to Sacred Heart Parish who provided volunteers to help out last month. This past Friday, July 4, kicked off our first barbeque of the summer. Hamburgers and hotdogs etc. were enjoyed by everyone who attended. Please note the barbeques will be held each Friday until the end of August, at the back of the Holy Redeemer Parish, from 12am - 1:30pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE - CEMETARY MASSES:

Sacred Heart Cemetery Masses:

Mount Cecelia Cemetery - Curling Tuesday, July 29 at 7:00 pm.

Old RC Cemetery - Benoit's Cove
Wednesday, July 30 at 7:00 pm.

Holy Redeemer Cemetery Masses: Mt. Patricia Cemetery – N. Shore Highway

Wednesday, July 23rd at 7 pm.

Townsite Cemetery – Corner Brook

Thursday, July 24th at 7 pm.

In the event of rain, the masses will be held inside the churches.

Reflection: Beatitudes for carers

The good Samaritan was someone who cared. Blessed are those who care: they will let people know they are loved.

Blessed are those who are gentle: they will help people to grow as the sun helps the buds to unfold.

Blessed are those who listen: they will lighten many a burden.

Blessed are those who know how to let go: they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves.

Blessed are those who, when nothing can be done or said, do not walk away, but remain to provide a comforting and supportive presence: they will help the sufferer to bear the unbearable.

Blesed are those who recognise their own need to receive: they will be able to give all the better.

And blessed are those who give without hope of return: they will give people an experience of God.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies - Year B,

Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.246