

Weekly Calendar

Sun., July 13: Adult Catechism, 4:00 pm,
church basement
Tues., July 15: Finance Council, 3:00 pm, rectory
Wed., July 16: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Sun., July 27: Growing in Faith program,
immediately following 9:00 Mass

Mass Intentions

Sun., July 13: For the People
Mon., July 14: No Mass
Tues., July 15: †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus
Wed., July 16: _____
Thurs., July 17: _____
Fri., July 18: _____
Sat., July 19: _____



Offertory Collections: **Month of June 2025**
St. Joseph's **Income: \$ 7,215.50**
Sat., July 5: \$ 746.20 **Expenses: \$ 13,729.85**
Sun., July 6: \$ 1,081.00 **\$ (6,514.35)**
St. Mary's
Sun., July 6: \$ 75.00 **Annual Catholic Appeal**
to date: \$ 14,220.00

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Sat., July 12	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., July 13	Genne Taganahan	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., July 19	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., July 20	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., July 26	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., July 27	Leizel Ferido	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Candy Wells

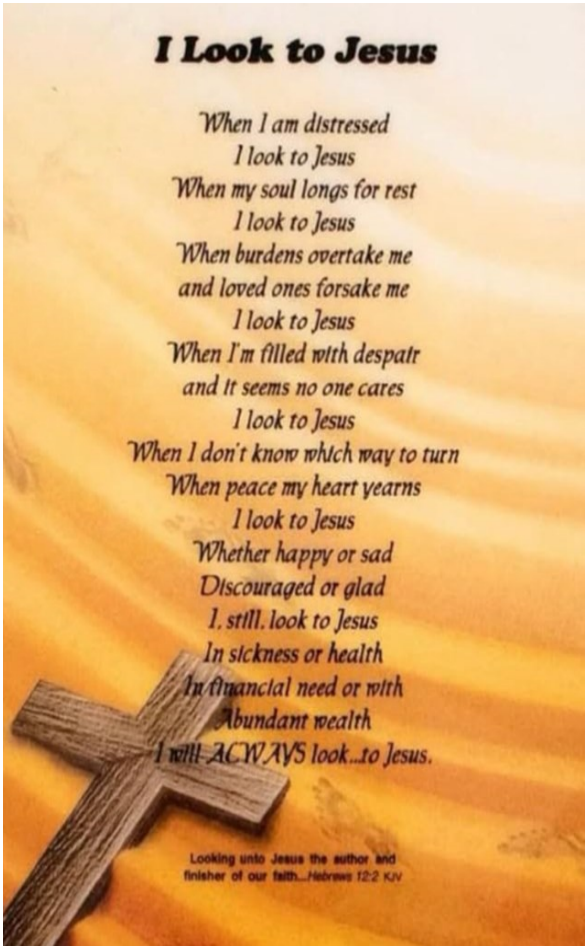
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Lect 105—Year C)

When we hear the word *love*, we tend to think of the tender feeling we have for our spouse or significant other or those closest to us. But Jesus reminds us today that love is much more than a feeling. Love requires doing. After Jesus affirms that in order to inherit eternal life we must love our neighbor as ourselves, the lawyer asks, “And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29). In his story of the good Samaritan, Jesus clearly broadens the concept of *neighbor*, which at the time it was used in the Torah—“You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18)—was thought to mean one’s fellow Israelite. But he also broadens the concept of love. Yes, Jesus says that the Samaritan *feels* compassion, but he goes into much greater detail about everything the Samaritan *does* out of love: stopping and approaching the injured man, treating and bandaging his wounds, lifting him up on his animal, taking him to an inn, caring for him all through the night, and paying the innkeeper generously. This is what *love* really is. This is how we love our neighbor and love God.

What will you do this week to put your love for someone else into action?



God is good all the time: all the time God is good!



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If you need assistance contact Celeste at 406 679-1679

Dear Padre

July 13, 2025

I have a question about the prayer the priest says after the Our Father. Someone told me it’s called an “embolism.” Why don’t we just end with “Amen” like when we say it at home?

You have correctly identified the “embolism” or “interpretation” that has been added to the Lord’s Prayer during the sacred liturgy. It reads, “Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” This addition, ancient in its use during the eucharistic liturgy, is a further explanation of the content and the intercessory nature of the prayer. It develops the last petition of the Lord’s Prayer and asks for deliverance from the power of evil for the whole community of the faithful. It is an appropriate insertion, reflecting the purpose of the eucharistic gathering as spiritual but also as a celebration of the Lord’s words and directions to us. In private prayer, the embolism would be out of place.

The sacred liturgy is filled with intercessory prayers, acclamations, and bits and pieces of ancient eucharistic prayers and blessings. Everything has been carefully chosen and placed within the celebration of the sacred liturgy to assist the faithful who gather to lift their minds and hearts to the Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
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All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432



Mass Schedule
St. Joseph’s Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass

and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary’s Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Good News!

July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 / Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 10:25-37

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We tend to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan and place ourselves in the role of the Samaritan, thereby expected to be compassionate, as was the Samaritan. Those who heard Jesus tell the parable, however, would never have identified with the Samaritan. To them, the Samaritans were religious heretics who worshipped not in Jerusalem but at their own temple. Thus, the people of Jesus’ day would have seen themselves as the victim, the one on the side of the road. Who, then, would be the Samaritan, the surprising caregiver, the compassionate one? Because parables are about God and how God works, it would be God who is and has always been the one who heals and feeds and nurtures us back to life. The parable then surprises the hearer of Jesus’ day—God as a compassionate Samaritan!

It is God’s compassion that we bring to those seeking forgiveness as well as to those who, for whatever reason, have not yet reached the point of asking for forgiveness. It is God’s compassion that we bring to the unborn, the immigrant, the homeless, the sick in need of healing, the jobless who have lost hope. It is God’s compassion that a nation brings to anyone who has lost his or her way, as it has been noted that the greatness of a nation is in how that nation deals with and cares for the weakest among them. ●

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