

Dear Parishioners,

You shall love . . . your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27)

Think about the last time you or someone you take care of caught the flu. You probably stopped the normal course of daily life in order to deal with the illness. Now think about the Samaritan in this well-known parable. He was no less busy than the priest or the Levite who had passed by the wounded man in the street. He wasn't just wandering along the road; he was going about business.

The Samaritan's business, though, wasn't the most important thing to him. No, more important was his willingness to look at the beaten man and suffer with him—not physically, but in his heart and thoughts. Compassion welled up in him and took precedence over his plans. And so, a man's life was saved.

No matter who we are or where we live, we all face the same question: "Is the normal course of my day more important than the suffering I see around me?" You don't have to go looking high and low for it; you will come across it as you go about your everyday life. Perhaps someone you meet has been robbed of confidence or joy. Maybe someone seems beaten and overwhelmed by financial challenges or marital troubles. Maybe someone is living as one left for dead, lonely and alone. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see these people as he does, to hear what they aren't saying, and to have the compassion to stop and be a "neighbor."

When you stop to take care of someone, to suffer with them, you are doing far more than offering human kindness. You are becoming a vessel for Christ. He is ministering at that very moment—to both of you!

Repeatedly in the Gospels, we read, "Jesus had compassion"—because people were harassed, helpless, sick, blind, or anxious. The reason didn't matter; their suffering moved him, and he acted. Now he is telling all of us, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

"Holy Spirit, open my eyes to the hurting people around me.
Make room in my heart for compassion to overflow."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Did you know?

Underage alcohol use could lead to larger problems
The negative consequences of underage drinking are more widespread and serious than previously know. Research shows that alcohol can change the way the brain works and could lead to long-term consequences. Many more dangers of underage drinking are immediate, including alcohol poisoning, physical assault and poor decision making. You can help protect your children from the risks associated with drinking by maintaining open communication, and by expressing a clear, consistent message that underage drinking is unacceptable.

For more information visit www.stopalcoholabuse.gov or to request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Alcohol Abuse – The Statistics and the Risks for Children," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213.637.7227.

Stewardship Thought

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

LUKE 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. But did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our neighbor, who may be someone you don't know, someone that looks different than you or someone you don't like, without expecting anything in return.

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

As part of the *Safeguard the Children* program, adult supervision is mandatory for all underage children.
Children should be accompanied to the restroom by an adult or guardian.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:15 AM	July 9 Soul of Lillian White
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	July 10 Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Eula Wilkes Soul of Albertha Leon
Saturday 5:15 PM	July 16 Soul of Anita Kennedy
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	July 17 Soul of Karen Lee Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Peter Raphael

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Dt 30:10-14, Ps 69:14-37, Lk 10:25-37
Monday	Is 1:10-17, Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Is 7:1-9, Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Is 10:5-16, Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Is 26:7-19, Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Is 38:1-22, Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Mi 2:1-5, Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	Gn 18:1-10, Ps 15:2-5, Lk 10:38-42



WEEKLY OFFERING July 3, 2016

\$6,873.31 Tithes and Offerings
65.00 Building Fund
42.00 "We Care"



Join us today for
Coffee & Donuts
in the hall.

Society of St. Vincent dePaul **BUNDLE SUNDAY**

On **Sunday, July 31, 2016** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick-up of any heavy items at 323.224.6280 or 800.974.3571.

"ANNUAL MINI-RETREAT"

"Women moving in the Spirit" invites everyone to take time out to rest and reflect. This year's retreat is **"IN THE MEANTIME...!"** on **Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM** in the parish hall. Please bring your Bible. The registration fee is \$22.00 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, please contact Carolyn James at 323.393.5441 or Carole Walker at 323.547.6290.

HAVE YOU BEEN FINGERPRINTED?

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to be fingerprinted."

THE DATES FOR JULY ARE:

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016

Good Shepherd Church
504 N. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills 90210
Times 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and 3:00 PM - 5:20 PM
Call 310.271.9745 for an appointment.

MONDAY JULY 18, 2016

St. Paul Church
1920 So. Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles 90018
Times 12:00 PM - 3:40 PM and 5:00 PM - 7:20 PM
Call 323.730.9490 for an appointment.

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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 2016

9AM to 5PM



If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in the rectory or by e-mail dcn431@aol.com.