

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 14, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Who is my neighbor? (Luke 10:29)

As much as we might fault this scribe for trying to test Jesus, it was a fair question. The specific command to love your neighbor as yourself appears only once in the Hebrew Bible: “Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your own people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). So you can imagine the scribe wondering, *Isn't my neighbor only those of my own people?*

Perhaps Jesus meant something more, as Scripture says a few verses later: “Treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself” (Leviticus 19:34). *But what about aliens who don't live in my village? What about strangers or people I meet on the road?*

That's the beauty of Jesus' parable. The victim in the story was a stranger, a man of unknown origin, lying bleeding in the no-man's-land between Israel and Jericho. Should anyone have felt obligated to help him? Surely not the priest or the Levite! According to Mosaic law, anyone who touched a corpse or a bloody body would become ritually impure. How could they minister in the Temple then? Wasn't that their highest priority? If they couldn't carry out their ministry, they risked losing their incomes. Didn't they owe it to their families to walk away?

Jesus had one simple answer: “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). Follow the example of this “unclean” Samaritan. You might have to risk your comfort or your convenience. You might even risk rejection. But the man suffering before you is your neighbor. He is your brother, and he is worth saving.

Jesus is the ultimate good Samaritan, and we are the victim on the side of the road. He risked everything to save us. By becoming a bloodied, crucified corpse for us, he took on the defilement of our sin and made us clean. And in doing so, he has become “neighbor” to all of us.

May we go and do likewise.

“Jesus, teach me how to love my neighbor as you love me.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

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.

Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other.

The moral of the story is to love our neighbor.

That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Dt 30:10-14, Ps 69:14-37, Lk 10:25-37
Monday	Ex 1:8-22, Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-15a, Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-12, Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Ex 3:13-20, Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Ex 11:10-12:14, Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Ex 12:37-42, Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	Gn 18:1-10a, Ps 15:2-5, Lk 10:38-42

Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 13
5:15 PM	Soul of Gene Otoy
Sunday	July 14
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Janet Booker
12:15 PM	Intention of Aaron and Briana Katz
Saturday	July 20
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	July 21
10:00 AM	Intention of Father Oscar Pratt II
12:15 PM	Soul of Dorothy Stanley

Weekly Offering for June 7, 2019

\$6130.85 Tithe and Offering
100.00 Building Fund
101.00 "We Care"

"Have You Remembered"

your parish or school in your will or trust?

Our correct legal title is:

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles,
A Corporation Sole for the benefit of:

(Transfiguration Church or Transfiguration School)

For further information,

please contact the church office at 323.291.1136
or Kimberly Jetton at 213.637.7512
PlannedGiving@LA-Archdiocese.org
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FISH OR SHRIMP AND CHIPS FUNDRAISER

hosted by the Knights of Peter Claver Council 220

Sunday July 14, 2019

after all masses in the parish hall.

\$6 Fish or Shrimp, Fries and Soda

\$8 Fish & Shrimp, Fries and Soda

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday August 17, 2019 - 9AM to 5PM



AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

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

Did you know?

Be constantly vigilant anytime your children are near water. Drowning takes only a few seconds, especially when children have easy access to a body of water. Make sure children know the water safety rules — always go in with an adult, wear appropriate gear (floaters, goggles, etc.), and no unsupervised play near the pool. Be careful even at times when children are not supposed to be swimming, during meals, while cleaning, or any other non-pool time. Children can easily slip out unnoticed and can reach the water.

For more information,

visit <http://catholicphilly.com/2018/11/news/national-news/mother-on-mission-to-preserve-legacy-of-young-son-promote-water-safety/>.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Marilyn Moore and Madeline Jones* in memory of **GENE OTOYO**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Ramona Duhon, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.