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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."

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Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God's grace always remains with us.

**July 14-July 21, 2019
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

Sunday, July 14 9:00am-Mass
 Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or
 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Mass intention for the People of the Parish
Monday, July 15 4:30pm-Communion Service
 Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday, July 16 10:00am-Mass
 Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
Mass Intention for Sam Brocato
Wednesday, July 17 4:30pm-Mass
 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
Mass intention for Sam Brocato
Thursday, July 18 8:30am-Communion Service
 Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday, July 19 9:30am-Communion Service
 Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday, July 20 4:30pm-Mass
 6:30pm-Spanish Mass
 Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Mass Intention for Sam Brocato
Sunday, July 21 9:00am-Mass
 Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Questions for Family Discussions

Adults: When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

Children: Would you help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Frank Rossi, Elaine Schriver, Cecil Schriver; Diane Necessary, Frances Martin, Morris Matthews, Dr. Ian Angel, Dana LeJune, Fr. Conroy, Gerard Castanier, Jim Gremillion; Wayne Caraway, Will Gay, Elaine Snider, Randy Griffith, Norma Henry, Darien Maxwell, Willie Frazier

Repose of the soul:

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

Weekly Stewardship

July 6 & 7 Weekly Offering \$ 3,642.93
Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit \$ 490.93


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Sun. July 14 <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. July 15 4:30pm—Communion Service	Tues. July 16 10:00am—Mass	Wed. July 17 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. July 18 8:30am—Communion Service 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. July 19 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. July 20 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. July 21 <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass Stewardship & Evangelization Meeting <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. July 22 4:30pm—Communion Service	Tues. July 23 10:00am—Communion Service	Wed. July 24 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. July 25 8:30am—Communion Service 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. July 26 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. July 27 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 5:30pm—Summer Salad & Cinema 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

In Te Christe/Christ In You
Catholic Men's Conference
 Free Admission

Friday - August 2nd
 6:30pm - 9:30pm



Saturday - August 3rd
 8:00am - Noon

Presented by: Fr. Larry Richards
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community
 4300 Meeks Dr. - Orange, TX 77632
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Garage Sale
August 2, 7 am—3 pm
August 3, 7 am—2 pm

Drop-off items
July 29 - August 1, 8am - 1pm

Items that sell
 furniture, clothes
 dishes, what-nots,
 household items

CALLING ALL HEADS OF MINISTRIES
 You are asked to attend a Stewardship & Evangelization Meeting
Sunday, July 21, after Mass
Re: Ministry Fair/Family Day

Summer Salad and Cinema
July 27, 2019
 5:30 pm
Family Center

Bring a salad to share for a meal.
Movie to follow!



Upcoming Events

July 27: Summer Salad and Cinema, Family Center
 August 2-3: Annual Garage Sale, OLOP Family Center
 August 2-3: Men's Conference, St. Francis of Assisi, Orange, TX
 August 9-10: Liturgical Conference, Elegante Hotel, Beaumont, TX
 August 11: Stewardship Awards, Elegante Hotel, Beaumont, TX
 August 24: RCIA Workshop, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX