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July 14th, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10–14
Second Reading: Colossians 1:15–20
Gospel: Luke 10:25–37

We are to love God and our neighbor with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week's Gospel. This command is nothing remote or mysterious—it's already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in this week's First Reading. Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live." The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question: "Who is my neighbor?" In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God—who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up. Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," this week's Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "blood of His Cross"—by bearing His neighbors' sufferings in His own body, being Himself stripped and beaten and left for dead—He saved us from bonds of sin, reconciled us to God and to one another. Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, entrusts us to the care of His Church, until He comes back for us. Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us—joining all things together in His Body, the Church. We are to love like the singer of this week's Psalm—like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives have been saved, who have known the time of His favor, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us. This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of each of us—"Go and do likewise."

-Dr. Scott Hahn (www.stpaulcenter.com)

The Mass: Session Four

The next session of Bishop Barron's *The Mass* series will be next Sunday, July 21st, after the 9am Mass. Having begun to look at the Liturgy of the Word in the last session, Bishop Barron will continue his focus on this part of the Mass in this session, and moving on to the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the following session, which will be held after Mass Aug. 4th. Everyone is welcome!

Mass Times

Saturday 7pm
Sunday 9am

Thursday 9am
Friday 9am

*Mass Wednesday evening by request

Adoration

Friday following the 9am Mass until 10am

Mass Intentions

Friday, July 19th - Elianna Haliburton
from Paul & Christina Dansereau

Sunday - For the Parishioners