

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 14, 2019

Christ Himself is the Good Samaritan

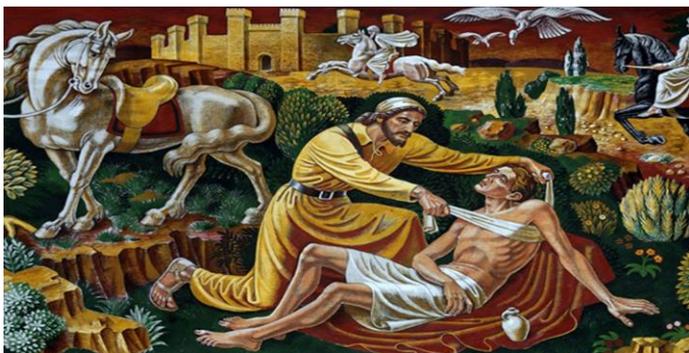
The parable of the Good Samaritan is so **familiar** to us that we often see only **one** of its dimensions. The dimension we tend to **focus** on is its presentation of a **model** for us to imitate. Jesus finishes the parable by saying "**Go and do likewise.**" In that sense, it is a **crystal-clear explanation** of the great commandment, "love your neighbor as yourself." If we **strive to follow** it, we will without a doubt live a **worthy, meaningful, and fruitful** life. Today the Church **reminds** us that we **should** be striving to follow it. But this parable also has **another** dimension.

The Good Samaritan is, above all, a **self-portrait of Jesus** and what Jesus has **done** for us - for the human family as a **whole**, and for each of us **individually**.

We were like the man left on the side of road to die. Each of us has been **robbed** of our original holiness by original sin. Our selfishness and sins, and the sins of others, have deeply **wounded** our souls. We lay on the **side of life's path** in need of a **Savior**. We have been **bruised and broken and wounded** by life in a **fallen world**. In his **Incarnation**, Jesus **comes to us** like the Good Samaritan. He is the **merciful Lord**-- who heals and restores us with the **oil and wine of his sacraments**, who **pays for our salvation** with his own **sacrifice** on the **cross** at Calvary, who entrusts the boundless **riches** of his grace to his own **innkeeper, the Church**, who in turn **watches over** our convalescence, our growth into Christian **maturity**, until Jesus will come again.

If Jesus commands us to be Good Samaritans to **one another**, it's only because **he** has walked the path **ahead of us**.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Last week, Pope Francis advanced the canonization cause of Chicago's own Father Augustus Tolton, making him the United States' newest candidate for sainthood. Venerable Augustus Tolton, the first identified black American ordained priest, inspired others throughout his life as he preached against racism and taught that all people are beloved children of God. We invite you to celebrate this exciting announcement by learning more about Venerable Tolton's life. Check out Joyce Duriga's biography of [Augustus Tolton](#), a recent volume published in Liturgical Press' renowned [People of God](#) series. *The Chicago Catholic* highlights the advancement of Fr. Augustus Tolton's cause for sainthood in [this feature article](#).



July Spotlight - American Saints! Beloved by the people of Indiana, **St. Théodore Guérin** (female) is an American Saint. Théodore Guérin, designated by the Vatican as St. Theodora, was born Anne-Thérèse Guérin, French-American and the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Catholic sisters at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Pope St. John Paul 2nd beatified her 25 October 1998, and Pope Benedict XVI canonized her a Saint 15 October 2006. Guérin's feast day is 3 October, although some calendars list it as 14 May, her day of death. Mother Guérin (GERR-In) is a common title for her like Mother Seton. Pray for us! **Born:** Oct 02, 1798 · [Étables-sur-Mer, France](#) **Died:** May 14, 1856 · [St. Mary's, IN](#)

Young Adult Group-Are you a child of God between the ages of 18-40? Are you looking for a sense of community in your walk with God? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please come out to the Nativity Young Adult Group! Our second meeting will be on **July 17, 2019 at 7pm in the Music Room**. There will be food, prayer, and wonderful discussions! If interested, please text your name, cell phone number, and email address to Kayleen Mark at 202-817-8283. Be sure to invite a friend and we look forward to meeting you!!

Mass Intentions

July 13 – 20, 2019

Sat. 7/13	8:00 am	+Deacon John Shewmaker
	5:30 pm	+Kevin Fagan
Sun. 7/14	8:00am	+Steven Encinares
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00pm	Nativity's Hispanic community
Mon. 7/15	12:00	+Kevin Fagan
Tue. 7/16	12:00	+K. Allen Haring
Wed. 7/17	12:00	+Kevin Fagan
Thu. 7/18	12:00	No mass
Fri. 7/19	12:00	Perera family
Sat. 7/20	8:00 am	Sick & homebound parishioners
	5:30 pm	+Ryan Heath

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE

3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC 20017

The Saint John Paul II National Shrine invites you to a half-day retreat for couples and families on July 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This Domestic Church Day will be part two of a three-part series on the *Theology of the Body*. The day will include engaging catechesis for adults, teens, and children, the opportunity to pray together as a family, a heavy snack, and fun family activities. The keynote speakers for the adults will Dr. Daniel Meola and Bethany Meola, who will be speaking on *Man and Woman He Redeemed Them: The History of Our Love in the Context of Sin*.



Question of the week: What does it take for me to help someone in need? How can I imitate the good Samaritan?

Report

7/7/19

Attendance: 345 souls
 Offerings & Tithes: \$7,920
 Spanish Mass: \$431
 Utility fund: \$78
 Maintenance fund: \$533

For those who tithe and give regularly thank you! For those who do not, please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial gift to keep your Nativity parish home strong and alive. Your ADW taxes help support the St. Anthony school in NE Washington and many other regional schools.



Thank you so much for yesterday – funeral reception for Kevin Fagan- It was as it should be, with you doing the mass and in your church. It just felt right. Thanks to your generous staff and flock for lunch reception. Peace. Pat and Kim Fagan.



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Since 1969 the **Catholic Appeal** in DC has helped support and rescued hundreds of people and souls in need. Founded for the support of efforts in DC and our 5 Md. counties in the past year *alone* the Appeal has served *23,70 religious ed programs and youth ministries throughout DC and 5 Md Counties
 *15,00 homeless families with warm meals
 *7,000plus Hispanic immigrants and children in need of urgent medical care
 *The education of our seminarians & permanent Deacons
 *Chaplains at GW, Univ. of Md. & Howard Universities and much more. For those who give each year thank you! For those who do not please consider a monthly pledge or gift or one per year generous donation. You can mail or donate online: <https://appeal.adw.org/#video>

Youth Faith and Fun day. July 20, 2019

For young people starting at 3rd grade to Senior in High School

- ✓ fun, games, lessons, lunch, daily mass, mentor help from young peers

At Nativity Church with volunteers from Our Lady of Bethesda Center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and 6 High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome. Cost \$5.00 per person (for food/drinks and material expenses). Donations are welcome!