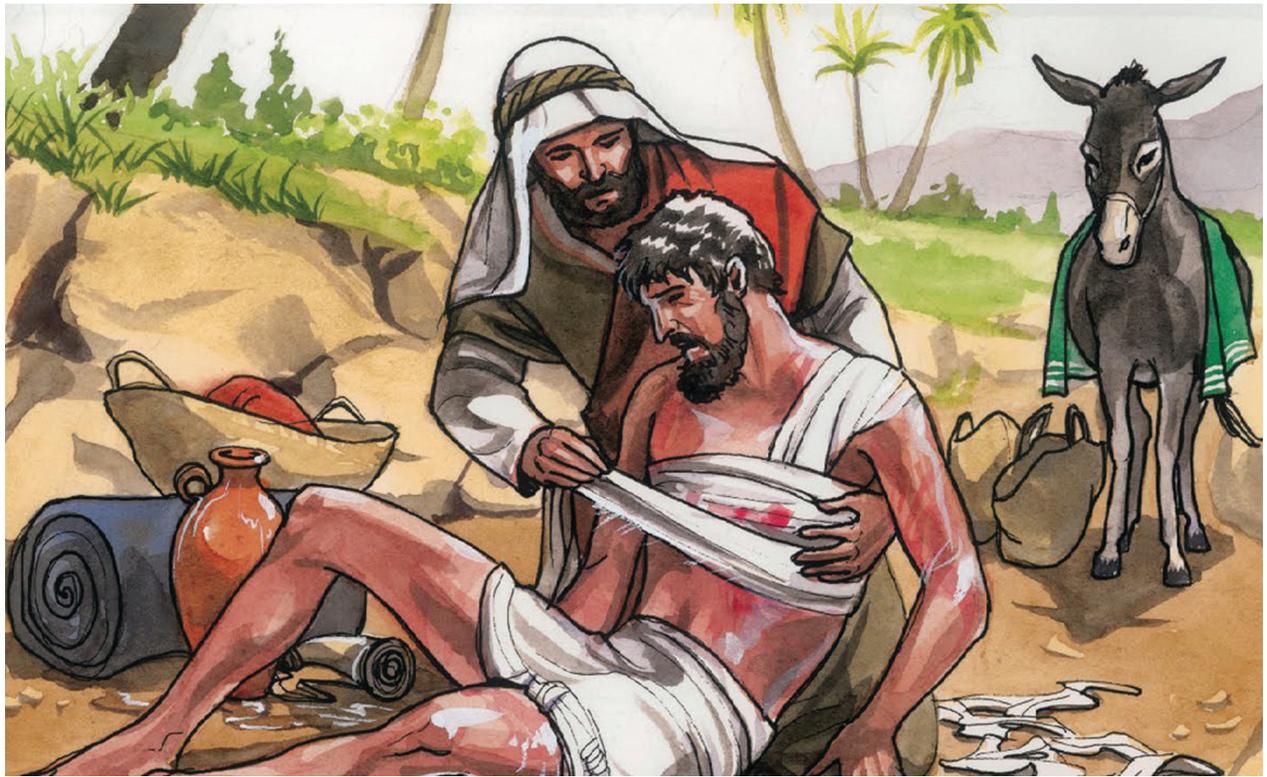


# *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*Who is my neighbor?*

**ST. JOHN BOSCO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
July 10, 2022**

# The Pastor Jots It Down

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My dear parishioners and friends of St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie Parishes and Alumni,

*Happy Sunday!*



Today, I greet you from afar. Fr. Steve and I are at the Don Bosco Retreat Center/Marian Shrine in Stony Point/West Haverstraw, New York for our Salesian Provincial Chapter. We will be looking at how well we were able to follow the directives of both our previous General Chapter and Provincial Chapter and our Province STEP (Salesian Educational and Pastoral Plan). After evaluating the past three years, set goals and objectives for the coming three years. I ask your prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during this most important week of the Chapter.

Since the Supreme Court ruling overturning abortion on the federal level in our country, great protests and counter protests have been occurring in our country.

Now is the time more than ever to be versed in talking points supporting the Pro-Life position remembering that those with opposing viewpoints are still our neighbors who God calls us to love. In calm conversations, one on one, or in small family groups, we can dialogue and possibly begin the conversion of heart for those who believe abortion is the best solution to their problem/s for them and for the child in the womb.

Just recently, I received copies of two acclaimed Pro-Life books from the 40 Day for Life Organization:

- 1. What to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion – How to Change Minds and Convert Hearts in a Brave New World**
- 2. The Beginning of the End of Abortion: 40 Inspiring Stories of God Changing Hearts and Saving Lives.**

Bishop Joseph Strickland speaks about the 1st book: This book *“addresses an essential topic for our time. We face an erosion of the understanding of human life as a gift from God that literally threatens life at every stage. This reality makes it more essential than ever that we seek the tools we must use in order to change minds and heart. I believe this text will prove to be essential reading for all who hold life sacred and are seeking ways to speak this truth clearly and boldly. ... Let us ... go about the business of changing the world one heart at a time.”*

Bishop Thomas Olmstead tells us at the beginning of the 2nd book: *“When we truly step out in faith, life does not get easier. It does, though, certainly get better and richer and more full of true living. Such is the reality reflected in these moving and encouraging stories brought to us by these dedicated and brave spiritual warriors. If you love life, read and be encouraged, and step out again in faith to be part of the Lord’s plan for a new culture of life.”*

God loves you!

And may God help us to love all our neighbors, those in need and even those who oppose us, with the love that God has for all his sons and daughters.

*F. Mail*



# RCIA

**Do you want to learn more about the  
Catholic Faith?  
Thinking about becoming Catholic?**

**D.M.A.C.T.**

## St. Rosalie/ St. John Bosco RCIA Inquiry Form

**Are you thinking of  
becoming Catholic?**



RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] prepares people for reception into the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). We also prepare Catholics seeking Confirmation as adults.

Upper classmen/women in high school are also eligible to enroll in this inquiry program.

The Inquiring Group meets weekly at the St. Rosalie Parish Center, 600 Second Avenue, Harvey, LA, on Sunday mornings 9:00-10:15 a.m.

The meetings begin Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Please print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Y / N [If yes, in what Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_]

If under 18, please provide your parents' names and contact information:

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[Please return the form to the St. Rosalie Parish Center, address above, bring it with you to a Sunday class, or email it to [hydesdb@aol.com](mailto:hydesdb@aol.com).]

# Who Is My Neighbor According To Jesus?

BY JACK WELLMAN

## The Bible commands us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves, so who exactly is our neighbor?

### Loving God

We don't have to do an intensive search to find out what's most important to God, and what the greatest commandment ever given by God was, because it's given by God, and specifically, Jesus Christ, as He says, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets"* (Matt 22:37-40). Why does Jesus say that loving God and loving neighbor are the greatest? Clearly, that means they are the most important commandments. One example is we know that God's will for us is to not sin, but we can sin by despising our neighbor and having regard for their person, but Solomon wrote, *"Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor"* (Prov 14:21), so part of loving God is loving our neighbor, but also obeying God, since *"whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him"* (1 John 2:5), but if that love for God and love for neighbor is not there, then we can't really know for sure if we're in Him or not, can we?

### Loving Neighbors

The Apostle John wrote more about love than all of the other apostles combined. He even refers to himself as *"the disciple whom Jesus loved"* (John 13:23, 21:20), and he knew enough about the love of God to say, *"If anyone says, 'I love God,' and*

*hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love*



*his brother"* (1 John 4:20-21). This isn't just New Testament teaching, but as Jesus said, it was the underlying teaching of "the Law and the Prophets" (Matt 22:40). Moses recorded the command, *"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD"* (Lev 19:18). Not taking revenge is part of loving God and loving neighbor. We don't give our neighbor what we think they deserve (vengeance), we give them what they need (love). Again, we go back to obedience; to be loving God naturally includes loving our neighbor. We might not love what they do, but we love them, so Jesus included this as the second part of the greatest commandment: *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these"* (Mark 12:31). Jesus often refers back to the Law and the Prophets when teaching that we must love our neighbor as we do ourselves. He said *"whatever*

*you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matt 7:12). Here is why the Apostle Paul stresses that we should “please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me” (Rom 15:2-3). God did not give us what we deserved...He gave us what we needed.*



## Living it Out

It's one thing to know that we're to love God and **love our neighbor** as ourselves, but it's another thing to do it! It's not possible without Jesus Christ (John 15:5), but with Him, all things are possible (Phil 4:13). Jesus reminds us all, *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you”* (John 15:12). That's an incredibly difficult standard, but only in God's strength can we possibly do it. What does loving our neighbor look like in real life? We should *“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law”* (Romans 13:8-10), so once again, it goes back to the Law and the Prophets. James wrote *“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well”* (James 2:8). If you are child of the King, you are to observe the royal law, or the Law from the King of kings and Lord of lords, since *“the whole law is fulfilled in one word: You shall love your neighbor as yourself”* (Gal 5:14). Love

others by taking tangible actions as you do for yourself, and most of us take pretty good care of ourselves, don't we? Loving your neighbor might even include not *“bringing your neighbor into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end”* (Prov 25:8-10). Think about the new commandment given by Christ, just before His death and the Ascension: *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another”* (John 13:34).

## Conclusion

Who is our neighbor? Who do you see? Whoever you meet or see today is your neighbor, and the Bible doesn't specify that only Christians are our neighbors. Our neighbor is anyone that we can help. We have three things to offer...our time, talent, and treasure, so *“if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him”* (1 John 3:17)? That's an excellent question, isn't it? Perhaps a neighbor, whoever that might be, would reach out for help today. What would be your and my response? *“Well, I will pray for you, “but if “one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that”* (James 2:16)? That's another fine question. The best thing we can do for our neighbor is to love them, and the love of God should compel us to share Christ with them. We need to let them know that God demands perfect righteousness to enter the kingdom, but God provides what He demands through Jesus Christ. Who else is sinless, perfect, and completely holy? There is no reconciliation between us and God without Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). Telling your neighbor that is the most loving thing you could ever do.

From: <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2018/03/26/who-is-my-neighbor-according-to-jesus/>

# In Our Parish



## Prayer for Protection Hurricane Season

*Our Father in Heaven,  
through the intercession of  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,  
spare us during this  
hurricane season from  
all harm.*

*Protect us and our homes  
from all disasters of nature.  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,  
hasten to help us.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## Diocese of Sivagangai

Tamilnadu State, Southeast INDIA

### Mission Appeal

on

## July 9 & 10, 2022



**Rev. Suvakin Arulandu** (from India) the Associate Pastor of St. Louis King of France, Metairie, LA, will do the Mission Appeal at all Masses, here at St. John Bosco Church. The money that is raised from this appeal will be sent to complete a new block at St. Joseph R.C. Middle School in Ramanagar of Sivagangai Diocese that was begun last year. Currently, 396 boys and girls are studying at St. Joseph Catholic Middle School under the tutelage of 19 teachers. The school plays a vital role in the development of the Community at large and Catholics in particular.

#### Why do we need your help for this school?

- The school has to complete this block in order to have adequate classroom facilities
- The old sheds have lost stability and they are beyond renovation and have been demolished
- At our present situation, we are unable to afford the entire costs of construction

We need your help to build a new building and to furnish 4 classrooms and 2 office rooms (in addition to the existing buildings), totaling 3,721 sq. ft. at an estimated cost of Indian Rupees 64,60,000 (\$95,000.00) Ninety-five thousand U.S. dollars including fees and taxes. We need to raise another \$45,000.00 to finish the work.

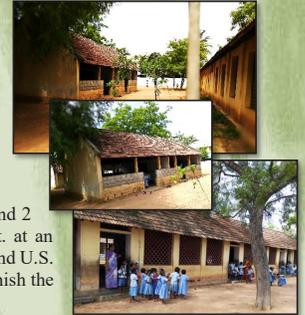


#### Your sacrificial donation will help:

- The children to get adequate and safe classroom facilities in a safe and conducive atmosphere of learning
- Ensure the safety and dignity of the children
- Separate classrooms will enable teachers to give personal care and attention to each child

### THANK YOU

*Please Pray for Our  
Christian Brothers and Sisters of India*



## Young Adult & Youth Mass Sunday 8:00 pm

The latest Mass  
on the west bank!



# Announcements



**Knights of Columbus**

**Monthly Meeting**

Monday, July 18th

Rosary - 6:40pm Meeting - 7:00pm

## Come Lord Jesus Bible Study Program

Are you looking to gain a greater understanding of Sunday Readings, including Gospels and the Old Testament? Come check it out! Members grow in sanctification through prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, and Christian community. Meetings are every Wednesday & Thursday at 6:30pm!



*Come pray the Rosary with us every Thursday!*

**Gathering begins at 10:00am.**

**Rosary begins at 10:30am in Church**

*Sanctuary Candle*

*In Memory of*

**Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr.**

*Bread & Wine*

*In Memory of*

**Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr.**

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**Kevin Steel, Deacon**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, July 9

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm +Jacqueline Guillot

+Leboria Burrell

+Duffy & Derek Dumas

+Peter David Nguyen

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

+Nicholas Tusa, Sr.

+Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

+Theresa & Thomas N. Marshall

+Neil J. Folse, Sr., AOD

+Henry Estrade

+Patsy Vicknair Arcement

+Whitney Bergeron, Jr.

## Sunday, July 10

9:00am +Marilyn DeBlanc

+Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco

+Mary Ann Ramos

Martin & Benedetto Families

+Eugene Miller

+Daniel Rodriguez, AOD

+Maria Elena Martinez

+George Bacuta, Jr.

+Lourdes Bacuta

Thanksgiving for Blessings Rec'd

Noon +Dolores & Earl Juneau

8:00pm Needs of Parish

## Monday, July 11

7:00am Julie Kirkland

## Tuesday, July 12

7:00am Talamo/Termine Families

+Christina Roberts, MOD

Happy Birthday Eddie Rea

## Wednesday, July 13

7:00am All Souls in Purgatory

## Thursday, July 14

7:00am +Raymond & Helen Saulino

## Friday, July 15

7:00am +Anthony DiMarco

+Giuse Hoang Dinh Kham

+Robert Villars

Peace on Lucky Jean Boat

and All Fishermen

## Saturday, July 16

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm +Jacqueline Guillot

+Leboria Burrell

+Duffy & Derek Dumas

+Peter David Nguyen

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

+Wayne Delaune

+Maria Chien Vu Nguyen

+May & Ruiz Families

Conversion of Sinners