



## THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

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JULY 13, 2025



## THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

**JULY 13, 2025 / FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14/ Colossians 1:15-20/ Luke 10:25-37*

There would have been many reasonable excuses to hurry past a severely injured person on the crime-ridden road from Jerusalem to Jericho. The priest and Levite likely used their need to maintain ritual purity as an excuse. Touching a corpse would have left them unable to fulfill the duty they were undoubtedly rushing to do. Others may have reasoned that it was the responsibility of the Roman authorities. A Samaritan could have rationalized that a kinsman of the victim should be the one to help. Certainly, no one thought it wise to spend any more time than necessary on this dangerous road, especially since apparently there were criminals in the area. But for this Samaritan, his heart won out over his head.

**Question of the Week:** To whom can I become a neighbor? How will I follow my compassionate heart even if my head comes up with a dozen different excuses?

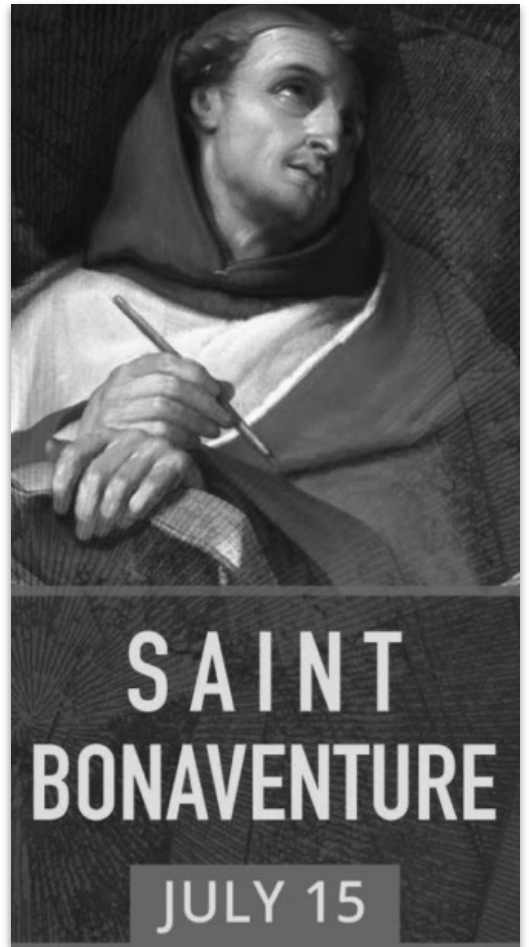
### Gospel Meditation

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

– *Father John Muir*  
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### Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to truly see those around me: the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked. Your kingdom is one of belonging, help us to be the types of neighbors who see and respond with Godly generosity. Amen.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 13 9:00 AM GERARD BENNETT  
JULY 19 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR  
JULY 26 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE  
AUG 9 4:00 PM ROSE SANTORO  
AUG 16 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR  
AUG 23 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE  
SEP 13 4:00 PM FRANK DIGIACOMO  
SEP 20 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR  
SEP 27 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE  
OCT 4 4:00 PM JOSEPH PICUCCI JR.  
OCT 12 10:30 AM MICHAEL BRISSON

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### Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

**Food Donations** for the months of July and August will go to Lunenburg Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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### Instrument Donations

If you have any musical instruments you could donate, the church would be very grateful. Please leave them in the back of the church. We are hoping to start a children's music group.

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### CCD

Registration for Religious education is now open. If you are new to our parish or if you have a child entering 1st grade, please take a moment to fill out the form at this link

<https://stboniface-lunenburg.org/religious-education-1>.

Our program runs on Sundays from 9-10 AM every other weekend beginning in September. The cost of the program is \$50 per child, with a family max of \$75. We look forward to being a part of your faith journey.

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### Retreat in Daily Life

Are you looking for a way to make your prayer life more meaningful or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life? If so, you may want to consider "The Retreat in Daily Life".

A 30-week prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola will be held at St. Peter's Church in Worcester beginning September 30, 2025. Offered by a team of Jesuit trained people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises.

There is an information night explaining the Retreat in Daily Life, held on Tuesday, July 29th, 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church, 929 Main St., Worcester.

You can read about this retreat

at [www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com) We also have a recorded version from past years available on the website above.

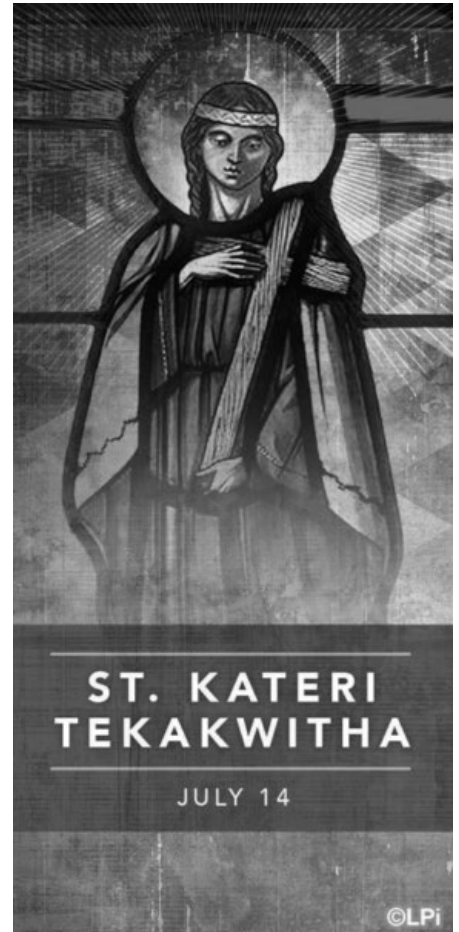
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June 29

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# SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm  
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

**FIRST EUCHARIST** Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

**CONFIRMATION** Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK** Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at [stbonifaceparish@verizon.net](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) or Louise Nadeau at [dinalou1@comcast.net](mailto:dinalou1@comcast.net) to arrange these visits.

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY** If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email [stbonifaceparish@verizon.net](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) or contact Louise Nadeau at [dinalou1@comcast.net](mailto:dinalou1@comcast.net).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480** In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Thomas St. George at [tjstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:tjstgeorge@gmail.com) or Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at [tbodkin@bodkinmason.com](mailto:tbodkin@bodkinmason.com) or (508-363-3422), or email [kofc16480@gmail.com](mailto:kofc16480@gmail.com).

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**Newcomers to St. Boniface** are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

*Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.*

### Why is July the Month of the Precious Blood?

Italy was in political turmoil for the first half of the 19th century. At that time, Austria ruled over some parts of Italy, and Italian revolutionaries were trying to throw off that rule. Petty skirmishes eventually led to a declaration of war on Austria in 1848—and the Holy Father was caught in the middle.

Early in his pontificate, Blessed Pope Pius IX had extended political pardon to Italian revolutionaries who were exiled or imprisoned. His liberality, however, was greeted with demands to make further political concessions to the revolutionaries. Finally, revolutionaries attacked the pope's rule in the Vatican State itself. Some of the pope's ministers were even murdered.

By 1848, Pius IX found himself besieged in his own papal palace because he refused to sanction the war on Catholic Austria. Foreign ambassadors staying with the pope helped him disguise himself and flee the Vatican. He went to Gaeta, accompanied by a superior general of the Fathers of the Precious Blood.

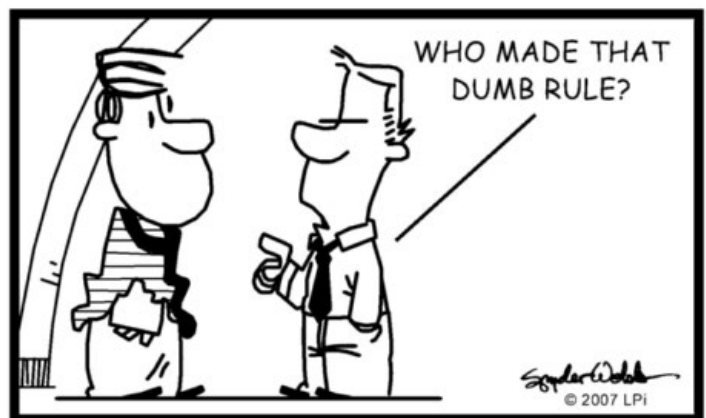
Inspired by the superior general, Pius IX decided to institute an official feast for the Most Precious Blood, praying for the end of the war and bloodshed in Italy.

Soon after he announced this decision—at the end of June, 1849—the war subsided. The first Sunday of July was set aside for the Most Precious Blood, and later Pope St. Pius X fixed the feast on July 1st. (In the current calendar, this feast is no longer fixed, but is a moveable votive Mass.)

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