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July 13, 2025

15th Sunday Ordinary Time



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Near-Miss?

“It is something very near to you.” —Deuteronomy 30:14

The priest and Levite both “saw” the wounded victim, but didn’t want to get near him to avoid becoming ritually impure (Lk 10:31, 32). The Samaritan, though, had no hesitation about getting near the hurting man. The Samaritan “approached him” (Lk 10:34) and “treated him with compassion” (Lk 10:37).

Love has to get near and get involved. Love by its very nature can’t keep its distance. Jesus, Who is Love, could have remained in heaven in eternal bliss with His Father. However, His love impelled Him (see 2 Cor 5:14) to seek us out (Lk 19:10), be near us (Ps 145:18), and even be God-with-us, Emmanuel (Mt 1:23). Now He is so near us that He dwells within us (Jn 6:56; 17:23).

Is there any person, group, or class of people you won’t get near? Do you stay away from the poor, uneducated, crippled, aged, criminals, unrepentant, or those of a different race or religion? These may be your “wounded victims,” your chance to be a good Samaritan. Jesus may be saying that as often as you neglected to get near these people, you neglected to get near Him (Mt 25:45).

¿Evitas Acercarte?

“Está muy cerca de ti” (Deuteronomio 30:14).

Tanto el sacerdote como el levita “vieron” a la víctima herida, pero no quisieron acercarse a él para evitar quedar ritualmente impuros (Lc 10:31, 32). Sin embargo, el samaritano, no dudó en acercarse al hombre herido. El samaritano “se acercó” (Lc 10:34) y “tuvo compasión de él” (Lc 10:37).

El amor tiene que acercarse e involucrarse. El amor, por su propia naturaleza, no puede mantener la distancia. Jesús, que es Amor, podría haber permanecido en el cielo en eterna bienaventuranza con Su Padre. Sin embargo, Su amor lo movió (ver 2 Co 5:14) para buscarnos (Lc 19:10), acercarse a nosotros (Sal 145:18) e incluso ser “Dios con nosotros”, Emmanuel (Mt 1:23). Ahora Él está tan cerca que habita dentro de nosotros (Jn 6:56; 17:23).

¿Hay alguna persona, grupo o clase de gente a la que no te acerques? ¿Te mantienes alejado de los pobres, los incultos, los lisiados, los ancianos, los delincuentes, los impenitentes o los de otra raza o religión? Estas pueden ser tus “víctimas heridas”, tu oportunidad de ser un buen samaritano. Jesús puede estar diciendo que cuantas veces descuidaste acercarte a estas personas, descuidaste acercarte a Él (Mt 25:45).

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If you have moved and have a change of address, or if your phone number has changed, please contact the Parish Office to get your information updated. This will help us greatly in keeping our records up to date.

Si se ha mudado y tiene nueva dirección, o si su número de teléfono ha cambiado, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial para obtener su información actualizada. Esto nos ayudará a mantener nuestros registros actualizados.

Please Pray For: Por favor recen por: Mildred Syzdek, Ryan Collins, Belen Ibarra, Bridget Crowley, Jacob Rivera, and Jaxson Rivera.

Parishioners serving our country: Bianca Hernandez, Rita Martinez, Harvey Olivares, Kari Grass, Ernest Grass, Tyler Oliver, John Jost, Luis Medina Jr., Angela Callaway, Anthony Orta, Tanner Crocker, Jacob Donellan Jr. Octavio Hernandez, Leonardo Daniel Rodriguez, Ivette Arguelles, Gael Zamarripa, Daniel Syzdek, Thomas Ruiz Jr., Max Folts and Madison Danner

This web page contains important information for parish individuals who are in the Diocesan Ethics & Integrity program. <https://diotvl.org/virtus>

Regular Confessions

Wednesday/miércoles

8:30 am

Saturday/sábado 4 pm



ONLINE
DONATION



Daily Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat/12 5 pm (Eng) The healing of Rickie Brandt

Sun/13 8 am (Sp) †Narciso y Ricarda Roque

10:30 am (Eng)

12:30 pm (Sp)

Tue/15 9 am (Eng) †

Wed/16 9 am (Eng) †

Thu/17 9 am (Eng)
7 pm (Sp)

Fri/18 9 am (Eng)

Lectors

July 12 5pm Janet Knox, Janet Knox
July 13 8am Alfonso Bautista, Maria Olalde
July 13 10:30am Alan Wells, Kande Allen
July 13 12:30pm Oralia Azamar, Raymundo Solis

July 19 5pm Gerald Reuter, Gerald Reuter
July 20 8am Angelica Mendoza, Vicente Velazquez
July 20 10:30am Brad Hlozek, Danny Merrell
July 20 12:30pm Reynaldo Juan, Elpidia Juan



If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary #25, 40, 50, 60+ and would like to receive a blessing during Mass, please contact the Parish Office a week in advance to let us know.

Si celebra un aniversario de bodas #25, 40, 50, 60 o más y desea recibir una bendición durante la Misa, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial con una semana de anticipación para informarnos.

Collections

July 6, 2025

Regular Collections

Mass	5,455
Building fund	6,356
Online	4,895
Plant Sale	260
Total	\$ 16,966

Next weekend's 2nd Collections

July 6: Building Fund
July 13: Tuition Assistance
July 20: Youth Ministry
July 27: Church in Africa



Eucharistic Minister

July 12 5pm: Omar Duran, Kathleen Hughes, John Dupont
July 13 10:30am: James Donellan, Ann Smith, Gail Nichols, Renee Dunning, Carol Riley
July 19 5pm: Omar Duran, Alice Howren, Armas Courville
July 20 10:30am: Ann Smith, Gail Nichols, James Donellan, Glenda Wynne, Aida Willis

Box of Joy

MISSIONS OUTREACH

Project will kick off at St Andrew's VBS. Now is the time to be gathering treasures to put in the JOY boxes. Collect unopened soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. from your hotel stays. Unopened "Happy Meal" prizes are welcome, also! You will soon see a box in the church foyer for your donations. You can also sponsor a box or 2 for \$30 each. Thank you for your generosity! Project contact is Gail Nichols at 936-414-1031.



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You're Invited:

**INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS CEREMONY**

**JULY 15TH - 6PM
ST. ANDREW'S PARISH HALL**

**Family Event—
Bring your favorite dish to share!
We're excited to welcome the Catholic
Daughters of the Americas as our special
guests. Don't miss this joyful gathering of
food, faith, and community!**

2nd Collection This weekend Flood Victims

Attention!
Faith Formation
you are required to take
Ethics and Integrity
Recertification Training
July 18 at 6pm
at St. Andrew's
or
July 19 at 9am
at St. Patrick's

Mark Your Calendars – Exciting Events Ahead!

**We've had a wonderful first half of
the year filled with fun and fellow-
ship!**

**Mark your calendars for these up-
coming parish events:**

**August 3 – Blessing of the Backpacks
at the 10:30am & 12:30pm Masses**

**September 28 – Fiesta Patrias Cele-
bration**

**October 26, 11:30 AM – Trunk or
Treat**

**November 21 – Annual Gala at
Crown Colony Country Club**

December 7 – Breakfast with Santa

**Look for more details in the bulletin
as each event approaches!**



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

If your child would like to help with
July or August Children's Mass please
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