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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ♦ JULY 10, 2022

Meanings Behind the Good Samaritan Parable

— by Deacon Dennis Walters —

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of those whose meaning seems abundantly clear on the surface. In fact, Jesus states it plainly when the scholar of the Law admits that the person who treated the robber's victim with mercy is the Samaritan. The scholar is to treat others with the same mercy as the Samaritan did.

But, as with many passages in Scripture, the story has other levels of meaning. There is the **literal** meaning, contained in the words the narrator uses; its **moral** meaning, or how the story speaks to our conduct; the **allegorical** meaning, or what it illustrates about Jesus Himself; and the **anagogical** meaning, which applies to our ultimate future. Let's take a quick look at how these four levels of meaning show through this parable.

At the literal level, the story may have been inspired by an incident that happened during the early part of the divided monarchy several centuries earlier. An army from the Northern kingdom of Israel had captured a large company of men, women, and children from the Southern kingdom of Judah, intending to take them to the capital city of Samaria as slaves. But, because of a prophetic warning

against this, four of the military commanders of Israel arranged to send the captives back to Judah. They provided clothes and sandals for the captives, gave them food and drink, anointed with oil those who were injured, put the weak on donkeys, and led them back to where they belonged — from Samaria to Jericho (2 Chr 28:8-15).



The moral meaning of the parable is obvious in how Jesus answers the scholar of the law. In the Old Testament, the command "Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy," (Lv 19:2) required separation from all things and persons who were considered unholy, or impure. Jesus' parable illustrated how the priest and the Levite might practice that

separation, avoiding contact with a corpse. The Samaritans of Jesus' day followed an impure religion, part Jewish, part pagan, which required Jews to separate themselves from them (Jn 4:9). In his Sermon on the Plain, Jesus reformulated the law of holiness this way: "Be merciful even as your Father is merciful," (Lk 6:36). Mercy requires reaching out to anyone who needs mercy, even enemies; it demonstrates love of neighbor. By crafting a story that would force the scholar of

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St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar July 9-17, 2022
Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

SAT. JULY 9	<i>Weekday</i>
[<i>St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions BVM</i>]	
Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24- 33	3:30-4:30pm Confessions ► 5:00pm VIGIL MASS: † Duane Beuerle [Duane's Family]
SUN. JULY 10 <i>The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25- 37	Confessions: 8-8:15am and 10-10:15am ► 8:30am MASS: For the People ► 10:30am MASS: †Joseph Kirk [John & Beth Ball]
MON. JULY 11	<i>St. Benedict, Abbot [Memorial]</i>
Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1	► NO MASS TODAY IN MANCHESTER
TUES. JULY 12	<i>Weekday</i>
Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20- 24	► NO MASS TODAY IN MANCHESTER 7pm ENDOW small group for young women—FFH
WED. JULY 13	<i>Weekday [St. Henry]</i>
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/ Mt 11:25-27	► 8:30am MASS: † Duane Beuerle [The Beuerle Family]
THUR. JULY 14	<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha [Memorial]</i>
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16- 19/Mt 11:28-30	► 8:30am MASS: In loving memory of mom, †Bernita Aiuto [Kathy Cornell]
FRI. JULY 15	<i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor [Memorial]</i>
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7- 8/Mt 12:1-8	► 8:30am MASS: † Bethany Burch [John & Beth Ball]
SAT. JULY 16	<i>Weekday [Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; BVM]</i>
Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21	3:30-4:30pm Confessions ► 5:00pm VIGIL MASS: † John Rugh and †Ann Marie Christensen-Rugh [John & Beth Ball]
SUN. JULY 17	<i>The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38- 42	Confessions: 8-8:15am and 10-10:15am ► 8:30am MASS: For the People ► 10:30am MASS: †Natalie Daubner [George & Elizabeth Daubner]

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the Law to admit that the impure Samaritan, rather than the pure priest or Levite, was neighbor to the robbers' victim, Jesus made it clear that love of neighbor means extending mercy even to enemies. The message is the same for us as it was for the scholar of the Law. We are to behave as the Samaritan did.

Modern readers do not generally "take" well to allegorical interpretations of Scripture, finding them artificial and sometimes strained. But for ancient readers, many passages invited allegory. It enriched Scripture for them. In this case, to St. Augustine, the parable signifies Jesus' restoration of mankind to a life of grace. Adam (whose name in Hebrew means "man") is on a downward path from virtue (Jerusalem) to vice (Jericho), and is attacked by Satan and his legions. They strip him of his immortality and leave him half dead in sin. The priest and the Levite stand for the Old Covenant, which promoted a high standard of holiness but did not give man the power to attain it. Jesus arrives on the scene as the Good Samaritan to rescue man from death, dress his wounds, and take him to the Church for healing through the sacraments. This allegorical interpretation expands the literal meaning of the parable by placing its focus on the saving mission of Jesus Himself.

These meanings of the parable help us see what its anagogical sense might be; that is, what it tells us regarding our future. The allegorical sense leads us to appreciate what Jesus has done to accomplish our salvation. Ultimately, He desires all to be saved. But we, weakened by original sin and subject to sinful inclinations, often find ourselves on the wide, easy, and downward path that leads to eternal death; this makes us prime targets for the devil, whose only desire is to see us reach that destination. Jesus' death on the cross opens for us the way to safety, and His resurrection gives us hope of heaven. But the way is narrow and hard; as indicated through the moral sense of the parable, we work out our salvation in "fear and trembling," aided by the sacraments. Our destiny is heaven. Holiness is necessary to get there; our life's final judgment depends on how we cooperate with grace.

The literal sense of a passage doesn't always exhaust its meaning. The other senses of Scripture can reveal new and rich depths of understanding. Of course, sometimes the reader will need help unearthing these depths, but that's what footnotes and commentaries are for. Jesus taught in parables. It's usually the case that there is more to them than the literal meaning alone gives. +



The SANCTUARY LAMPS
are burning this week for
the following intentions:
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) For the repose of the soul of
†Fr. Paul Ruddy, OSFS
(KofC #4354)
- 2) Prayerful wishes of Kathy
Cornell
(A.F. Reind)

Save the Dates
Ice Cream Social
July 28th

Rummage Sale
Aug 11th-13th

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. Call 810-231-9199 ext. 202 or email frjohnrocus@holyspiritsres.org

NEED HELP? "AA" group
meets Tuesdays at 7:00pm at
Manchester United Methodist
Church, 501 Ann Arbor St.

NEED HELP?
ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:
Call (734) 994-8863 or the 24-hour
Hotline 800-712-HELP
Or visit arborwoman.com/abortion/

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL
(post-abortion reconciliation
and healing) Call the confidential
phone line: 517-993-0291, or email
nle@resurrectionlansing.org

PARISH & AREA NEWS

No Masses in Manchester Mondays and Tuesdays

As you consider your summer schedule, keep in mind that we will NOT have Masses on Mondays and Tuesdays here at St. Mary Manchester while Fr. Bosco is away.

Meals for the Shurtliff Family

Bill and Janet Shurtliff were in a car accident with their daughter Zoe on Saturday, June 4th. Janet is still on the mend and could use support from the parish family. If you could help by preparing a meal, sign-up for a date that works for you on the website: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/o06qz1> Alternatively, scan the bar code at left or contact Jennifer Nashif at 428-1836 or jennifer.nashif@yahoo.com.

Countdown to Ice Cream Social

The 127th Annual Ice Cream Social is only 2.5 weeks away on **Thursday, July 28th**. We are still looking for people to help make this a success. Please sign-up after Mass, in the entryway or contact Tim (734-395-4143 or tjmulcahy@yahoo.com) or Beth (734-564-9372 or bball1217@sbcglobal.net).

Seeking Ministry Scheduler

St. Mary parish is in need of a new ministry scheduler. We are very grateful to Astrida Punches for her service in this position the past few years. The main responsibility for this position is maintaining a database of volunteers to serve at Mass and create the monthly ministry schedule. Please let the office, Sylvie, Fr. Bosco or Marja know. If you have any questions about this job or if you might be interested in this volunteer position.

Come Home to the Catholic Church

Those interested in learning how to come into the Catholic Church are invited to either one of two inquiry sessions, to be held in the Fr. Fisher Hall on **Wednesday, July 13th**, and again on **Wednesday, August 17th**. The sessions will start at 7:00 p.m. and should last about an hour. Some light refreshment will be served.

Upcoming Retreats

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt MI invites you to consider an upcoming retreat:

- Fiercely Loved - A Retreat for High School Girls: **August 8th-9th**
- Summer Scripture Days - The Life and Letters of St. Paul: **August 23rd-25th**

More information and registration can be found at www.stfrancis.ws, or call 517-669-8321.

Calling all Amazing Grays

The Amazing Grays are getting together for food and fun at Lynn Waldecker's house on **July 18, 2022 at Noon**. Please bring a comfy lounge chair, and a dish to pass. Let's get together, to share our joy and laughter, and to take a boat ride on Lynn's peaceful lake. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Growing Up!

Mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, are invited to join us at Christ the King Catholic Church in Ann Arbor on **Saturday, July 16th**. Through games, talks, and activities based on Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, young people age 11-14, will develop an understanding and appreciation for God's gift of human sexuality. Mother/Daughter event: 10am-1 pm. Father/Son event: 4-7 pm. Cost: \$15/family/event. To learn more and register, go to ctkcc.net/growingup

Date Night — Reimagined!

An evening for women who have lost their partners **Friday, July 29th** at St. Thomas the Apostle in Ann Arbor. Join others who share your experience of loss for an evening of fine dining in a warm atmosphere where your mourning has a seat at the table. The evening will begin with cocktails (and mocktails) and time to tell your authentic love story with its ups, downs, lessons, and legacy. Next, we'll serve up a home-cooked dinner and then end with unlimited time on the screened-in porch or around the fire pit to unwind and unpack. Bring nothing but yourself, your story, and a framed photo of your husband. Contact mkazanjian@sta2.org for an RSVP link.

Bring Jesus!

Quarterly team build for regional Eucharistic Ministry to the Isolated at St. Thomas in Ann Arbor. Catholic parishes in the Washtenaw County are partnering to bring Jesus to residential care facilities. This is a beautiful way to share the consoling presence of Christ and his church with those who might otherwise have no opportunity. Join us on **Saturday, August 20th** from 9-11 to connect, pray, and learn. The event begins with Mass in the church followed by a rite of commissioning. RSVP/Questions - Michelle Kazanjian, 734.761.8606 X 1008 or mkazanjian@sta2.org

Please Pray for...

- Bobbie Muldoon
- Scott Sangster
- Brandon and Jacinda Baxter
- Virginia VanSickle
- Rosemary Desbrough
- Stephanie Rippe, (niece of Betty Cummings)
- Colonel Gray Detting
- †Richard Tucker
- Preston and Spencer (2 young brothers with difficult life crises)
- Alba Pinzani
- Donna Hnizdor
- Delores Oakley
- Andrea Mendoza
- Cindy Marie Remski
- Janet Shurtliff
- Luke Chisnell

Email stmarymanchester2@gmail.com to add or remove a name from this prayer list

Altar Flowers

July 10, 2022

For the health and complete healing of

Donna Hnizdor

[Her Friends]

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- July 9...Karen Seghers
 July 11...Patrick McGoff
 July 12...Ray Berg
Kimberly Gouwens
 July 13...Eileen Ball
John Nashif
 July 14...Eric Zink
 July 15...Lucas Brothers
Helena Zink
 July 16...John Beuerle
William McNamara
 July 17...Donna Maloney



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION:
Sunday, June 26, 2022

Sunday Env (64).....	\$ 3,038.00
Welcome & Loose	\$ 497.00
E-Giving General	\$ 1,140.39

Combined toward budget: \$	4,675.39
Budget goal:	\$5,300.00
Amt BELOW goal:	(\$ 624.61)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Buildings & Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence	\$50.00
Poor Box	\$ 32.00
Votive Candles	\$ 44.00