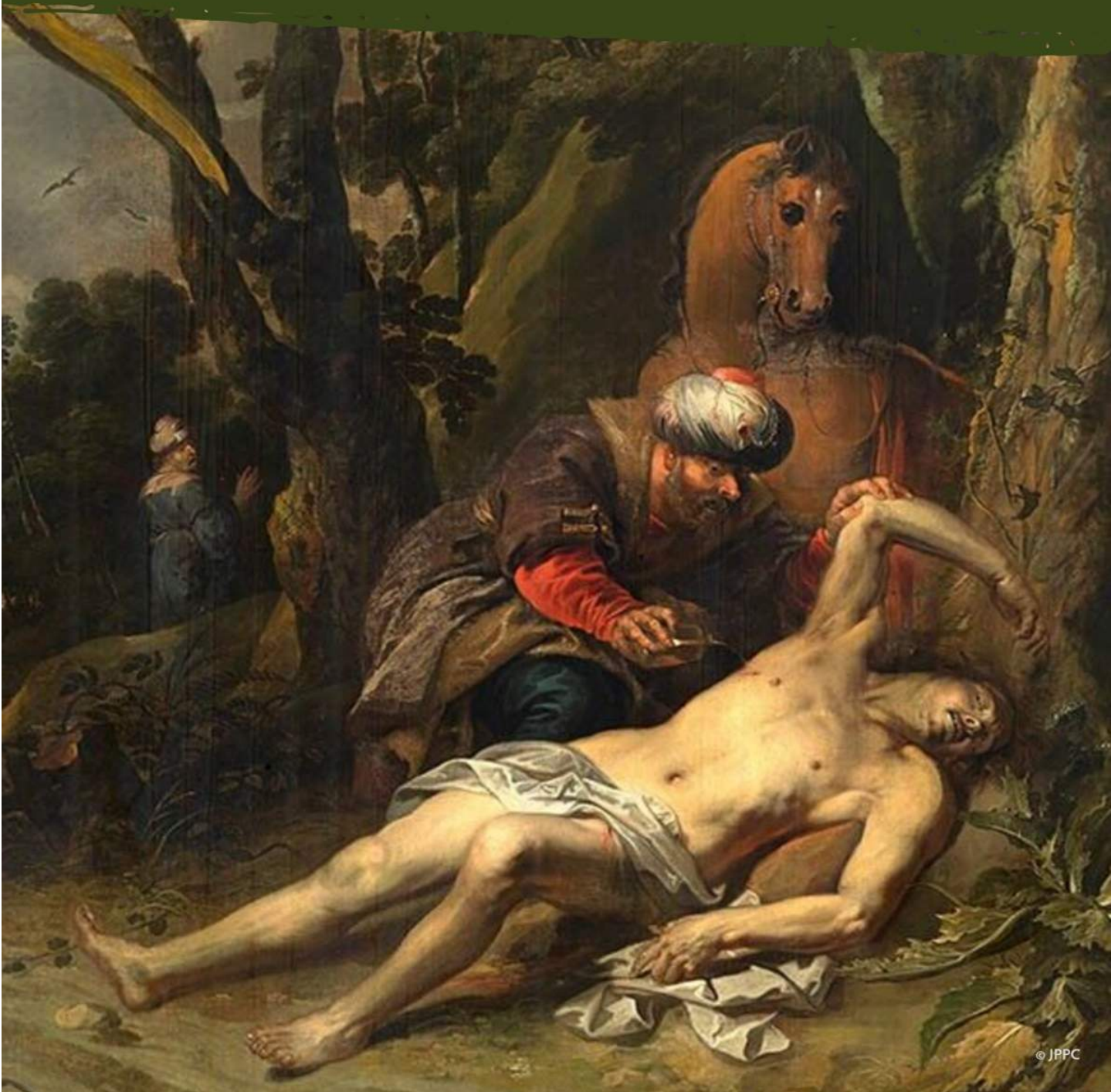


Go and do likewise.

LUKE 10:37



Our Lady of Mercy Parish July 13, 2025



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Pastoral Council: Keith Coppinger
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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

Church Hours

The church is locked for safety during the day, but you are welcome to spend prayer time in church during office hours! Come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View on the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30am

Holy Days 8:30am and anticipated vigil 7:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month after the 8:30am Mass;

Saturday following the first Friday at 3:00pm; Sunday following the first Friday after the 10:30am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM

By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Call the office for preparation and scheduling.

Marriage

Contact the office to schedule marriage preparation.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA)

OCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should contact the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 12th

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary Time

4:30PM: Patricia Purcell requested by her family
For all parishioners

Sunday, July 13th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Paul Vachon, 5th anniversary, requested by
his family

10:30AM: Louis Bourgoin requested by Claire &
Michael Bourgoin

Monday, July 14th

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Michael Bowser requested by the family

Tuesday, July 15th

Saint Bonaventure,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Renee Edmonds req by the Roy family

Wednesday, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Brian McKenna requested by the family

Thursday, July 17th

No Mass

Friday, July 18th

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Eugene Mooney req by the Roy family

Saturday, July 19th

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary Time

4:30PM: David Rose requested by Audrey Rose

Sunday, July 20th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Debra Durant req by the Dwyer family
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Frank & Dureen Caron and Michael
Perrault requested by family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
July 12th to 18th
in loving memory of
David Rose.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Jacqueline Lemarche, June 25

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May her soul and the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Readings for the Week July 13, 2025

Monday Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 and
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 and
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 and
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25,
26-27 and Mt 11:28-30

Friday Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,
17-18 and Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,
13-15 and Mt 12:14-21

Sunday Gen 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28
and Lk 10:38-42



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Stay tuned for new calendar dates!
- Grades 1-5:** Registration for 2025-26 coming soon!
- Youth Ministry:** Registration 2025-26 coming soon!
- Sacramental Preparation:** Parent meetings will be held this fall. Typically, First Reconciliation is received in second grade and Confirmation and First Holy Communion are received together in third grade. For older students, please contact the office to get started with sacramental preparation!

July is Devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus



Dedicating July to the Precious Blood provides a specific period to deepen devotion to Jesus' sacrifice and to reflect on the salvific power of His Blood. It is the ultimate expression of God's love and mercy, as it was freely given for the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of souls.

O Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ,
we honor, worship and adore Thee.
Heal the wounds our souls and
wash away the sins of the whole world.
O Precious Blood, have mercy. Amen.

-from TheDivineMercy.org

The Parable of the Good Samaritan *Luke 10:25-37*

As Jesus continues His journey to Jerusalem, He is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test Him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18 on loving your neighbor. Luke reports that Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus's time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus's response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries again: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In Jesus's time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky

terrain made it easy for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience - Jew or Gentile - could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest happens by, but rather than helping, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes upon the scene, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both choose not to find out if the man is even alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats all with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus's response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer - and we - know what is right. The key is to do it.

-edited from Loyolapress.com

Mission Appeal This Weekend

Each year our parish hosts a mission appeal. Parishes around our diocese are called to support the ministry of those who labor among God's neediest people.

Our missionary is the Diocese of Aitape of Papua, New Guinea. Evangelization began in Aitape in 1896. Currently the diocese has 20 priests, a few missionaries and religious, and many lay pastoral workers. It is home to more than 160,000 Catholics in 33 parishes.

Despite many daily struggles, the people are genuinely happy, performing liturgies with song and dance, accompanied by beautiful costumes and drums. The diocese has few resources and little infrastructure. The parishes are poor, in mountainous terrain, and run-down facilities. There are health facilities, schools, and the hope of building a high school next year.

Welcome to the missionary this weekend! Thanks to our parishioners for your prayers, hospitality, and any financial support you are able to offer!

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections week June 23 - July 6, 2025

Budget	\$19,203
Actual	\$17,296
Variance	(\$1,907)

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Christopher Academy Teacher Opening

Saint Christopher Academy in Nashua is seeking a full-time fourth grade teacher for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Along with a fourth grade homeroom, this position includes teaching 4th and 5th grade science and 4th grade reading, spelling and theology.

The successful candidate will be a creative, hard-working, team player who seeks to promote student self-discipline and sets high standards for students while maintaining a pleasant learning environment. Teacher training and certification is available through Diocesan programs for individuals without teaching credentials. At Saint Chris, teachers will find a strong community of peers who love what they do and are excited to nurture students as they grow into lifelong learners and leaders.

Interested candidates should contact Principal Cindy Clarke at cclarke@saintchrisacademy.org or 603-882-7442, ext. 612 as soon as possible. The school year begins August 26.

Many Thanks to OLM & the Merrimack Community!

To date, Hot Dogz for ALZ has raised \$19,400! All money goes directly to Alzheimer's research. During the event, Puzzles for a Cause also raised \$2,100!



This event wouldn't happen without the teamwork of many dedicated volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped and to all who supported Hot Dogz for ALZ!

Our Lady of Mercy Mission Statement

Between the bulletin boards in the main entrance of the church is our parish mission statement. You are invited to take a moment to see this artfully designed presentation of the statement about our community.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, founded in 1954, is a Roman Catholic community that shares in the life of Jesus Christ, obedient to the Father, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

As a faith community, our mission is:

To celebrate the sacraments and to proclaim the Word of God;

To minister to the spiritual and temporal needs of our parish through prayer, works of charity, personal witness, education and evangelization;

To welcome all people to active participation in our parish community;

To preserve the faith of the Church amidst a changing world and diverse social climate.

We commit ourselves to this mission, under the patronage and protection of Mary, Mother of Mercy, with faith, hope and love in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

NH Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have made pledges to our annual NH Catholic Appeal! Our parish goal is \$54,138 and we have reached it!



You are still welcome to participate if you have not

made your pledge yet. Ninety percent of what is donated above our goal will be returned to our parish. Please donate through the mail using envelopes found in the pews or online at: www.catholicnh.org/nhca.

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