



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

Iglesia Católica de La Santa Cruz

July 13, 2025



15th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

Weekday Masses:

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. (English) and
6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
4:00 p.m. English (ad orientem)

Confessions:

Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass,
and 4:00 - 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday

Adoration:

Wednesday Adoration: 9:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Benediction at 5:45 p.m.
First Friday Adoration: After the 8:30 a.m.
Mass in Latin. - Benediction at 11:45 a.m.

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(Reopens after 8:30 Mass) until 12:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Open 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(Reopens after 8:30 Mass)

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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Infant Baptism

A parent requesting that their child be baptized must be a registered parishioner who is actively participating in the life of the parish. Baptism preparation classes are required. Please call the parish office for additional information.

Marriage, Marriage Prep and Annulments

Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in the life of the parish. Notification of intent to marry must be provided nine months in advance. For more information on the marriage preparation process or annulments, please call the parish office.

Communion of the Sick

Ministers of Care bring Holy Communion to the sick and to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the parish office to schedule a visit from one of our Ministers of Care.

Emergency Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is in critical condition or near death, call 480-981-2021 (after 5 p.m. and weekends, PRESS 4 when instructed to do so.) Leave a detailed message, including a contact name and phone number that will be heard by the Priest on call. Please Do Not use this service for any other reason.

Federal Privacy Regulation

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a member of the clergy or a caregiver to visit you, please notify the hospital or call the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides food assistance to those in need. We thank you for your donation of unopened, current dated non-perishable food and personal care items. PLEASE AVOID "FAMILY SIZE". We're located at the north end of the campus. Our hours are Monday through Thursday from 9-11a.m.

Please call 480-985-4259 to schedule an appointment.

Funerals

A Funeral Mass is reserved for families and friends alike who have made prior arrangements for proper burial of the mortal remains. **Contact Philip Conn at 480-981-2021, ext. 216, or by email: pconn@holycrossmesa.org to make arrangements.**



*Holy Cross is now a Baby Safe Haven.
Call the Parish office for more information.*

LITURGY

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 14 - July 20, 2025

07/14 Mon.	8:30 a.m.	†	Joaquin Fajardo
07/15 Tue.	8:30 a.m.	(SI)	Enrique R. Perez
07/16 Wed.	8:30 a.m.	(SI)	The Osorio Family
07/16 Wed.	6:00 p.m.	(SI)	The McGue daughters
07/17 Thu.	8:30 a.m.	(SI)	Michael Koczwar
07/18 Fri.	8:30 a.m.	(SI)	Andrei Taitano
07/19 Sat.	8:30 a.m.	(SI)	Laura & Fred Decaro
07/19 Sat.	4:00 p.m.	†	Marie Videtic
07/19 Sat.	6:00 p.m.	†	Eulario Ramirez
07/20 Sun.	7:00 a.m.	†	Richard Zamora
07/20 Sun.	9:00 a.m.	†	George Borucki
07/20 Sun.	11:00 a.m.	†	Richard Cychowski
07/20 Sun.	1:00 p.m.	†	Maria Pueblito Jimenez
07/20 Sun.	4:00 p.m.		Pro Populo

This week the Sanctuary lamps burn for:

1. † Jerry Ladd
 2. † Michael Horsky
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Celebrant Schedule

(subject to change)

July 14 - July 20, 2025

07/14 Mon.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
07/15 Tue.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
07/16 Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Jacob Varghese
07/16 Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
07/17 Thu.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Jacob Varghese
07/18 Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Jacob Varghese
07/19 Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
07/19 Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Fr. Jacob Varghese
07/19 Sat.	6:00 p.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
07/20 Sun.	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Jacob Varghese
07/20 Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Jacob Varghese
07/20 Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Jacob Varghese
07/20 Sun.	1:00 p.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
07/20 Sun.	4:00 p.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero

PRAYER & FORMATION

Respect Life Meetings - Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome! Check Bulletin for updates.

Rosa Mystica - Meets every 13th of the month inside the Church after the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass. When the 13th falls on a Sunday, we will meet after the 7:00 a.m. inside the Church.

Little Flower Intercessory Prayer - Meets on Mondays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Room H in the William Mitchell Learning Center. Join us as we pray for the intentions of our neighbors who have requested prayers.

Legion Of Mary - Meets on Mondays from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Room H in the William Mitchell Learning Center. Interested in hosting the Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima? Sign up in one of the binders in the back of the church.

Children of our Lady of Fatima - First Friday and First Saturday Devotions - Children of Our Lady of Fatima's Prayer Group gathers for prayer inside the Church after the 8:30 morning Mass (after 15 minutes of Sacred Silence is observed) Everyone is welcome!

Women's Spiritual Formation - Meets on the third Wednesday of the month immediately following 8:30 morning Mass in Wellens Hall.

Rosary - The rosary is prayed inside the Church before morning Mass every day, Mon-Sat. beginning at 7:50 a.m.

Grief Support - Meets on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. in the library (Room D) in the Learning Center.

Ministerios Hispanos:

Grupo de Oración Carismático Diocesano - Todos son bienvenidos a alabar y orar todos los jueves de 6-8 p.m. También ofrecemos clases de biblia a los niños durante el tiempo de alabanza. En el salon Anderson

Matrimonios Santa Cruz - Todos son bienvenidos todos los lunes de 6-8 p.m. En el salon Anderson.



Find out about resources available to reduce the cost of living by opening the camera on your phone and focusing on the QR code. The URL to our website will appear to lead you there.



Next Weekend - 2nd Collection

Campus Care Collection

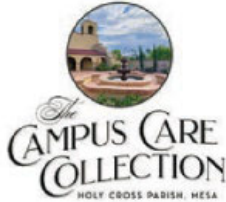
Thank you for your continuing support!

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Parish Family in Christ,
I pass on to you information about some timely maintenance and upgrades to our Campus that your kind generosity to the **Campus Care Collection CCC** have been able to provide in making our installations a welcoming environment to parishioners, guests and inquirers.

As of June 29, 2025: Completed CCC projects are:

Perimeter Wall Paint
Church and Building Wall Repainting
Curb & Fence Repairs
Shade Trees and Shrubs for Courtyard
Handicap Parking Lot Sign Realignment
Etched Metal Plaques Signs for Campus
Rectory 2 roofing
Tiling in Choir Area



Upcoming projects for CCC:

Campus Flat Roof Coatings
Stage Curtains & Hardware for Anderson Hall
Seminar Tables for RE Rooms
Personal Headsets for the Hearing Impaired

Operational Account Expenses for Holy Cross of Projects Completed:

Repainting of Damaged Interior Church Walls
Fall Landscape of plants & flowers

The CCC began in July of 2024. As of now we have spent **\$102,205** on CCC items. The monthly collected fund has raised to date \$65,748. We are still looking to recuperate expenses through the CCC over the next few months.

Restricted Gift Projects Completed:

Stained Glass windows of SS. Padre Pio & John of the Cross
Choir Area Mic Upgrades
Installation of Church Speakers
Parking Lot Resurfacing

Restricted Gift Projects to be Completed:

Bell Tower and Hardware Installation

Thank you for your generous support!

Peace.



Holy Cross SVdP is holding their annual school drive to collect school supplies for children K-8th grade from June 30-August 3. In the past, Holy Cross parishioners have been very generous with their contributions. We'd like to thank you ahead of time for your continued generosity this year.

Supplies needed include: Notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, erasers, pencil holders, glue sticks, small scissors (blunt tip), washable markers, pocket folders, colored pencils and pencil sharpeners. Donations can be dropped off at the church in boxes located outside the entrance or at the SVdP office Monday thru Thursday, 8:00-12:00. Your donations will help approximately 150 school-aged children.

Families needing school supplies for K-8 grade children should leave a message on the SVdP help line at 480-985-4259.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
Holy Cross Conference.
480-985-4259
Open Monday - Thursday
from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

July 13: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" the scholar of the law answered, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise." This week you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

Julio 13: Décimo quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús pregunta "¿cuál de estos tres, según su opinión, era el prójimo de la víctima de los ladrones?". El erudito de la ley respondió: "el que lo trató con misericordia". Jesús dijo: "Ve y haz lo mismo. Ésta semana usted también puede "tratar a los pobres con misericordia" poniendo su donación en la caja de pobres de San Vicente de Paul.

PARISH EVENTS

DIOCESE OF PHOENIX BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER: In Solidarity with the Stranger June 20, 2025



"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." - Matthew 25:35

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today, as the Church of Phoenix, we raise our collective voice and hearts in prayerful solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters; especially considering the recent ICE operations that have brought confusion, fear, and heartache to many of our communities. These men, women, and children-many of whom have fled economic hardship, violence, and political instability-come to our land seeking refuge and hope. They are not statistics; they are our neighbors. They are members of our parishes, our schools, and our communities. They are members of the Body of Christ. Just as Christ humbled Himself to share in our humanity, they too bear the image of God and share in the dignity He bestows on every human person. We affirm their humanity. We stand beside them in faith. And we pray with all our hearts for true and comprehensive immigration reform in our nation-a reform not rooted in fear, but in justice, compassion, and wisdom.

The Cry of the Migrant Is the Cry of Christ

Jesus Himself knew the experience of the migrant. As an infant, He was carried by Mary and Joseph into Egypt to escape the wrath of a tyrant (cf. Matthew 2:13-15). His earthly ministry was marked by movement and rejection-often with nowhere to lay His head (cf. Luke 9:58). He makes clear what discipleship demands when He teaches:

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) These words are not suggestions. They are imperatives. They reveal the very heart of God for the migrant, the stranger, and the vulnerable.

Our Nation's Identity Is at Stake

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once praised the United States in these words: *"Our country has always had a great role. First of all, it was a sanctuary for the oppressed. Then it became an arsenal for democracy. And now it's a pantry for the world."*

These were not merely aspirational words-they reflected the America he knew in the 1950s and '60s. Tragically, it is hard to see how these words reflect our current moment. Yet we remain grateful for the bold, prophetic voices within our Church who call us back to the Gospel and urge us to move beyond fear. Here are just a few recent examples: A Nation of Immigrants Must Not Lose Its Soul. Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, recently reminded us: *"The situation is far from the communion of life and love to which this nation of immigrants should strive."*

While enforcement of the law has its place, it must be carried out with proportionality, transparency, and due process. Otherwise, it risks tearing the fabric of our communities and betraying the very values that once made America a beacon of hope. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles added: *"It's been almost 40 years since the last reform of our immigration laws. That's too long, and it's time to do something about it."* *"Other nations have a coherent immigration policy that respects the natural right to migrate in search of a better life ... America should too."*

Here in the Diocese of Phoenix, we must rise above political paralysis and respond with Gospel courage. Therefore, we call upon every parish, school, and Catholic institution to join us in the following pastoral commitments:

A Fourfold Response of Faith:

- At every Sunday Mass, let us include intentions for migrants, refugees, and for just and humane reform of our immigration laws.
- Welcome and accompany those affected in your community. Be present. Listen. Offer tangible support through Catholic Charities and parish outreach ministries.
- When appropriate, participate in lawful and peaceful demonstrations. Let us raise our voices not our fists. Our witness should be a light, not a spark for division.
- Offer Holy Hours, Rosaries, and Chaplets of Divine Mercy in reparation and petition - asking God to enlighten the minds and hearts of lawmakers and leaders.

Let us entrust this cause to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Refuge of Migrants. May she, the Mother of Mercy, intercede for all who walk in fear this day. And may the Light of Christ (far brighter than the torch of Lady Liberty) guide our steps as we strive to be a Church of welcome, mercy, and hope.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, may Christ be our hope!

In the peace of Christ,

+ John P. Dolan Bishop of Phoenix

+ Eduardo A. Nevares Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix

+Thomas J. Olmsted Bishop Emeritus of Phoenix

PARISH EVENTS

CARTA PASTORAL DE LOS OBISPOS DE LA DIOCESIS DE PHOENIX: En solidaridad con el forastero 20 de junio de 2025

“Era forastero y me recibiste.” - Mateo 25,35



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Gracia y paz a ustedes en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Hoy, como Iglesia de Phoenix, elevamos nuestra voz y nuestros corazones en oración solidaria por nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, especialmente considerando las recientes operaciones de ICE que han traído confusión, temor y dolor a muchas de nuestras comunidades. Estos hombres, mujeres y niños -muchos de los cuales han huido de dificultades económicas, violencia y inestabilidad política- vienen a nuestra tierra en busca de refugio y esperanza. No son estadísticas; son nuestros vecinos. Son miembros de nuestras parroquias, nuestras escuelas y nuestras comunidades. Ellos son miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo. Así como Cristo se humilló para compartir nuestra humanidad, ellos también llevan la imagen de Dios y participan de la dignidad que Él otorga a cada persona humana. Afirmamos su humanidad. Estamos a su lado en la fe. Y oramos con todo nuestro corazón por una reforma migratoria verdadera e integral en nuestra nación -una reforma que no este arraigada en el miedo, sino en la justicia, la compasión y la sabiduría.

El llanto del migrante es el llanto de Cristo

El mismo Jesús conoció la experiencia del migrante. Siendo niño, fue llevado por María y José a Egipto para escapar de la ira de un tirano (cf. Mateo 2, 13-15). Su ministerio terrenal está a la par de las sugerencias. Son mandatos. Revelan el corazón mismo de Dios por el migrante, el extranjero y el vulnerable.

La identidad de nuestra nación está en Jesu Cristo

El Venerable Arzobispo Fulton Sheen elogió una vez a Los Estados Unidos con estas palabras:

“Nuestro país siempre ha tenido un gran papel. Primera fue un santuario para los oprimidos. Luego se convirtió en un arsenal de la democracia. Y ahora es una despesa para el mundo.” Estas no eran a la par meramente aspiracionales: reflejaban la América que él conocía en las décadas de 1950 y 1960. Tristemente, es difícil ver cómo estas palabras describen nuestro momento actual. Sin embargo, permanecemos agradecidos por las voces proféticas y valientes dentro de nuestra Iglesia que nos llaman a volver al Evangelio y nos impulsan a superar el miedo. Aquí algunos ejemplos recientes:

Aquí en la Diócesis de Phoenix, debemos elevarnos por encima de la parálisis política y responder con el valor evangélico. Por lo tanto, hacemos un llamado a cada parroquia, escuela e institución católica a unirse con nosotros en los siguientes compromisos pastorales:

Cuatro maneras de responder desde la fe

- En cada Misa dominical, incluyamos intenciones por los migrantes, refugiados, y por una reforma justa y humana de nuestras leyes de inmigración.
- Acojan y acompañen a los afectados en sus comunidades. Estén presentes. Escuchen. Ofrezcan apoyo concreto a través de Catholic Charities y los ministerios parroquiales.
- Cuando sea apropiado, participen en manifestaciones legales y pacíficas. Alcemos nuestras voces -no los purios. Nuestro testimonio debe ser Luz, no chispa de división.
- Ofrezcan Horas Santas, Rosarios y Coronillas de la Divina Misericordia en reparación y suplica -pidiendo a Dios que ilumine las mentes y corazones de los legisladores y líderes.

Encomendemos esta causa a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas y Refugio de los Migrantes. Que Ella, Madre de Misericordia, interceda por todos los que hoy caminan con temor. Y que la Luz de Cristo (mucho más brillante que la antorcha de la Estatua de la Libertad) guíe nuestros pasos mientras nos esforzamos por ser una Iglesia de acogida, misericordia y esperanza.

En este Año Jubilar de la Esperanza: ¡Que Cristo sea nuestra esperanza!

En la paz de Cristo,

- + John P. Dolan, Obispo de Phoenix
- + Eduardo A. Nevares, Obispo Auxiliar de Phoenix
- + Thomas J. Olmsted, Obispo Emerito de Phoenix

PARISH EVENTS



**Safe Environment Training
for LAY PERSONS**

**ONLINE RENEWAL
2025/2026**

Attention All Holy Cross Volunteers!

It's that time of year again!

REMINDER: Safe Environment compliance expires annually on July 1st.

You will have until August 31st to renew before going into the “archived” mode and you will need to contact the parish office to renew.

Please make every effort to renew as soon as you can so you are able to continue serving in your ministry without interruption. As always, you are welcome to come to the parish office to use one of our computers. We ask that you please schedule a time with the parish office staff.

Our Safe Environment Coordinator has a big job ensuring that our volunteers are Safe Environment compliant. Your quick response to renewing eases her job to be able to attend to her many other responsibilities.

**Thank you in advance
for your cooperation!**

**Let's break our renewal making
record this year!**



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

There will not be Council or Assembly KofC meetings during the month of July.

KofC Council #7904 meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30 in Wellen Hall. Rosary is at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7pm. Our ladies are on summer break and will be re-joining us in September.

Assembly #3817 meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 in Wellens Hall. All 3rd Degree Knights are invited to join the 4th (Assembly/Patriotic) Degree.

Website Addition:

Introducing: Brazos Abiertos

Brazos Abiertos at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in Mesa, Arizona is formed as a direct response to the DIOCESE OF PHOENIX BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER: *In Solidarity with the Stranger, June 20, 2025*, that is printed inside this bulletin.

Brazos Abiertos's goal is to provide on the parish webpage (Click on the Brazos Abiertos Box on Welcome page) timely descriptions and contacts for RESOURCES FOR MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS, AND OTHER IMMIGRANTS in the Holy Cross parish community.

Visit the website for “all things” Holy Cross!
holycrossmesa.org

PARISH EVENTS

Charismatic Prayer Group...

is a Group of prayer and praise to God inspired by the Charismatic Renewal Movement in the Holy Spirit. It is a dedicated group of individuals who promote the understanding and manifestation of the innate gifts of the Holy Spirit within each baptized Christian.

MISSION/VISION: The mission of the Charismatic Group is to spread understanding and worship of the third person of the Holy Trinity - the Holy Spirit, in order that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit may be expressed and nourished for the benefit of the whole church and for the greater glory of God.

Are you feeling Called?

All persons interested in being part of this new ministry at Holy Cross are invited to join us for an informational meeting on **Saturday, July 19, 2025 in Room J**
@ 9:30 a.m. in the William J. Mitchell Learning Center, located just west of the Church.



Summer Adult Faith Formation Book Study -

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

We are continuing with our Book Study. Drop ins are still welcome to come and join us!

Dates: Most Tuesday's through the summer.

Time: 9:15 am - 11 am, immediately following the 8:30 Morning Mass

Where: Wellen's Hall



Women's Spiritual Formation

Do you desire to connect with women who share your values and want to grow in their relationship with God?

Do you want to surround yourself with women who will encourage and accompany you?

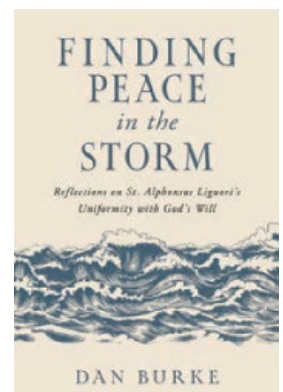
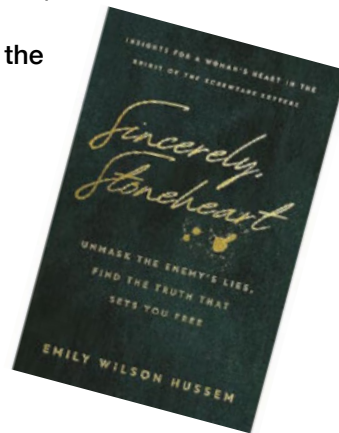
Come to our monthly spiritual formation gatherings and meet your spiritual sisters here at Holy Cross.

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month immediately after the morning Mass (about 9:15am) in Wellen's Hall.

Participants are invited to bring a snack to share.

We will be discussing 2 books starting July 16th:
Sincerely Stoneheart by Emily Wilson Hussen, and
Finding Peace in the Storm by Dan Burke.

In the spirit of C. S. Lewis's classic *The Screwtape Letters*, *Sincerely Stoneheart* shines a light on the lies and tactics Satan uses to burden modern women with doubt, fear, insecurity, and discouragement—and empowers you with the truth that will set you free.



Sometimes discernment seems complicated, and we struggle to “be still” to listen to God’s voice. Dan Burke breaks open St. Alphonsus’s eighteenth-century classic *Uniformity with God’s Will*; he intersperses relevant explanations and insights. St. Alphonsus explains, “We should most confidently abandon ourselves to all the dispositions of divine providence, since they are for our own good.” You will discover how to enjoy peace of heart in all circumstances and foster loving conversation with God.

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS



This weekend, July 12/13, Father Doug Grandon is glad to have the opportunity to visit our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. Doug is a FOCUS National Chaplain and a priest of the Archdiocese of Denver. He became Catholic in 2003, after serving as a Protestant missionary and pastor for 25 years.

In 2008, Pope Benedict granted Fr. Doug permission to be ordained a married Catholic priest. He holds a PhD in Historical Theology. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 255 campus/locations including nine international locations, 29 parish venues and nine digital expansion campuses. More than 1048 FOCUS missionaries invite college students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Doug is excited to be with you soon and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit www.focus.org.

A simple Gospel reflection...

The parable of the Good Samaritan brings out the practical nature of authentic charity. There are three steps in his response to the plight of the man dumped in the ditch.

- The first step in love is to see people, to be aware of them and attentive. Our eyes open the shutters of our aloofness when we take notice of people. Being attentive we hear them knocking on our doors, seeking entry into our lives. But so often we are experts at ignoring people and keeping them out.
 - The second step is to answer the knock and let the person in. The Good Samaritan was moved with compassion for the injured traveller. Compassion literally means feeling-with, responding to the pain of the other person. When others knock at the door, compassion lets them in and is willing to reach out to them, whether it is in sharing tears in their sorrow, or celebrating with their joy or giving to their emptiness.
 - The third step in charity is to translate feeling into practical action. It is amazing how many excuses we can find to avoid helping somebody in need. But really, there is no excuse to justify failing to assist somebody in a case of life or death. The two churchy men were guided by harsh legalism to pass by on the other side. But when the Samaritan came to the scene, he was moved with compassion at what he saw. His hands sprang into practical action.
- capuchinfranciscans.ie

***"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength,
and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."***

- Luke 10:27

COMMUNIDAD HISPANA

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA 13 de julio de 2025 XV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Vete y haz tú lo mismo” (Lucas 10:37). Esta parábola es muy rica en enseñanza. Si revisamos nuestra propia vida, descubriremos que en diferentes circunstancias actuamos como los personajes representados en ella. ¿Cuántas veces hemos sido como el que pasó de largo y se hizo el que no vio lo que pasaba? Y lo hacemos con frecuencia en la propia familia: vemos el sufrimiento y pensamos: “Solo les pasa a ellos por no poner cuidado o por tontos.” Hoy pongamos atención en el posadero que, al pedido del buen samaritano, cumplió con su trabajo al pie de la letra. En lenguaje actual se llama responsabilidad y cuidado. Pidamos al Señor que nos dé la apertura e iniciativa del samaritano, pero también la responsabilidad del posadero, para que sanara el hombre que fue asaltado.

¿Cuántas veces nosotros damos rodeos para ayudar a alguien en necesidad? ¿Qué podemos aprender hoy de esta enseñanza de Jesús? El hombre no tiene nombre, precisamente, porque nos representa a cualquiera de nosotros que necesita cuidado. Hombre o mujer de cualquier raza o nación está implícito en esta parábola. ¡Es la historia de la humanidad a través de los años! Sin embargo, existe otro pequeño detalle para dar ayuda al que está en apuros: acercarte y escuchar su historia para poder curar sus heridas. A veces nos toca pagar a alguien para que haga el trabajo; otras veces, hacerlo nosotros. Y es ahí donde está el secreto: hacerlo juntos en Cristo.

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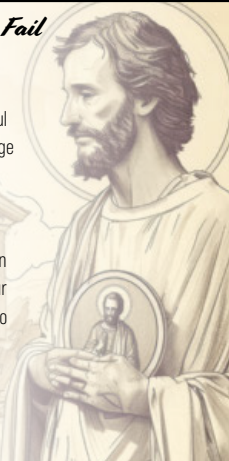
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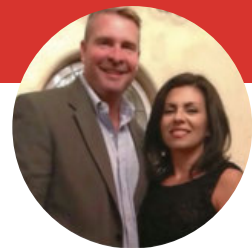
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