



Saint Joseph's Parish

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THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT, AND GIVE JOY TO THE HEART.

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*"As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory."
Psalm 16.15*

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" and "Who is my neighbour?" are critical and inseparable questions. We have heard the answers to them so often that we tend to forget their power.

Jesus' response to the first question points us to the greatest law, which is already written in the deepest desire of our hearts. We have come from God and will surely return to God some day. But in this life our hearts are always restless. The big danger for us is to lose touch with our love and desire for God. We often choose poor substitutes which are not life-giving.

Jesus answer to the second question is today's well known parable. Applying it today, we might ask: what did we discover as we lived through a modern version of this parable during the COVID-19 pandemic? Whom did we help, and who reached out to us in our need? Perhaps we were too busy or afraid at times, and passed by our neighbour "on the other side." Or perhaps, like the Good Samaritan, we discovered our common human need and responded to others in a spirit of solidarity.

May today's Gospel guide our ongoing response to these two essential questions, paying attention to our hearts and to the real needs of others around us.

Joe Egan St. Joseph's Missal pg. 455



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Discipleship: a spirit of stretching. In today's Gospel, we confront the age-old question: Who is my neighbor? The Good Samaritan story tells us that the question can't be answered in a logical, legalistic, comfortable way. The Gospel demands a real stretch, and mercy propels us far beyond what appears expedient or even safe.

"Neighbor" conjures up a comforting image. But the neighbor in need may not fit our norms or expectations. **Homework:** list a priest (safe person), a levite-government official (safe person), and a Samaritan (person who stretches you), and pray for the three people.

Quote from Pope Benedict: it is un-Christian to rely on the failure of others. "The question that really concerns us, the question that really oppresses us, is why it is necessary for us in particular to practice the Christian Faith in its totality; why, when there are so many other ways that lead to heaven and salvation, it should be required of us to bear day after day the whole burden of ecclesial dogmas and of the ecclesial ethos. And so we come again to the question: What exactly is Christian reality? What is the specific element in Christianity that not merely justifies it, but makes it compulsorily necessary for us? When we raise the question about the foundation and meaning of our Christian existence, there slips in a certain false hankering for the apparently more comfortable life of other people who are also going to heaven. We are too much like the laborers of the first hour in the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Mt 20:1-16). Once they discovered that they could have earned their day's pay of one denarius in a much easier way, they could not understand why they had had to labor the whole day. But what a strange attitude it is to find the duties of our Christian life unrewarding just because the denarius of salvation can be gained without them! It would seem that we—like the workers of the first hour—want to be paid not only with our own salvation, but more particularly with others' lack of salvation. That is at once very human and profoundly un-Christian."

Rose Prince Pilgrimage: the pandemic has prevented the pilgrimage from being operated for the past three years. Plans are being made for it to be open next year. In the meantime, let us use the second weekend of July to remember this upstanding example of faith. Visit the PG Diocese website to find information on her life and example: www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/lejac/

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Transformed lives, transforming community: mission statement for evangelization in our parish;

PARISH ACTIVITIES : Family Camp at Camp Morice: consider joining family camp July 31 to August 05.

DIOCESAN ACTIVITY : Camp Morice August 14: Feast **of the Assumption:** family and children activities through the day celebrating 50th Anniversary of Camp; **Mass at point:** at 7pm we pray the Rosary out to the point and follow with the celebration of Mass honoring Feast of the Assumption..

QUIET PARISH HEROS : the summer gardeners and yard maintenance workers

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Good Samaritan

C D J D I J A S G R W F F S Z E R
W O E G D E K C A T T A R A C N I
A M S M L E F I E V D F D M R E M
L P U K Y K N E S H W S O A E V O
N E S O L B R W Y S Q W N R H O H
P T F G D A E R R I J L K I C L C
Z I T V C V K T R W U M E T A E I
O V A S K X S C O E R W Y A E Y R
V E E H E X E N S J F D A N T V E
K L J K X I E M K N H K Z J L D J
H L D R G M R W D V U Y J H T W P
G O E G J E H P X Q R D M U P T T
G R U O B H G I E N T X Y A D Q J
I S J U Z V X Y C H B V G J G A A
N D V Z E N O T J U S R E B B O R
V A G N Z F T I J E R U S A L E M
B E F X J J U D G J D S D H M L S

Attacked	Care	Donkey	God	Hurt
Jericho	Jerusalem	Jesus	Jewish	Law
Levite	love	Neighbour	Priest	Robbers
Samaritan	Sorry	Teacher		

SURE WAS A **LUCKY BREAK** THAT THE SAMARITAN HAD BOTH THE **TIME AND MONEY** TO HELP THAT GUY!

I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE POINT.

THE POINT IS, WE BECOME A NEIGHBOR WHEN WE SERVE OTHERS AS JESUS SERVES US. IT'S **RARELY** CONVENIENT.

JUST ASK JESUS.



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LUKE 10:25-37

Sunday 7/10-16 **Welcome to My Neighborhood** Luke 10:25-37

Look, we need a more narrow definition of neighbor ... we just can't go around helping everyone who needs it ... can we!?! Oh, uh ... nevermind.

I love it when a point finally gets through.



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Your words, Lord are spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life. John 6.63, 68

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Patrick Irving, Jennifer Lock, Rose Marie MacDonald, Della Morin, Eunice Nash, Michael Nelson, Ruby Irene Patrick, Virginia Power, Dorothy Ranck, Lillian

Sam, Ian Scott, Madeline Scott, Madison Scott, Clark Todd, Bill Urquhart, Mike Van Dusen, Martin Walker and for all who are in need of God's healing grace.

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