

Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; one woman and one man leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion (see Canons 872–874). Godparent isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It's an important role of trust in the child's faith life.

We grow in trust for someone via a gradual process of getting to know that person: being introduced, spending time together, talking to one another, learning about each other, and being generous with one another.

That's how trust in Jesus develops. Parents and godparents introduce us to him, teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. We learn from the parish, the Catholic school, and our Catechism. It's a gradual process of getting to know Jesus that leads us to trust him and have faith in him.

At baptism, the priest or deacon lights a candle from the large Easter candle. In many parishes, the candle is passed first to the godfather. "Receive the light of Christ," says the priest. The godfather passes it to the godmother, who passes it to the mother, who hands it to the father to hold for the child. That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to their child.

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CHRISTOPHER BARR

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is the duty of the parents, together with the godfathers and godmothers, to take care to nurture the flame of baptismal grace in their little ones, helping them persevere in the faith. Children have the right to Christian formation, which "seeks to lead them gradually to learn God's plan in Christ."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 16, 2018



Calendar

Monday
JULY 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday
JULY 12
Weekday
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday
JULY 13
Weekday
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday
JULY 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday
JULY 15
St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday
JULY 16
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday
JULY 17
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:1–10a
Col 1:24–28
Lk 10:38–42

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Dt 30:10–14

Col 1:15–20

Lk 10:25–37

Love of the Law

Years ago, I saw a chart in a catechism that identified the faith of the Old Testament as a religion of law and that of the New Testament as a religion of love. This is not only seriously wrong, it is also dangerously biased. The two commandments to love as recorded in today's Gospel originate in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, respectively. Several of the prophets describe God's love of Israel in tender, even passionate, terms (Isaiah 43:1, Jeremiah 31:3). To think otherwise is to tread alarmingly close to a form of anti-Judaism. We must remember that the religion Jesus loved deeply, and which he sought to bring to fulfillment, was the religion of ancient Israel.

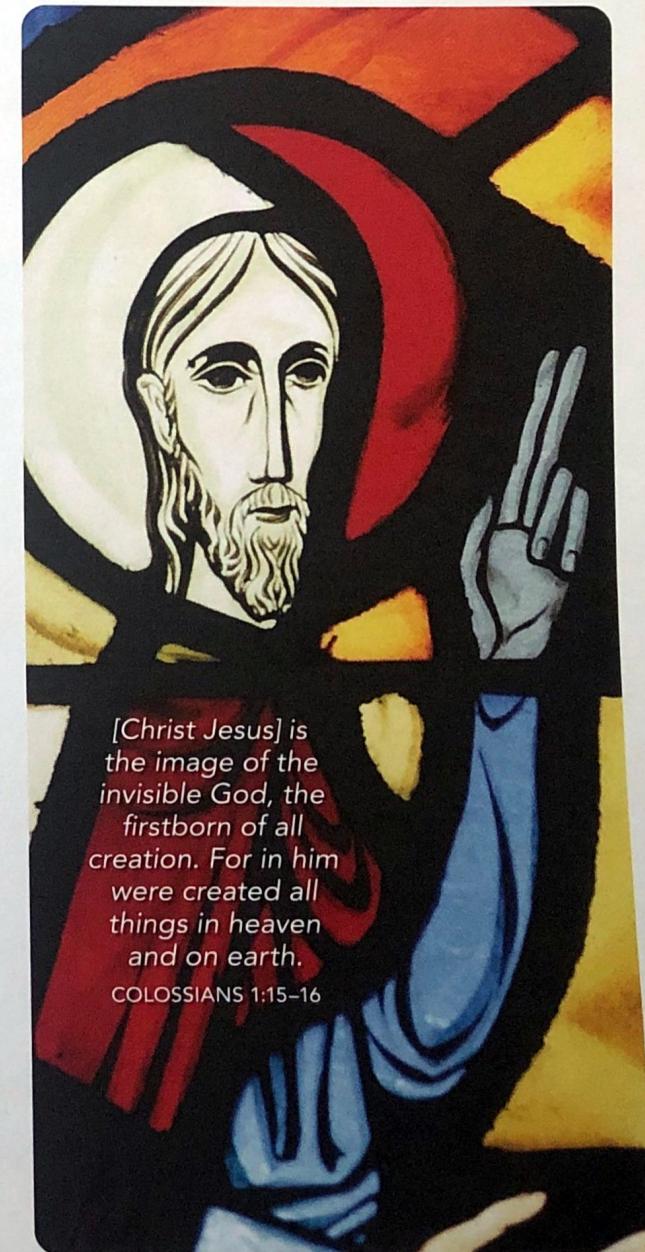
Part of the error of that chart might have been a misunderstanding of the meaning of law. We might think of law as "proscription" or "restriction" (you must...or you must not...). The Hebrew meaning is more flexible. Some translate the Hebrew word *torah* as "instruction" or "directive." The psalmist delights in the law because it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart. Today's first reading tells us that the law is already in our hearts. The law of love was certainly in the heart of the Samaritan who cared for the stranger on the side of the road.

If we can see that laws are meant to help us care for ourselves, others, and the world, we will soon realize that living as the laws direct us might bring us to a deep love for the law.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What is the relationship between the rules or customs in your family and the love you have for its members?
- ★ Reflect on today's responsorial Psalm 19:8–11.



[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth.

COLOSSIANS 1:15–16



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 9	4:00 p.m.	Harold Smith
Sunday, July 10	9:00 a.m.	Jack, Leona, & Joe Randolph
Monday, July 11	8:30 a.m.	Ron Kaiser
Tuesday, July 12	8:30 a.m.	Helen Rice
Thursday, July 14	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Friday, July 15	8:30 a.m.	Special Int.– Powers F.
Saturday, July 16	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Sunday, July 17	9:00 a.m.	Suellen Berkamp

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7/9/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Karen Burden

7/10/2022–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Kyle Berning

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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7/16/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Tom Bachman

7/17/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Taybree Lohman-Fuller, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –JULY 10, 2022

GOD IS LOVE

My friends, the scholar of the law in this Sunday’s gospel asks the Lord, “who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:25-37)

How would we answer that question? We often surround ourselves with people who look like us and think like us and vote like us and pray like us. We choose a spot in church so we don’t have to sit near someone we don’t care for, or we put our head down as we pass a homeless person. Who exactly are our neighbors? The Lord invite us to stop carving our world into compartments and labels and groups. God looks at us and sees his children. We look at one another and see You’ll have to fill in that blank for yourself. For sure, the Lord urges us to reach out to the people who need us most, people others simply walk past, people who are wounded and broken and in need of a loving hand and a healing touch. People who could really use a little kindness.

My friends, may our love be as boundless as God’s is. And may we be willing to share that love --- not with a few, but with the whole world.

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for July 3, 2022: Envelopes: \$1420; Loose: \$320; Online Giving: \$1241.22; Total \$2981.22; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under + 1220.5

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$250; Building Fund To Date: \$12,776.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

PARISH BREAKFAST Again our K of C will generously host a breakfast, right after Sunday Mass this Sunday, July 10th. Please attend to build up our community!

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE We will be having a Church Rummage Sale this year. The date has not yet been decided on, but if you have anything you would like to donate please contact one of the following: Tressa Powers at 620-260-6247 ; Jane Sullivan at 620-355-5118 ; Gwen Waechter at 620-272-1030 ; Jana Jenkinson at 620-290-5201; Carolyn Robertson at 620-290-5569 . **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!**

RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF PERSONS Trafficking is a crime that can happen in front of our eyes and traffickers are never on vacation. Be alert to children who may be potential targets for traffickers. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainstrafficking.org) La trata de personas es un delito que puede ocurrir frente a nuestros ojos y los traficantes nunca están de vacaciones. Esté alerta con los niños que pueden ser objetivos potenciales de los traficantes. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** es una organización 501 c (3), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

VOCATION VIEW We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people. (Luke 10:25-37)

STEWARDSHIP The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers – and us – to go and do the same!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (by Mother Teresa) Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men and women throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 10: 25-37)

Common ground As Jesus continues his journey to the cross, he runs up against persons of authority who question his ministry. The man in this passage tries to pull Jesus into a legal debate. Rather than square off against him, Jesus honors his knowledge (v.26), then agrees with him (v.28), then changes the tone of the confrontation by telling a story. Everyone loves a good story!

Strong storytelling The more we know about the parable, the more compelling it becomes. • The circumstances are quite real: people traveling alone were easily attacked and robbed • Jesus' listeners might have thought that the two Jewish men were avoiding contact with a corpse. Such contact kept them from their religious duties until they ritually cleansed themselves. However, the man isn't dead, and if he were, Jewish law permitted contact with the dead for the sake of proper burial. • People probably expected the third person to be an ordinary Jew. They would have been startled when Jesus instead brought a Samaritan into the story. Samaritans had descended from Abraham, but their cultural and religious practices had become so different from that of the Jews that the Jews regarded them as worse than pagans.

Extravagant compassion The Samaritan's actions are an example of overwhelming love. • The Samaritan approaches what the others crossed the road to avoid • In taking time to treat the man's wounds, the Samaritan risks being attacked by robbers, too • The Samaritan takes the man to an inn, spends the night caring for him, and promises to pay for whatever else the man might need

Do this When the scholar asked, "Who is my neighbor?" he wanted a sort of intellectual debate. Jesus shifts the discussion back to actual behavior. Jesus also challenges the scholar's point of view. The scholar wanted to know whom he should regard as a neighbor. The story invites him to consider instead how he should be a neighbor to others. Finally, Jesus completely erases the boundaries between "us" and "them." A neighbor is anyone who responds to others with love regardless of who the other person is. (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Deuteronomy 30:10-14)

Given again Deuteronomy comes from the Greek words for second law. The book contains updated versions of the commandments given at Mount Sinai. These updated laws guided new generations of Israelites who were living under different circumstances than those of their ancestors. The laws in the Book of Deuteronomy are also presented as part of Moses' farewell speech to the Israelites. The people are about to move into Canaan, the land God had promised to give them. Before they move forward to receive this gift of land, Moses reminds them that they must uphold God's law.

No excuses Moses makes it clear that the people have the strength to uphold the Sinai Covenant. God's laws are neither difficult to understand nor impossible to obey. On the contrary, the people completely know what God wants. All they have to do now is act on it (www.oursundayreadings)



VALUE THEM BOTH



In 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court issued a ruling that "discovered" a right to an abortion in the 1859 Kansas Constitution. This decision puts at risk all existing pro-life laws that protect women and their unborn children from the abortion industry. In January 2021, the Kansas Legislature stood up to the abortion industry to support women and babies. They voted to put the *Value Them Both* amendment on the ballot the next year. Now, Kansans will get the final say with a vote on the amendment in August of 2022. *Value Them Both* will allow Kansans to, once again, regulate the abortion industry.

Vote YES on August 2nd, 2022

Q. I was told by a priest that going to church is not going to save my soul from going to hell. But it is how you lived your life. It is about believing in God and about love, forgiving, compassion to others. Is this true?

A. I would say the answer is both “Yes” and “No.” And I presume that your priest would agree with the following clarifications. It’s true that going to church cannot, by itself, save your soul from going to Hell. An obvious example would be a person who lives a horribly sinful life all during the week and, then, as a way of making others think he is good, goes to church to be seen but is in no way interiorly invested in the worship. In this case, the physical act of being in a church during Mass in no way means that you are truly “at Mass.”

To go to church means you are not there only physically, it also means you are there spiritually, worshipping God and growing in faith. With that said, going to church for the right reason is part of the process of salvation. God wants you there. He wants you to come and worship in the Mass and to be nourished by Him through His Word and through the Eucharist. So, if you are on the road to Heaven, that road will most certainly have faithful Mass attendance as part of the journey. However, the contrary is true also. It’s not enough to just do good things and to expect that these “good works” will save you. God does not look down from Heaven and say, “OK, you’ve done enough good to earn a ticket to Heaven.” No, salvation cannot be earned by what we do. But be careful here.

The accurate answer really includes everything above and more. Let me paint the full picture of salvation:

1. Salvation is a free gift of God and can never be earned by us. It was won for us on the Cross, and the grace from Christ’s Cross is what saves. This is the only way to Heaven!
2. We receive the gift of salvation when we let God into our hearts. And we surrender over to Him, giving Him control of our lives. This produces the gift of faith.
3. When we have faith, we cannot separate that faith from our works. In other words, if we truly believe and have Christ alive in our hearts, it WILL affect the way we live. We WILL be forgiving, compassionate and loving to others.
4. When we have faith, we will also hear God calling us to Sunday Mass faithfully, and we will need to respond to that call from God in how we want to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts. You cannot say “I believe” and at the same time refuse to worship as God wants. All of this, together, is a brief summary of the full picture of salvation. Hope it helps! (<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer>)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Right neighborly of you

Mister Rogers sang to children daily about the pleasure and importance of being a good neighbor. A Presbyterian minister, Fred Rogers was aware of the biblical power in identifying others as neighbors—rather than competitors, outsiders, or enemies. Jesus flips the traditional meaning of the word when he claims the true neighbor not as one who is geographically near to us, but one who is dear to us and merits our compassion. We recognize our neighbors not by who they are or where they live, but who *we* are and how we treat them. Choose to be a neighbor to everyone you meet. (Prepare the Word)

DÉCIMO QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Sé un buen vecino

Mister Rogers cantaba diariamente a los niños sobre el placer y la importancia de ser un buen vecino. Como ministro presbiteriano, Fred Rogers era consciente del poder bíblico de identificar al prójimo como vecinos, en lugar de competidores, extraños o enemigos. Jesús cambia el significado tradicional de la palabra cuando afirma que el verdadero prójimo no es el que está geográficamente cerca de nosotros, sino el que nos es querido y merece nuestra compasión. Reconocemos a nuestro prójimo no por quiénes son o dónde viven, sino por quiénes somos nosotros y cómo los tratamos. Elige ser un prójimo para todas las personas que conozcas.