

## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

# The Worshipping Community of *Blessed Sacrament - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church*

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*"The Uptown Church with the down home message"*

## SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

### Sunday:

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

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

### Wednesday:

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

### Thursday:

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

### Friday:

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

### Saturday:

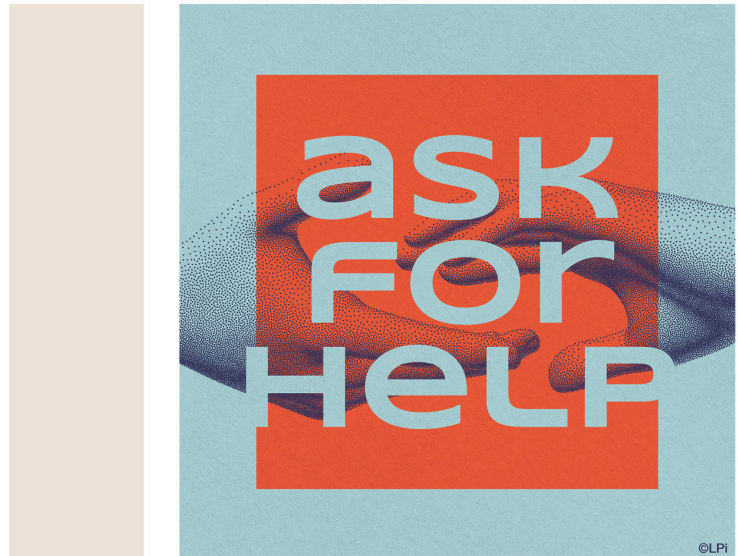
Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

### Next Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/  
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, **"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)**. Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

## Weekday Mass

Wednesdays - 8 a.m.

## Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.

Livestreaming available on our Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass

Prayer Line: 508.924.5792 - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
at Noon

Bible Study: 508.924.5792 - Thursdays at 6pm

**Saturday, July 12, 2025**

**4pm**

For: The People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 13, 2025**

**8 am**

For: The People of the Parish

**10 am Gospel Mass**

For: The People of the Parish

**Wednesday, July 15, 2025**

**8am**

For: The People of the Parish

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Repose of the soul of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Joseph Bates, Jr., Barbara Blanchard, Loyce Bradshaw, Charles Braneon, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Augustine Cain, Dominique Carter, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Ginny Clark, Bernadine Coco, Joyce Coleman, Keith Coleman, Santiago Cooper, Myrna Daniels, Lamar Davis, Beverly Dapremont, Souleymane Diop, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dix, Bonnie Easton, Cameron Fritz, Gilda Griffin, Godfrey Harris, Linda Harris, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Jaylen Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Kaylen Johnson, Ruth Kennedy, Felicia Meyers, Edgries Moon, Keith Newton, Donna Phillips, Omar Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Joyce Randolph, Deja Rawles, Ralph Rhea, Sr., Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Cindy Sims, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**To whom can I become a neighbor? How will I follow my compassionate heart even if my head comes up with a dozen different excuses?**

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

4pm V. Osby

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

8am R. Mornay

10am R. Berryman

Announcer: L. Laylani



- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, August 4, 2025, 6:30pm Rectory.

## *Good Samaritan Weekend*



God of love, may we always see the world through the eyes of the Good Samaritan and be filled with your deep compassion. Help us to be merciful neighbors even when it is inconvenient, when we don't have time, or when we have other responsibilities to attend to.

**PEW RALLY** Support the continuing restoration effort by adopting a pew. Here is your chance to assist in the restoration of our church and commemorate someone special in your life. Your donation of \$1,500 will cover the cost of refinishing a pew. A memorial plaque will be placed on each adopted pew recognizing your gift. The adoption gift can be made in 1, 2 or 3 payments and can be split by two donors. Begin your adoption gift by scanning the QR code or following the email address listed in the bulletin. Thank you for considering a gift to restore our church to its original luster.



Pew Rally QR Code

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### JULY

7 Parish Council Meeting 6:30p  
8 Men's Ministry 6:30p

## COLLECTION TEAMS

### JULY

6 Team 1  
20 Team 3  
13 Team 2  
27 Team 1

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