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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2022



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Mondays thru Saturdays..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

Please telephone the Parish Office
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Every once in a while, it is valuable to take a parable and turn it upside down. This is particularly true of today's parable of the Good Samaritan, because the meaning of this parable is so well known that it is almost a cliché: we are to act like the Good Samaritan and help others who are in need. The parable has even influenced the English Language. If you were to stop and help someone fix a flat tire, that person could likely call you a "*Good Samaritan*." We have "*Good Samaritan laws*" that penalize people who do not help others in certain circumstances. Now there is nothing wrong with reading this parable as an invitation for us to help those in need. But if any parable needed a new twist or a different perspective, it would be this one.

So how can we read the parable differently? We can do so by changing the character in the parable with whom we identify. Instead of seeing ourselves as the character who gives (that is the Samaritan) we can see ourselves as the character who receives (the man who fell in with the robbers). This radically changes the meaning of the parable. Instead of inviting us to give to others, the parable shows us how God gives to us, how salvation comes to us, how the kingdom enters our lives. We can even change the name of the parable. Instead of calling it the parable of "*The Good Samaritan*," we can call it the parable of "*The Man in the Ditch*." We can ask how is that man saved? **How does life come to him?**

It comes as a surprise and as a gift. The parable is telling us that often God comes into our life as a surprise. The man in the ditch would have expected that the priest and the Levite, good people that they were, would stop to help him. They did not. But who could have thought that a Samaritan would have pity on him? Remember Jews and Samaritans were enemies and would not even greet one another on the street. So, who could have guessed that this Samaritan would stop and show him mercy? No one. It was a surprise. In the same way, God surprises us.

God's coming is also a gift. The parable tells us that God sends us life without our ability to earn or merit it. The man in the ditch could have called out to the priest or the Levite, reminding them of their obligation to help him as a fellow Jew. But what claim could he make upon his enemy, the Samaritan? The Samaritan could rightly say to him, "*I owe you nothing*," and he would be right. Therefore, his willingness to stop and help was a total gift, a complete grace. That is how God comes into our lives. The parable of The Man in the Ditch tells us that **life comes to us in ways we can never predict or ever**

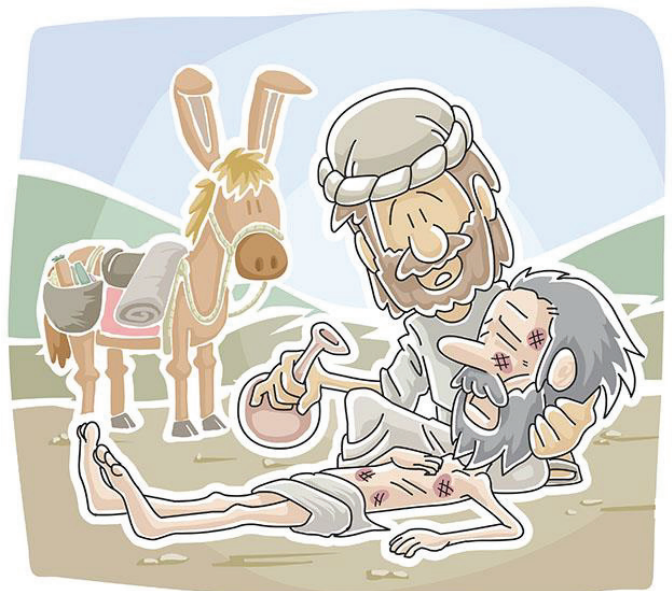
deserve. Your own experience of life confirms this. Look at the surprises in your life: the way you met your spouse, the work your children chose to do, the decisions that led you to where you live and with whom you associate. Who could have predicted any of these things? Look at how much in your life is unearned: that you were born in this country, your health, the people who love you. No one owes this to you. Yet it is your life. It comes as a gift.

If God comes to us as a surprise and as a gift, it is clear that there **is no way we can control God's presence.** We can, however, get ready for it. We can open ourselves to God's will. The stance of the believer is a radical openness to whatever God will do. We should never say to ourselves, "*God cannot do this for me*." God is always surprising us. So, we can find someone to love us, we can fight this cancer or this addiction, we can find the strength to understand and forgive. We should never try to limit God's activity to only the things that are due to us. God is always giving us more than our due. Therefore, we should willingly seize whatever opportunity is given, appreciate the relationships that are ours, and be willing to accept help from another.

The key to the kingdom of God is radical openness to God's will, knowing that God will always surprise us and embarrass us with generosity. The lawyer in the Gospel asks Jesus, "*Teacher, what I must I do to gain eternal life?*" The Parable of the Man in the Ditch has the answer. It tells us that each day we should wake up, put our two feet on the floor and say, "*Lord, here I am. Surprise me with more than I deserve!*"

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



FAITH FORMATION

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is now open! We hope you will register your child and continue with us on this faith journey. For details, please visit our parish website, www.StPhilip.org. If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPORT OF LIFE MINISTRY

Friday Rosary for Life with LIFENET: One of the best things we can do to promote life and help save the babies in the womb is PRAYER. From the comfort of your home please join us on the LIFENET telephone rosary every Friday at 4:00 pm to pray for these babies and their families.

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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Gala Anniversary Celebration



Our Knights will be celebrating their 25 plus years as a council at St. Philip's also recognizing past Grand Knights:

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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

ST. PHILIPS PLAYERS

We are returning to the stage! An original musical revue is set for November 2022. SPP is also adopting the St Patrick's/St Joseph's Dinner Dance with a restart for March 2023. With that, we need volunteers on and off the stage. Specifically seeking: off stage assistants, graphic & scenic designers, general volunteers. Also seeking potential performers as we look to expand. Stphilipsplayers@gmail.com or 862-686-5544.



SCOUTS

On June 28th, **Kevin Klingler** and **Quinn Siedlecki** attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Both boys started as Cub Scouts in Pack 21 and continued their scouting career as Boy Scouts in Troop 21. For his Eagle Project, Kevin built three new podiums for the Knights of Columbus to use at their meetings and events and for Quinn's Eagle Project he built a new Christmas manger for the church as well as storage boxes for the manger statues.

Congratulations to Kevin and Quinn on attaining this prestigious achievement! Troop 21 would like to thank St. Philip Parish and the Knights of Columbus for the continual support of our Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop.



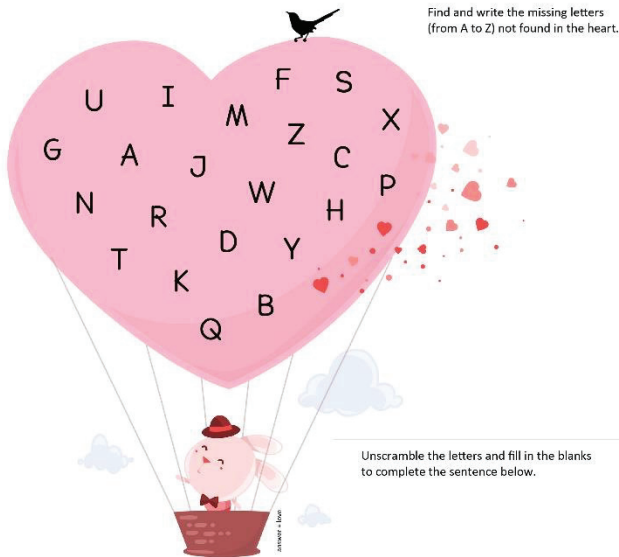
REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM

Thank you to everyone who participated in the book discussion! I learned a lot from reading the book and from you all. I pray that we continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and keep working on becoming the best versions of ourselves. – Father Nico

KIDS KORNER



"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



The Greatest Commandment is _____.

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

PLEASE NOTE

**Holy Hour is every Friday
following Mass until July 29th.**

PARISH GIVING

DUE TO THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY THE PARISH GIVING
WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING.

Upcoming Second Collections:

July 10 - Project Faith

This collection is to provide resources for diocesan ministry, religious education, parish family life, and social services

July 17 - Communications/ Indian & Black/ Lepers/ /Catholic University

WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...
Joseph Scartelli

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami,
Edward Kovacs, Debbie Werthmann,
Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault,
Cheri Albanesi, James Jablonowski,
Elmer Rodriguez, Michele Bellisano,
Michael Barbetta, John Hughes



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

8:00 Raymond Fitzpatrick
Leandro Salme

10:00 Francesco Pugliano
Sean Hughes
John Klunder

Andrew DiDomenico

12:00 James Carolan
Baby Agnes Moore
Walter Tarnowski - 101st Birthday Intention

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022

9:00 Leandro Salme
Barbara Scocco

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

9:00 Margaret and Thomas O'Grady

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022

9:00 Sal Monteleone

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

9:00 Louis D'Angelo

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

9:00 Fanny and Thomas DiSanto
Marci Francoise

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

9:00 Francis, Miriam, and Kevin O'Brien
5:30 Marilyn Loftus
Leandro Salme

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Malcolm Hall
Meg Birmingham
Emanuel Rodriguez
Joe Esposito

12:00 Steven Amato
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