

Sunday, July 10, 2022

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Deuteronomy 30:10-14
- 2) Colossians 1:15-20
- 3) Luke 10:25-37

FOCUS: Love of God and love of neighbor are essential for the life of a believer.

Both the Old and New Testaments emphasize the centrality of loving God and our neighbor. In the first reading, we hear Moses stressing the importance of this in one of the final speeches of his life. In the Gospel, Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan expands the understanding of "neighbor" to include those we might consider strangers or even enemies, and "love" modeled on his example of selflessness and sacrifice.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Moses entreats the people to *return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul*. Paul writes of Christ as *the firstborn of all creation, who reconciled all things in himself*. In the Gospel, Jesus converses with a scholar of the law and commends him for knowing the law. He then uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to challenge the scholar to treat everyone with mercy.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us now offer our prayers to our loving Father.

- 1) For the Church, that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, she may weather difficult times with holiness and strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For the salvation of the world, that through the mercy of God all may come to know the Gospel message and the ways of righteousness and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who hunger, may the Lord fill their every physical and spiritual need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For we who worship and share community here, may the Holy Spirit continue to enkindle in us the fire of his love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may the saints and angels soon welcome them to the fullness of God's love in the perfection of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and answer them for the salvation of the world. We ask this through