Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

"Live and let live." "Mind your own business." "Leave well enough alone." "It's not your problem." "Don't get involved." So goes the wisdom of the world, the law of the jungle. One of these sayings may come to mind when you see a car accident, a bum on the sidewalk, a competitor going bankrupt, a parent slapping a child, a teenage prostitute, a news story about illegal immigrants being deported.

We who have received the love of Christ are to live by a different law. It is "very near to you . . . in your hearts; you have only to carry it out" (Deuteronomy 30:14). We are to live in Christ's love and let our neighbor experience that same life-giving love. And yet, like the "scholar of the law" in today's Gospel, we always try to define who is—or more precisely, who isn't—our neighbor. There's no escaping the message of this Gospel passage. Everyone we fear or despise, every victim, every outsider, every undeserving soul whom God loves, we are to "go and do likewise."

—Virginia Stillwell

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HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

July 19 – Cursillo July 26 – Finance

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-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-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

July 5/6, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

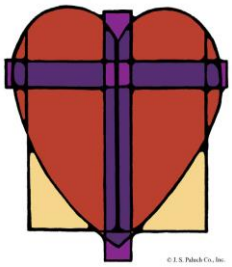
ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$4070.00
LOOSE PLATE……1054.51
CCD……779.00
TOTALCOLLECTION……..$5903.51

Thank you for your generosity

Holy Spirit Youth Group will be taking school supply donations for the month of July for kids in our area in need. **We need:**

Pencils, Wide ruled paper, Pens, Bottled Glue, Glue sticks, Crayola 24, Map colors, Playdough, Backpacks, Kleenex, School box, and Wired Headphones.

Your help will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you*



Saturday, July 12th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Belinda Gomez, Tomas y Guadalupe Morales; +Pablo Villanueva, Sr., Lalo, Julio & Ted Perez

Sunday, July 13th - IHM
8:00AM – Por Grupo Misionero; en acción de gracias a Nuestro Señor por sus bendiciones
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, July 15th 9:00AM - HF
+Ray T. Reyes

Wednesday, July 16th 6:00PM–IHM
+Margarito, Socorro, Pedro, Margarito, Jr., Eluterio, Alfredo & Florentino Gutierrez

Thursday, July 17th 9:00AM - HF
For the well-being of Father Arturo Cornejo

Friday, July 18th 9:00AM - HF
In Thanksgiving for Mikayla Ashley's birthday

Saturday, July 19th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Maria Morales & Carlos C. Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; +Ruben Gutierrez

Sunday, July 20th - *IHM
***8:00AM –** En acción de gracias por el cumpleaño de Christian Villa; +Rodrigo DeLoera
9:30AM - *HF*- For the People of Nolan County
***11:00AM** – +Esteban & Juanita Torrez; Amado & Sapopa Lopez

Living God's Word –
The good Samaritan doesn't ask the victim, "Who did this to you?" or "Did you deserve it?" or "Can you pay me back?" Like Christ, the Samaritan reveals "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15) by treating the suffering person with compassionate mercy and healing his wounds, not counting the cost.

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"JAMAICA 2025" -- September 28th

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NINTENDO SWITCH 2

NEXT SUNDAY, July 20th, is the 3rd Sunday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family at 9:30am. No Sunday morning confessions at Immaculate Heart.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FLOOD VICTIMS will be to taken up this weekend in our parish at all Masses to aid the victims of the July 4th flooding in our diocese and in Kerrville. Please pray for the victims.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, July 14th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

PLEASE NOTE – Grupo Misionero will meet Thursday in the church @7:00pm.

¡ATENCIÓN! **Por Favor Note el Cambio**
¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzó en abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. ● **Este miercoles, la clase será de las 7:30pm a 8:30pm, depues de Adoracion del Santisimo, en la iglesia de Inmaculado Corazón** en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista es Victor Rubio Jr. (Mas informacion, llame a la oficina.)

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet this Sunday, July 13th at 4:00pm Holy Family parish hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

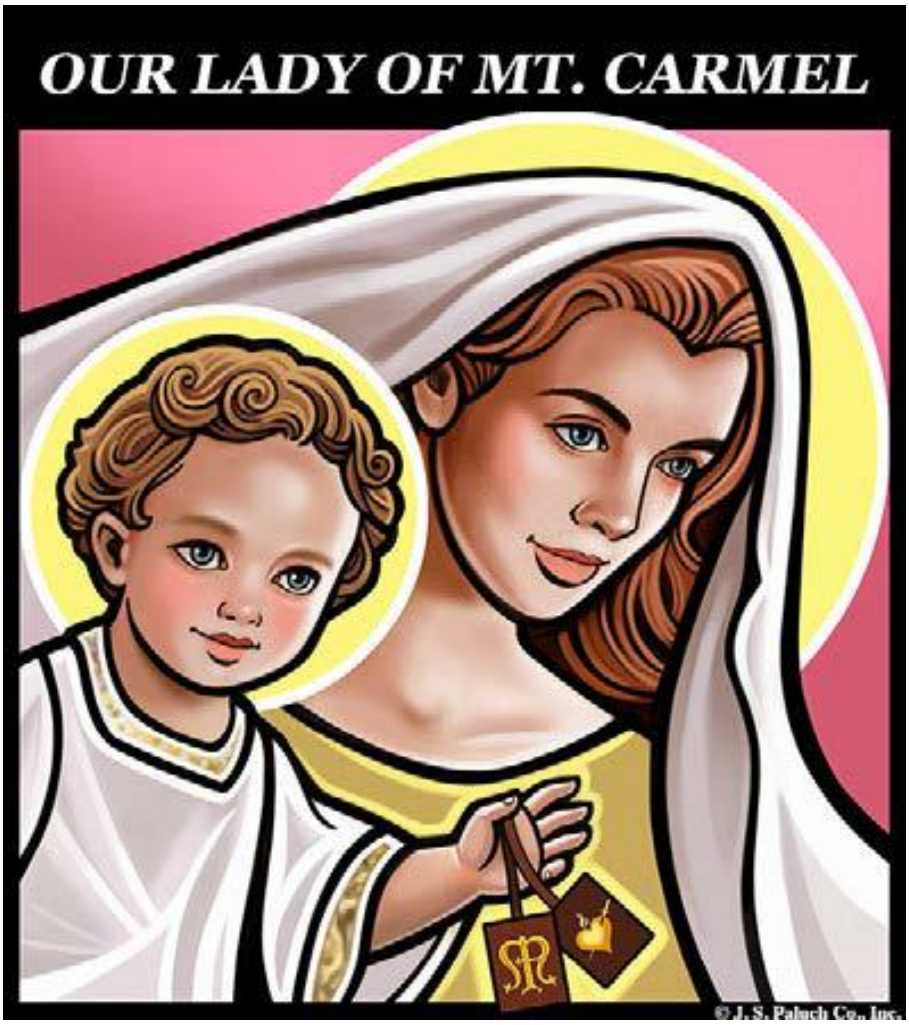
HOLY SPIRIT VBS 2025
July 14 – 18

Welcome back Pool Party Monday, July 14th
6:00pm – 9:00pm, Sweetwater City Pool

VBS Classes
Tuesday thru Friday
6:00pm-8:00pm

■ **Incoming 1st – 6th Grade**
@Immaculate Heart Hall
■ **Incoming 7th-12th Grade**
@Holy Family Hall

Registrations after Mass this weekend



July 16

THIS is the patronal feast of the Carmelites. July 16 is also the feast of the "Scapular of Mount Carmel." On that day in 1251, pious tradition says, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, General of the Carmelites at Cambridge, England, showed him the scapular and promised supernatural favors and her special protection to his Order and to all persons who would wear her scapular.

To obtain the indulgences and other benefits promised to those who wear the Carmelite scapular, a person must be invested by a priest who has the requisite faculties and must lead a consistent Christian life.

PRAYER *Lord, let the motherly prayer of the glorious Virgin Mary come to our help. Through her support help us to reach the true mount which is Christ. Amen*

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