

Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

Saint
Anastasia
Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025



There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "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." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A

priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." — LUKE 10:25-37



Who, Then, Is Not MY Neighbor?
The Parable of the Good Samaritan

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Parish Mission Statement

To Proclaim the good news of Christ's love through our active involvement, as a Parish community, in works of Charity, Faith, Worship and Justice.

All Are Welcome!

NO MATTER what your present status is in the Catholic Church;

NO MATTER your family situation;

NO MATTER where you are in the practice of faith;

NO MATTER what your personal history, age, background;

NO MATTER what your self-image may be;

YOU are invited, welcomed, respected & loved at St. Anastasia

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and every family should be properly registered. Registration forms are available at the Rectory or in the rear of the church.

Use of the electronic giving (Faith Direct) or envelope system is required if statement of contribution is sought for tax purposes. All parishioners should use either one of the donation forms. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory by mail.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory or Faith Formation Office for dates of baptisms. No more than four families will be scheduled for a Baptism at one time. Please call the Rectory at 718-631-4454 or the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191. After the initial intake, you will be asked to go to the Rectory to pick up a checklist and handbook. You will also have to schedule a private class and will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Time available: Saturday 11 AM—3 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM—3 PM. Couples must make arrangements six months prior to the selected date of their marriage and fully participate in the Pre-Cana program.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Rose Ruesing.

Liturgies

Weekend Masses

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church

Holy Days and Special Liturgies

- Mass schedules for holy days are printed on Sundays before the feasts and solemnities occur. For advance information, please call the Rectory Office

Devotions

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass
- Rosary: Before the Daily Mass Monday - Saturday.

Circle of Friends

SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY
11AM TO 1PM
PARISH CENTER

Socialize with friends, play board or
card games and enjoy time with
others.

Coffee, tea, and water will be there.
Bring snacks to share!

Pray the Rosary

Before the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass
at 7:45 a.m.



Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Church

Tuesday Rosary Themes

July 1st

Feasts of the Sacred Heart of
Jesus and the Immaculate
Heart of Mary

July 8th

St. Benedict

July 15th

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

July 22

St. Bridget of Sweden

July 29th

Sts. Joachim and Anne



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Contact the office at the information below or scan
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Contact: Rose Ruesing, Director of Faith Formation
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Grow+Go



July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary TimeWritten by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Dt 30:10-14 | Col 1:15-20 | Lk 10:25-37

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Do you ever feel as though the concept of God's plan for your life feels too distant and abstract to perceive? If you raised your hand, just know I'm raising mine, too. The life of a Christian striving for virtue and closeness with our creator is not always simple! But Moses' words to the Israelites in today's first reading pierce my heart, even centuries after he spoke them: "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you." Moses is talking to the Israelites about God's instructions that will lead them to the Promised Land, but it's a relevant reminder for us, too. God's command is not some vague message written in the sky, or some ancient code we need to decipher. *It is written in our hearts.* Our job is simply to return to the Lord our God so that we might understand it. If you ever feel as though God's ways are inscrutable, return to him, perhaps using this particular Scripture. When we call upon God, he always responds. And in his response there is great mercy and love. We are meant to share this mercy and love we receive with others.

GO EVANGELIZE**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

I think it's natural, in our fallen humanity, to overcomplicate the Lord's commandments. But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus spells it out for us in plain terms: show mercy to our neighbor. How often do we encounter someone in need? Probably daily. How often do we respond with love, generosity, and mercy? This is the question we must ask ourselves. Though the call is clear and concise, the reality is demanding. But Jesus also reminds us that our acts of mercy aren't without merit – they are precisely what will carry us onward to our eternal reward. "Do this and you will live," Jesus says.

REFLECT

Today's readings remind us of our earthly call to love and to serve, and they are also a reminder of God's radical nearness to his people. The call to mercy is challenging. The mission to love is bold. The road to eternal glory is long and narrow. But God is never far away from us on this journey. Take time this week to consider where and how the Lord is speaking to you. How is he inviting you into his mission of mercy? Where is he offering you himself?



By Margaret Coppinger, The Good Samaritan, Public Domain

Reflections



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
UNITED STATES | CANADA APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July 2025

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

In this month of July, the Holy Father invites us to pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

To discern is to know that a decision needs to be made, to acknowledge the reality that the Lord has given us freedom to choose, even if we can make the wrong choice. It is better that we learn to choose than to simply be told what to do, so that we learn to take responsibility for our own choices and actions.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, we hear Moses say to the Hebrews: "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life!" Choose the way of God and not the way of self-centeredness and death.

How do we learn to choose wisely, according to the wisdom of God?

Firstly, we can seek understanding and rely on the teachings of the Church that have been developed over the centuries.

The lives of the saints can also be instructive. Take the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits: During his convalescence from a badly broken leg suffered in battle, he begins to notice how some of his thoughts and imaginations lead him away from God, whereas some others lead him closer to God and give him lasting joy and peace.

We can begin to pay more attention to our daily thoughts and experiences in a prayerful manner by remembering three specific points: Thank you, I am sorry, and please. For what am I thankful or sorry today? For what do I ask the grace of God for assistance?

This can help us to better tune our spiritual antenna, so that we know better what leads us to a path of abundant life, and what leads us to a path that runs counter to the Gospel.

By Fr. Edmund Lo, SJ: The national coordinator of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network in Canada, as well as the vocations director of the Canadian Jesuits.

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Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, Ohio joins Bishop Brennan and Father Heanue on this episode of Big City Catholics to talk about the Religious Workforce Protection Act. He explains concern over the current U.S. rule where those of religious service are to return to their country of origin for a full year should their visa expire before they receive judgement about a green card or permanent residency. This bill will remedy this issue to ensure stability and secure conditions for religious communities by resolving legal ambiguities. Bishop Brennan discusses how foreign missionaries are vital to our diverse diocese and expresses commitment to comprehensive immigration reform. [Listen Now!](#)



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St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!



St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.



Carmelite Spirituality

On July 16, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Learn more about Carmelite Spirituality and how you can live it in this incredible series on Formed.



Love and Serve



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading features the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan, which illustrates compassion and love, emphasizing Christ's call to care for others across societal boundaries. Its impact is so profound that even those who may not identify as Christians often invoke the phrase "being a good Samaritan" to describe acts of kindness. On the surface, this parable answers the question, "Who is my neighbor?" and encourages universal love for all people, especially toward those in need. It urges us to be open, concerned, and helpful, modeling the compassion and mercy we ourselves have received from God. Church Fathers and scholars have long seen deeper allegorical meanings that illuminate our salvation history. Let us explore these profound interpretations.

The man's trek from Jerusalem to Jericho, in the allegorical sense, represents humanity's fall from grace, from a state of communion with God into a world marred by sin. In a deeper sense, the man represents Adam, and by extension, all of humanity, wounded and left "half-dead" by the consequences of sin. The robbers represent the forces of evil that strip humanity of its original innocence. Next, a priest and a Levite pass by the wounded man, offering no aid. In this allegorical reading, the priest and the Levite symbolize the Old Law and its institutions. While God gave the Law, it was ultimately insufficient to heal the deep spiritual wounds inflicted by sin and restore humanity to life. Neither the Law nor the Prophets could fully help humanity in its fallen state, leaving a need for a new covenant and a Savior. It is the shunned Samaritan, an outsider to the Jewish community, who stops and compassionately binds the man's wounds, pouring on oil and wine, and takes him to an inn, promising to return. Here, the allegorical interpretation reveals its most profound truth: Christ Himself is the Good Samaritan. Just as the Samaritan finds the man "half-dead," Christ, the Son of God, finds humanity in its fallen state, wounded by sin. He is the Savior who comes to heal our spiritual wounds. The oil and wine used to treat the man's wounds represent the sacraments. The oil can represent the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the healing grace of God, while the wine can symbolize the Precious Blood of Christ, shed for our redemption, and the Eucharist. The inn to which the Samaritan brings the wounded man is understood to be the Church. Here, Christ continues His work of healing and restoration through the sacraments and the community of believers. The Samaritan's promise to return and settle any further expenses signifies Christ's promise of His Second Coming, bringing about the fullness of His Kingdom.

This deeper understanding enriches the parable's original call to love for our neighbor. Having been shown God's immense love, we are to imitate Christ's compassion and mercy by not refusing to extend it to others. Let us, therefore, be vigilant in recognizing the "half-dead" in our midst — those suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Like the Good Samaritan, we should stop, sympathize, and share Christ's love through our actions, fulfilling His supreme commandment of love and participating in His ongoing work of salvation in the world.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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Bread & Wine Memorial



Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. Sherman

July 13 – 19, 2025

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



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Prayer Intentions



In the kindness of your prayers, remember our recently deceased parishioners and friends.

Also remember the homebound, sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Geraldine Armenio
Eva Bedell
Fred Bedell
Ann Cavaseno
Joyce Daino
John Dietzler
Carmela Digregorio
Ralph DiScala
Jo Ann Ferrari

Josephine Finocchiaro
Victoria Guerra
Theodore Koumou
Anthony Logerfo
Alfina Manca
TJ McSherry
Antoinette Taub
Gregory Wiehl



St. Anastasia Parish Registration



Thank you for attending Mass with us today.

If you have not previously registered or are considering registering with our parish, please complete a **Parish Registration Form** located in the rear of the church then return it to the rectory.

Parish Family: Why Register?

If you have not already registered, it is important to do so. If and when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you will need a letter from the parish. Letters cannot be given to those who are not registered parishioners. Please be sure to keep your information updated with the parish, especially with changes to address and phone number.

Mass Intentions



Sunday, July 13, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil Thomas R. Buckley, Jr.
Brian Brady

8:00 a.m. Pietro & Paul Nardozi

10:00 a.m. Clara Randazzo
Dolores A. Jacobus

12:00 noon People of St. Anastasia Parish

Monday, July 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. Rev. Matteo J. Rizzo
Tony Mariani

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. Lillian & Maria Damiano

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. Umberto Savocchi
Ann & Eugene Ferguson

Thursday, July 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. George Segalini
Lena, Arcangelo, & Peter Reali, Sr.

Friday, July 18, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. Andrew Haverlin

Sunday, July 20, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil John Cunniff
Bobby Chmielewski

8:00 a.m. Macaluso, Robert
Laszlo Keszthelyi

10:00 a.m. People of St. Anastasia Parish

12:00 noon Francisco & Francia Bernal
Frank Mollica

