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### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 10:25-37

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Dear Parish Family,

In the early hours of June 12 (not quite a month ago), our nation was shocked once again by terror. The attack at a night club in Florida, much like those elsewhere in the world this year, is a concrete reminder of the hatred and alienation that remain in our world.

In one sense, things have not really changed since the days Jesus walked the earth. In his day, Jews and Samaritans could not stand one another, much like the Israelis and Palestinians of our day. When a zealous Jew sought from Jesus the true meaning of love of neighbor, it is unlikely that he could have imagined the extremes to which Jesus would challenge him. Not even the holiest among the Jews would stoop to care for the suffering victim of robbers along that treacherous road from Jericho to Jerusalem; only the hated Samaritan would stoop so low!

The parable of the Good Samaritan is meant to remind us that our love for God must be such that it propels us into action the instant that evil is made manifest. Stories from the various tragedies of this year illustrate the truth that there are some who still heed that call!

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Bill Foley*

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