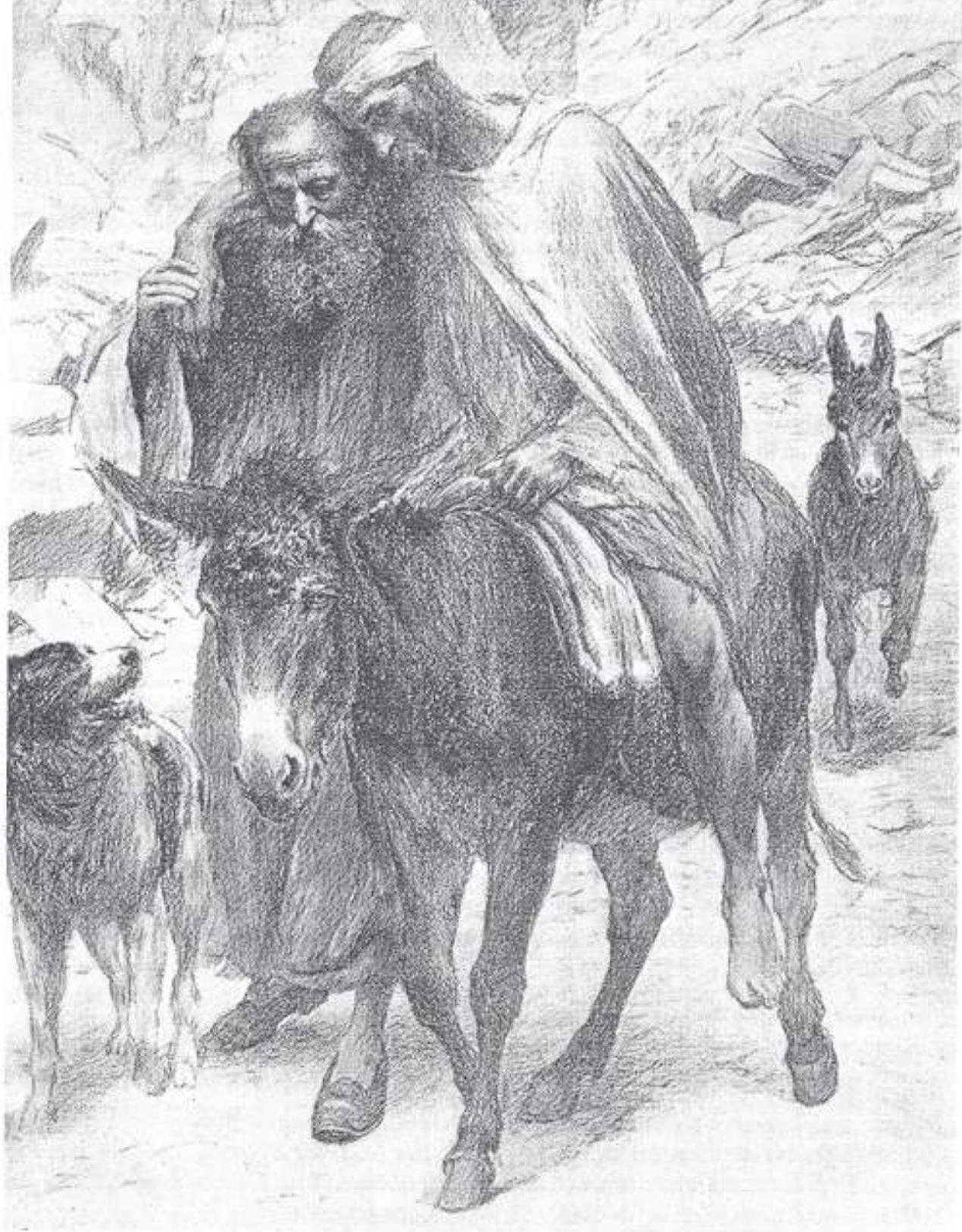


July 13, 2025

"THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT"



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St. Thomas More Site

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Holy Trinity Site

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212 S Main Street

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Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site

in the Confessional between

10:30 am-11:15am

Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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Office Hours at HT: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-1pm

Emergency Number: 779-248-2164

CMGConnect DIOCESE OF PEORIA



Reminder for all volunteers

Please complete your

Safe Environment Training that is required by the Diocese on the
website; <https://Peoria.CMGconnect.org>

St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 14, 2025

Monday	7/14			† No Mass
Tuesday	7/15	9:00 am	STM Site	† Marlene Stillwell
Wednesday	7/16	5:30 pm	HT Site	† John & Dena Bussa
Thursday	7/17	9:00 am	HT Site	† Bernard Schwamberger
Friday	7/18	9:00 am	STM Site	† Phil Maggio

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 19-20, 2025

Saturday	7/19	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More Site	† Joyce Gillan
Sunday	7/20	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† For the Parishioners

“WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?” (Lk 10:29)

The gospel today is about loving our neighbor in the story of the good Samaritan. The gospel also explains the two great commandments, to love God above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The first reading is about loving God first and the gospel is about loving our neighbor. Pretty neat huh?

As we are told, a scholar of the law asked Jesus “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” What is really awesome about this is the Lord’s response. He didn’t answer him. Instead of answering him, Jesus asked the scholar, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He wanted to hear what the man had to say. This is just totally awesome because the Lord didn’t ask him what he had been taught, but “how do you read it?”

The bible contains living words. Words of truth and life. These words can be interpreted differently by each person who reads them. Even though the scholar knew the correct answer because of his education, he still didn’t quite get the meaning of it. It sounds like he wanted to twist the meaning of the scriptures to suit his own needs, but Jesus turned it around on him, when He told the parable of the Good Samaritan. It wasn’t a person’s position in life that made them a good person in the Lord’s eyes. Thinking of one’s self did not make a person holy. Caring about other people and being of service to them in their time of need, is what makes a person holy.

The Good Samaritan gave his time, money and effort to a fellow human being who was unable to take care of himself. Can we think of a single time in our own life that we went out of the way, to give our own time, money and effort to (significantly) help someone other than ourselves? Did we expect to be repaid or acknowledged for our efforts?

Most of us are educated about love through the study of the bible and what our Catholic faith teaches, but Jesus tells us today that knowledge of the scriptures are not enough. We are to “go and do likewise”. The words without concrete action is just empty words. Today, let us live the words we read about in the bible with our daily actions. It isn’t just other people that notice when we fail to live what we say we believe. The Lord Jesus sees this as well. (excerpted from /www.acatholic.org/the-good-samaritan)

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed:

We are so thankful for members who participate in one or more of our Liturgical Ministries. However, we need more volunteers as Lectors, Money counters or Ushers at both churches. Please contact Melissa or Fr. Thaddeus if you like to help.

ADA Campaign Update:

As we are getting ready for the next 2025-2026 ADA campaign, we like to give you and update on the present, 2024-2025, ADA. The Goal for SP is \$9,257.00 and we have collected \$670.00, The Goal for STM is \$10,663.00 and we have collected \$4,423.95, The Goal for HT is \$13,852.00 and we have collected \$6,260.00. If you are financially able, please consider helping our parish to reduce the shortfalls.

Latest Offering's

July 6th Weekend
St. Barbara Parish
Total Collections:
\$2426.00
HT site \$1841.00
STM site \$585.00

Next Confessions

Confession will be
Sat. July 19th
10:30am-11:15am
STM site in the
Confessional