

FROM FR. DEO

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

This Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time highlights the virtue of hospitality. In the Bible, hospitality is more than being friendly or welcoming guests into our homes or our parish; it is about opening our hearts to God by welcoming others, especially those who may challenge our comfort, or need our care.

The first reading (2Kgs 4:8-11;14-16a) presents the woman of Shunem, who recognized Elisha as a holy man of God and generously welcomed him into her home. Without expecting anything in return, she made room for God's servant, and God blessed her with the son she had long desired. Her story reminds us that when we welcome in the other, God blesses us in unexpected ways.

In the Gospel (Mt 11:40) Jesus deepens this lesson: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me." Every human encounter becomes an opportunity to welcome Christ. Christian hospitality goes beyond kindness—we welcome others not because they can repay us, but because Christ comes to us through them.

That kind of radical hospitality is love put into action. Jesus reminds us that even a cup of cold water offered in His name has eternal value. At the same time, He calls us to put Him first and love Him with our whole heart. When Christ is at the center of our lives, we are able to love others more deeply, generously, and faithfully. Loving Christ above all else does not diminish our love for our families; rather, it enriches and strengthens every relationship, because our words, actions, and decisions are shaped by His love.

The Eucharistic celebration is God's greatest act of hospitality. At His table, Christ welcomes us, feeds us, and sends us forth to become His welcoming presence in the world. A parish that practices radical hospitality doesn't simply have friendly people—it becomes a home where everyone can encounter Jesus. May everyone who enters our church doors experience the welcoming love of Jesus Christ.

In parish news, please join me in wishing Fr. Daniel McCarthy a very happy 85th birthday on July 1! Over the years, Fr. Dan has touched countless lives as a spiritual father, faithful priest, wise mentor, and a cherished pillar of our parish community. Let us keep him in our prayers and thank God for his many years of dedicated priestly ministry. Everyone is warmly invited to join us on Wednesday, July 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish auditorium to share dessert, fellowship, and your birthday wishes as we celebrate this special milestone with Fr. Dan.

Today, we are pleased to welcome Bishop John Bosco Ntagungira of the Diocese of Butare, Rwanda, home of our Station School. Bishop John Bosco will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass and offer his gratitude to our Station School sponsors for their generous support. He also looks forward to greeting our parish community. Please join us for a light reception in the auditorium following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo



Bishop John Bosco