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**«But a Samaritan, while traveling, came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity» (Lk 10:33)**

(From the liturgy of July 13, 2025, the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**Jesus is in everyone we meet.**

**Word**

**of Life**

**So Jesus told him the story of the Good Samaritan. He said: “Your neighbor is the person right next to you!” You can pass by someone without even noticing them and keep going your way. Or else you can look at them and see if they need something from you...and then you help them.**

**Jesus always talked about how important it is to love God and everyone near us. And he was the first to do this. He prayed and listened to God his Father, and then he was attentive to everyone he met, listening to them and explaining many things to them. And sometimes he even cured them of illness.**

**I felt sad for her and so I gave her my sandwich, my drink and the few coins I had. I was happy that I could help her and I knew that Jesus was happy, too. In fact, ever since I started to love all the time, I am very happy!.**

**My dad bought me a chicken sandwich and a drink. I sat down to eat it and was very happy until nearby I saw a poor woman who was begging and no one stopped to give her anything.**

**My name is Cristina. One day my dad came to pick me up at school. I was very happy because he said he would take me to the park to play. We stayed a long time and there was no time left to go home for lunch.**

**The fact of loving people with such great attention was new to people and they didn’t understand why he did that. They were doubtful and asked him about it. One of them even asked Jesus: “But who is my neighbor?”**

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