Bible reading: Luke 10:25-37, Luke 19:1-10

Our thoughts to share:

To finance their great world empire, the Romans levied heavy taxes on all nations under

their control. The Jews opposed these taxes, but they were still forced to pay. Tax

collectors were the most unpopular people in Israel. But despite the fact that Zacchaeus

was one among them, Jesus loved him.

In every society, certain groups of people are considered “untouchable”. We should not

give in to social pressure to avoid these people.

From the parable of the Good Samaritan, we learn three principles. All about loving our

neighbor; the “untouchable”.

Lack of love is often easy to justify

Our neighbor is anyone of any race, creed, or social background who is in need

Love means acting to meet the person’s need.

The bandits viewed the Jewish traveler as an object to exploit. The priest, as a problem

to avoid and the temple assistant, as an object of curiosity. Only the Samaritan treated

him as a person to love.

Wherever you live, there are needy people close by. There is no good reason for

refusing to help.

Take a pause from our busy day, and look around to extend a small help to the needy.

And rejoice in the salvation we receive.

Remember:

Never seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone, but love your neighbor as

yourself. I am the Lord. (Lev 19:18)