

“...AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.”

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

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Jesus spoke of love and showed compassion. He taught us by his example to love one another and to be compassionate toward those in need.

In the Gospels,
we read of the compassion of Jesus:

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick
(Matthew 14:14).

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him (Matthew 20:34).

...he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34).



Compassion can often mean kindness and sympathy. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus says *“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him...”* (Luke 10:33).

In the parable of the Prodigal Son Jesus says, *But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him* (Luke 15:20).

These stories reflect the love and compassion that Jesus has for his people. His compassion inspires and challenges each one of us to live compassionately.



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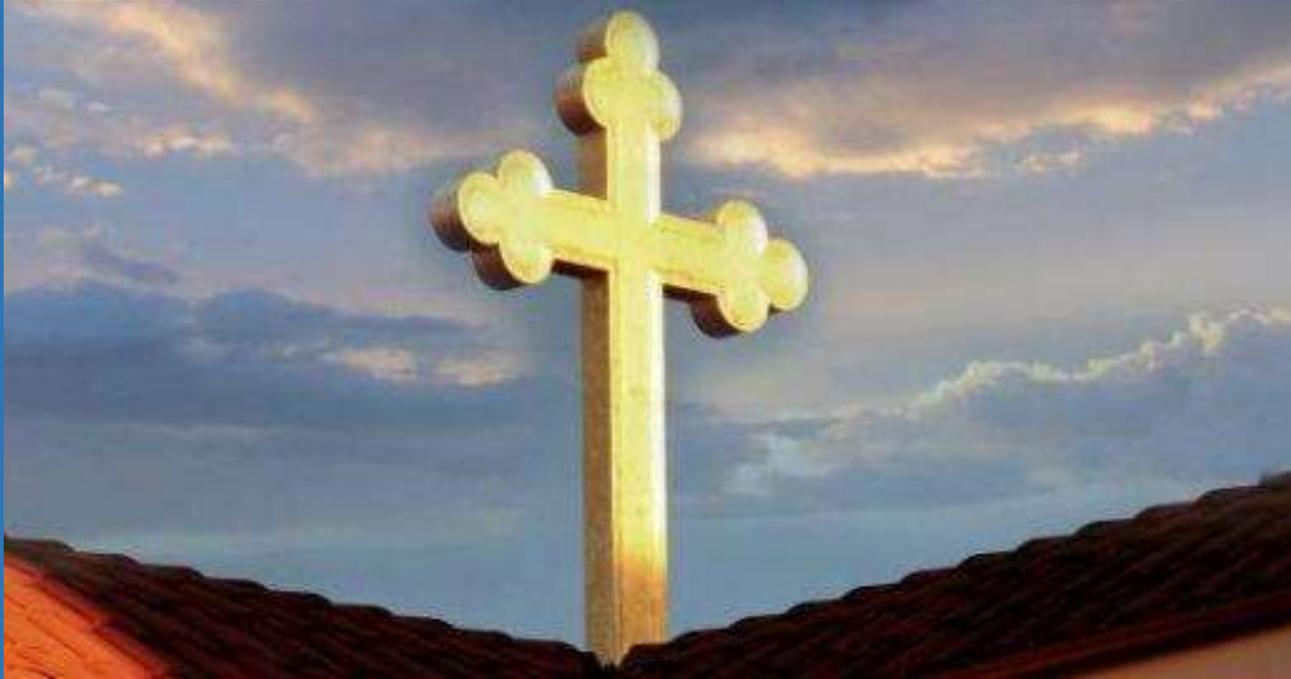
Compassion in the New Testament means that another person's suffering becomes our own suffering.

Compassion in this sense can change the way we live and care for others and for our community.

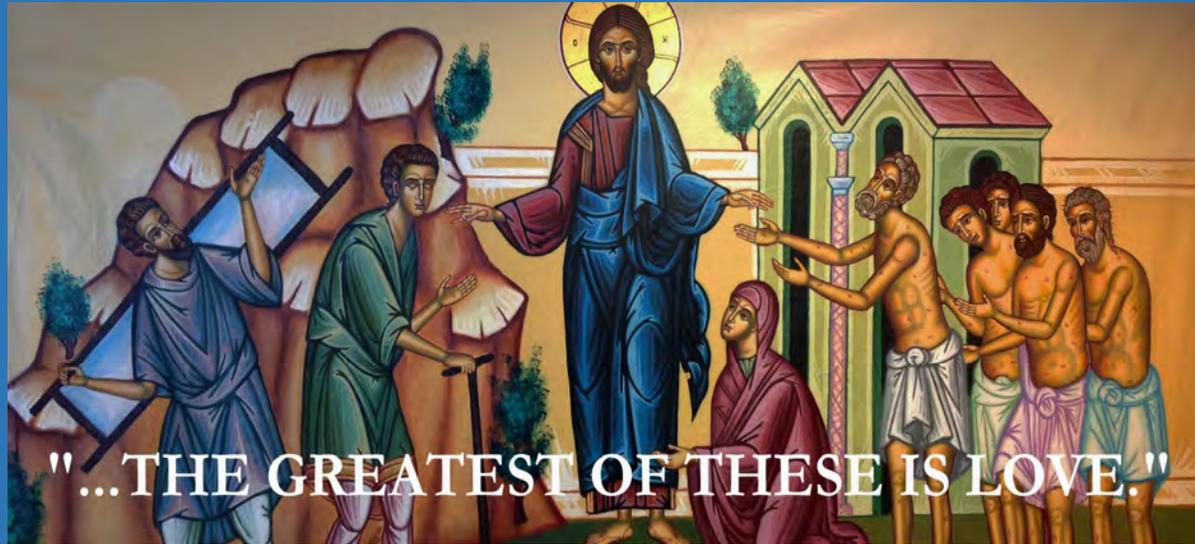


The love that Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Christians at Corinth is an expression of stewardship.

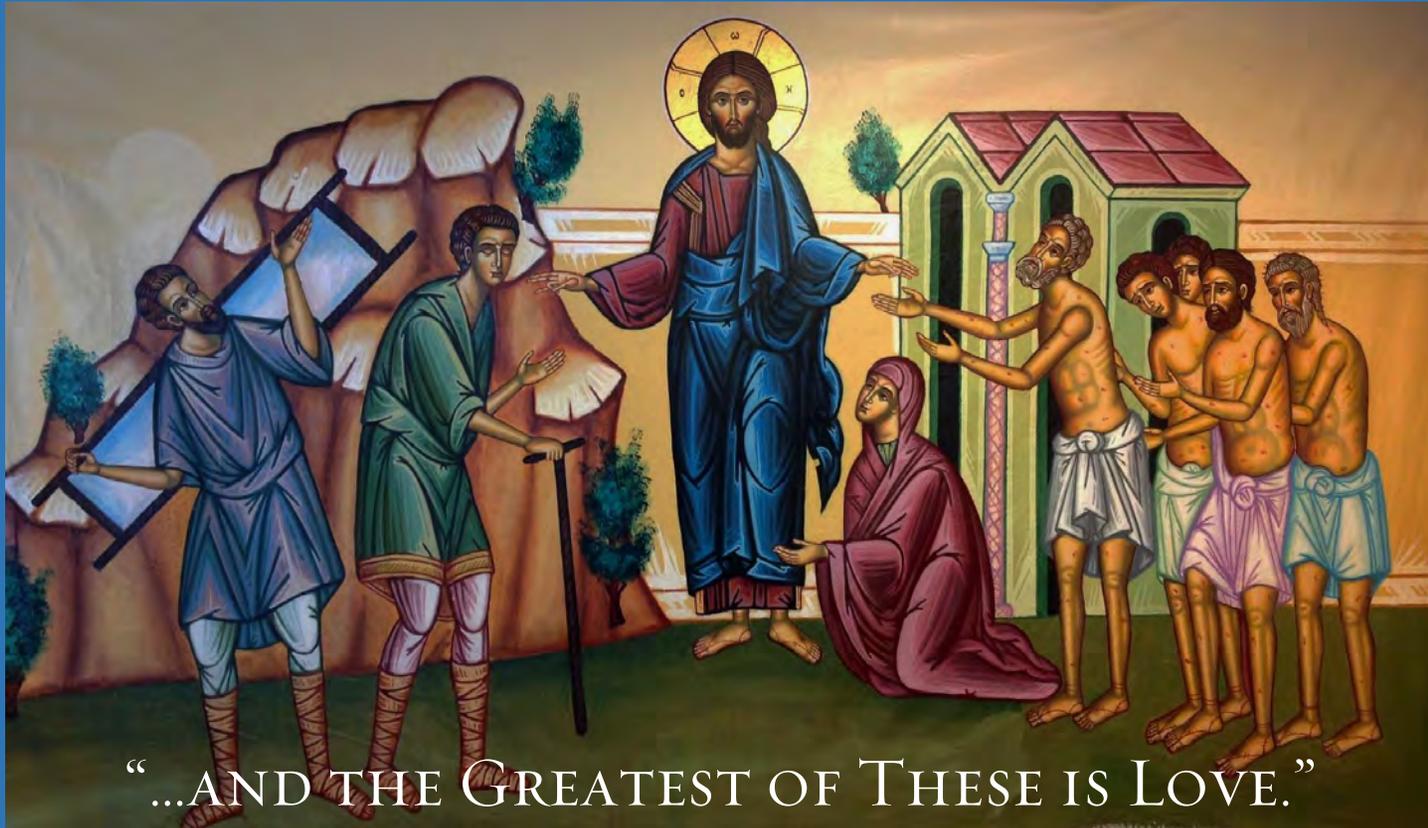
Stewardship is everything we do after we say “I believe.” Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices. Stewardship is about love and love is about stewardship.



Our parishes can be transformed, becoming beacons of Christian love as we care for one another, face challenges together, and serve our neighbors. We would be known as Christians by the love and compassion we embody as a parish family.



The priority of compassionate stewardship is not to pay the bills. It is about how we, as a community, can do God's work with love and compassion. It is less about the parish's need to receive, and more about our need to give. It is our generosity with the gifts and blessings God has entrusted to us. Compassionate stewardship is an attitude and a way of life.



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