

## **Sunday Readings Reflections**

### **7/10/2016**

#### **Reading 1 Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

This reading shows a wonderful understanding of human nature. The author knows how easy it is to say, "I would do God's will if only I knew what it was!" We hear Moses telling the people, "Don't look up in the sky or out to sea for God's will. Look in your own heart." The people are about to enter the Promised Land. They will enjoy all the good things God has in store for them if only they listen to the word of God and follow God's law.

#### **Reading 2 Colossians 1:15-20**

This reading is part of a great hymn of praise to Jesus Christ as the Lord of all creation. He is the One who keeps everything in existence. He is the head of the Church, which continues his ministry on earth. Through his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus unites everyone with God. He is the source of our peace.

#### **Gospel Luke 10:25-37**

Jesus was a great storyteller. We can imagine how fascinating his voice and manner must have been when he told the parable of the Good Samaritan to the lawyer who wanted to be saved. And how surprised the lawyer must have been when he heard the answer to the question "Who is my neighbor?" My neighbor is not just the person next door or a member of my parish or my racial group. My neighbor is anyone in need?even if he or she seems to be an enemy. Jesus' parable reveals the true meaning of love of neighbor. It is going out of our way to do everything for someone that we would want done for us.

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