

Following are brief notes of ideas in the Sunday readings, relating to some of the immigration themes. They may be helpful in developing homilies and/or prayers of the faithful. (Some of these ideas relate better or more easily than others...) Prayers of the faithful may often be the easier/better place to directly and briefly promote these Christian values. These ideas can be used to promote Christian actions and attitudes without any direct reference to any legislation. Abraham is noted several times, as are stewardship and sharing among rich and poor.

June 23 – Gal3: Through faith all are children of God, Jew and Greek, slave and free. All are Abraham's descendants.

June 30 – (during the fortnight for freedom) Gal5: Love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 9: Have compassion for those leaving everything behind. We are all called to do so following Christ

July 7 – Luke10: Apostles are to go out and spread the gospel, expecting any good town to receive them and be hospitable.

July 14 – Good Samaritan Luke 10 – the good neighbor is the one who helps the traveler

July 21 – Gen 18: Abraham, both as a migrant himself and being hospitable to strangers

August 4 – Share the inheritance. Luke 12: Rich man dies worrying about the bountiful harvest he has received. Store up treasure in heaven. (Note that the stewardship theme continues and strengthens on August 11; these weeks appear to tie together well.)

August 11 - Heb11: Abraham is called to leave his homeland. Luke 12: Much is required of the person entrusted with much.

August 25 – Is66: Fugitives sent to all nations. (We receive many refugees and asylees in Lexington.)
Luke 13: People come to God from everywhere. Last will be first and some who are first will be last.

Sept 1 – Luke 14: When you hold a banquet invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind.

Sept 15 – 1Tim1: People change in Christ (like Paul.) Don't judge others too quickly.

Sept 22 – Luke 16: Stewardship and honesty in economics.

Sept 29 – Luke 16: Lazarus, rich and poor.