

The Blue Mass

It's hard to be exactly like Jesus. In fact, it is impossible. Our parish motto, being Christ, every day, everywhere, does not mean being precisely like Christ. It doesn't mean you have to perform miracles, never sin, and raise yourself from the dead. It does, however, mean trying your best. Being Christ means loving God, and loving your neighbor. Being Christ means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, not being just like him. Our first responders follow this mold perfectly. Not only do they love their neighbors, but they protect them. At the Blue Mass, we honor the men and women who have raised a shield of protection over our country, and those who have sadly died on it.

The Good Samaritan was a parable told by Jesus in the gospel of Luke. The story tells of a man who is badly injured on the side of a road and is helped by a man who is from a rival country. Being Christ means being that good samaritan, and our first responders are a great example of that. They do not hesitate to help anyone who is in urgent need, no matter their beliefs, race, or culture. That is what truly makes first responders Christ, every day, everywhere.

Jesus was a great example. He was the image of a perfect human being, Jesus is what God envisioned the human race to be. Now no one else is perfect, and no one ever again will be perfect, but people can follow the footsteps of

Christ by being an example to others. You can be like Christ by positively inspiring others to do the same. Our first responders are amazing examples for others. They show kindness, while also helping and protecting those in need, they are an example of what it means to be Christ, every day, everywhere.

Jesus once said the greatest love a person can have, is to lay down one's life. First responders put their lives on the line to save others. Jesus paid this ultimate price. He was beaten and killed on the cross to save us from all of our sins and grant us eternal life. Some first responders put their lives on the line every day, others have less dangerous jobs. However, they all have one goal, to help others and save lives, even if it means endangering their own.

Jesus was the absolute perfect human being. Nobody will ever be perfect again, but we try to follow in his footsteps. We follow the path that Jesus set for us 2,000 years ago. No one follows the path better than the first responders of the United States of America. They don't hesitate to help people, they are a good example for others, and they put their lives on the line for people in need. Our first responders make America a shining beacon of hope, a beacon of what the world could become.