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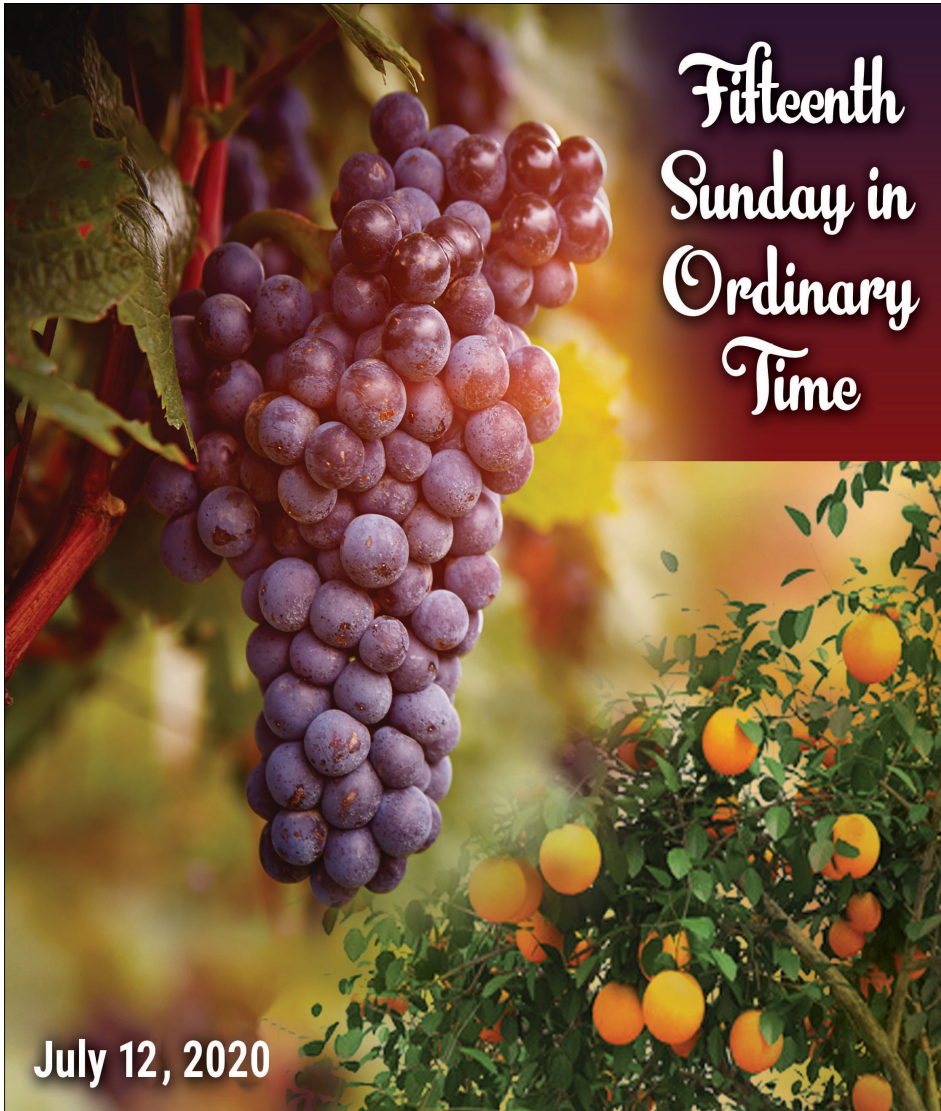
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path . . . some fell on rocky ground.
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.
. . . But some fell on rich soil, and produced fruit.

Matthew 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8

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Mass Schedule

Saturday
5PM

Sunday
7AM 9AM
11AM

Communion Service
Sunday 12:30PM

Facebook Online Mass
Sunday: 10:00AM
Tuesday-Friday: 6:00PM

Parish Webpage

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THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL

is the one who hears the word of the kingdom and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

First Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: I consider that sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply. "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, *because they look but do not see and hear and listen or understand.* Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday July 4 5PM Eucharistic

Dorothy Schechterle, Mike McPherson, Bill Pray

Readers

1Tita Agustin, 2Stephen Pachuta

Hospitality

Reggie & Cindy Dubai, Fred Hidalgo, Maryann Speckman

Altar Servers

Bridgette & Brynn Von Seggern

Sunday July 5

9AM Eucharistic

Tom & Ann Crowder, Maura Wilburn

Readers

1Debbie & 2Art Corsano,

Hospitality

Terry & Sandra O'Brien, Mike & Gwen Crowder

Altar Servers

Kayla Nellum, Caleb Pastana

11AM Eucharistic

Josie & James Ezelle, Dee Fox

Readers

1Debbie & 2Art Corsano

Hospitality

Luz Reyes, Nora Suyat, Ramon & Suzie Reyes

Altar Servers

Talia Samoeun, Casey Solano

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

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Monday: St. Henry

Tuesday:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wednesday:

St. Bonaventure

Thursday:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday:

St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary



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Online: 3068.49
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Building Fund:
218.50

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11

5PM † Edward Trzaskawka

By Martin Trask

SUNDAY, July 12

9AM George Clifford Fezal

By Knights of Columbus

11:00A.M Parishioners of St John

TUESDAY, July 14

8AM † Patricia Hannan

By Andy & Linda Kane

WEDNESDAY, July 15

8AM † Renato Lavilla

By Ladies Guild

THURSDAY, July 16

8AM In Thanksgiving for Shaun Burgess

By Samantha Matthews

FRIDAY, July 17

8AM † Doreen Costa

By The Speckmans

SATURDAY, July 18

5PM † Doreen Costa

By The Binghi Family

SUNDAY, July 19

7AM † Alfrida Powell

By Patricia Hine

9AM † Paz Blanco

By Minda Mamansag

11:00 A.M † Jose Herardo

By Terri McMurtry



Dear Padre,

Recently my husband's union was involved in a messy strike that nearly turned violent. Does the Catholic Church support strikes like this?

I grew up in Detroit. Most of my family and extended family worked in the automobile plants there. I clearly remember long strikes when my father was out of work and our family would struggle along, sometimes wondering where we would get money for the necessities of life.

In the past hundred years, many of the writings of the popes and the bishops' conferences have centered on the issues of work, including the issue of receiving a just wage. The Church spoke in support of child-labor laws, eight-hour workdays, organized unions, collective bargaining, and a just wage. Because of this, at times the Church has been labeled unpatriotic, socialistic, and even communist. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All," which outlines the six moral principles drawn from Scripture that form the basis of the Church's social teaching. In this letter, the Church fully supports the rights of workers to form unions to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions. Unions may also legitimately resort to strikes when this is the only available means to the justice owed the workers (EJA 104-105). The Church draws the line at violence. The strike becomes morally unacceptable when accompanied by violence.

Dear St. John's Family,

I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July Celebration. God Bless America!

We continue to pray for the end of the Pandemic. We pray for all members of our Parish who are affected by the virus. As of this moment, the dispensation from our Bishop regarding Sunday Mass attendance is still in effect. I encourage you to attend our Online Mass Celebrations if you are not yet comfortable attending Mass physically. We are back to our Regular Sunday Mass Schedule with the addition of the 7:00 AM Sunday Mass and 12:30 PM Communion Service.

Our Property Custodian, Mr. Bill Johnson, is doing an excellent job, making sure that our Campus is virus-free. Kindly follow all the rules and regulations you see on the Campus, especially the wearing of a mask and social distancing.

Last Sunday, we commissioned a group of Parishioners to be members of the Respect Life Committee. They have the primary job of leading, inspiring, and animating us in our fight against the culture of death and promoting the Culture of Life. I want to thank Mark and Debbie Bunting for accepting the roles of coordinators.

You are always in my prayers. Be safe and healthy.

Father Rafael S. Lavilla, Jr
Pastor

Know Someone Overly Anxious about Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately with those struggling with scrupulosity.

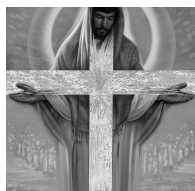
For more information and to sign up for our *free monthly newsletter*, visit:

ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

If you would like a copy of the full letter on the Sin of Racism please call or Email the office or come in to pick up a copy.

StJohntheBaptistAB@gmail.com

Open Wide our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love A Pastoral letter on the Sin of Racism from the USCCB



For the Sick/Healing

Linda Lizotte
Juanita Garcia

Amador Eugenio Sr.
Amador Eugenio Jr.
Mary Uraco

If you want to add someone to the Prayer request for the sick please contact Monica @ mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com or call the Parish office. I update often so names will be posted for 5 weeks. If you want prayer request added again you will need to contact me.

Thank you Monica T.

Ministers Schedule

The new ministry schedules for July-September are available on the MSP (Ministry Schedule Pro) App, website & posted in sacristy. If you want a paper copy please sign the yellow sheet in the sacristy.

So, What's Your Point?

Have you ever explained something so carefully and at length, and yet the other person misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think: Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through.

We are now ready to ask: What's the real point of the story? The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us: What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or do the allure and riches of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

FOR Reflection

- How has the word of the kingdom taken root in your family?
- What yield of goodness do you bring forth in your workplace?

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School
Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

CHOIRS:**5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Youth Choir Practice

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (904) 923-8250 or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

New members always welcome, You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Monica at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Contact Dennis Stone (dennisjstone@comcast.net), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.

Camp Gladiator

Trainer Matt Bean Mathewbean@campgladiator.cpm
Location and Times @St John Catholic Church
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:15am, 6:30am, 9am and 5:30pm