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We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.

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NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

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Youth Choir:

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ADULT CATHECHISM:

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VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

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NOTE: THE SUNDAY 12:15PM MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE 10:00AM MASS.

SAT. 07/11/2020 5:00PM
People of the Parish

SUN. 07/12/2020 7:30AM
Annabell & Stephen Gallien, Sr (D)
Theresa G. Savoy/Family
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
Family & Friends
Rev. August Thompson (D)

Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus
Peter Buckman (D) – Agnes Thompson
Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L)
Theresa Baltrip

SUN. 07/12/2020 10:00AM
Aaron Knight (D)
James & Bonnie Jefferson
Freda Haymond (D)

The Hardin & Embers Families
Jermaine Walker (D) – Theresa Chambers
Joseph Broussard (D) – Georgia Johnson
Michael Johnson (L) – Margaret Chaney
Cecil Coleman (D) – Helen Gobert
Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.
Wanda Dixon/Family

MON. 07/13/2020 7:00AM
Patrick Martell (D) – The Chaney Family
Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L)
Theresa Baltrip

TUE. 07/14/2020 7:00AM
Peter Buckman (D) – Florence & Wanda
Nolan Antone (D) – Pamela Johnson

WED. 07/15/2020 7:00AM
Joseph Broussard – Pamela Johnson
Beatrice Dugas Foreman (D)
Shirley & Belinda Foreman

THUR. 07/16/2020 7:00AM
Anita M. Bailey (D) – Tywana Navy
Patrick Martell (D)
Levan & Dolores Ledet

FRI. 07/17/2020 7:00AM
Bryan Guerrero (L) – Special Intention
Joseph Broussard (D) – Mary Richard



Deacon Alfred Abram, Margaret Cadoree, Mary Augustine Chenier, Dalton Cooper Jr., Nicole Fontenet, Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Lorelle Jackson, Brooke Joseph, Ann Kennerson, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Shannon Martin, Willie Martin Jr., Dorothy Milstead, Carson Morris, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsot, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Evelyn Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Oliver Rose, Faith Samuels, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Emanuel & Felecia Ward, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

Let us Know

Please let us know when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery, especially if the illness or surgery is serious. Call the Parish Office so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers and/or visitation if needed. **After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country.

Army:

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Shanta Charles, Josiah Charles, Patrick Clay Jr, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson

Air Force:

Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Isaiah's poetry and Jesus' parable tell in complementary ways the power of God's word. Isaiah extols its fruitfulness, the Lord promising that it will flower just as the fertile earth does when watered by rain or snow. Jesus tells of the sower, whose indiscriminate scattering of the word of the kingdom leads to different outcomes depending on where it lands. May we listen attentively today, soaking up God's word so that it may bear fruit in us.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – July 12

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday – July 13

Saint Henry

Isaiah 1:10-17

Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday – July 14

Saint Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

Isaiah 7:1-9

Psalms 48:2-3, 4, 5-6, 7-8

Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday – July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16

Psalms 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15

Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday – July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

Psalms 102:13-15, 16-18, 19-21

Matthew 11:28-30

Friday – July 17

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

Psalms 38:10, 11, 12, 16

Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday – July 18

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Micah 2:1-5

Psalms 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14

Matthew 12:14-21



SUNDAYS at 7:30am

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NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday..... Closed
Tuesday.....9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday.... 9:00am to 5:00pm
Thursday..... Closed
Friday..... 9:00am to 3:00pm



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 “Thank you” for participating in my
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 hosting.

RCIA

The initiation of catechumens and candidates will be scheduled at an appropriate time before the year ends. Registration for the 2020-2021 Class is available on the Parish Website:
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KPC SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 138 Scholarship Applications are available in the vestibule of the Church and the Harris Center Lobby. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, July 20, 2020.

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We encourage all parishioners to take the Vocation Chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. The sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule of the church.

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Drawing: October 18, 2020 after the 10:00am Mass.

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Have you made your contribution to DSF? Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Archdiocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God’s work of spirituality, formation, and education by contributing to the Diocesan Services Fund next weekend. Please pick up a pew envelope from the vestibule of the church or visit www.archgh.org/dsf to make your donation.

Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion
 My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Stewardship Reflection

That the seeds God sows in our lives may take root and lead to greater prayer, participation and generosity. “The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” - Matthew 13:22 Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.



Purpose and Mission

The Young Adult Christian Ministry is a Social, Spiritual, Spiritual, Supportive, and Service Group. We

will help strengthen your Spiritual relationships with God, Support each other, and Serve the Church Community.
Join Us: 19-39 years; Service Projects; Worship and Social Events
 Contact the Parish Office at 713-738-2311

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on July 4th and 5th was 105. Please come worship with us and bring a friend. You must wear a mask to attend our Sunday services.



Pastor's Reflection

EVEN WHEN YOU ARE IN DOUBT, CONTINUE TO BELIEVE

I read a story from a homily by Fr. Joe Robinson in 'Guiding Light, Cycle A'. The story was of a newly ordained priest who was having a tough time getting his first sermon started. He asked for suggestions from the Pastor who responded: "start your homily with something that certainly grabs the attention of the people". The Pastor gave an example of what he meant by saying, "some of the best years in my life were spent in the arms of a woman who was not my wife". He smiled at the shocking expression on the face of the young priest and then added: "she was my mother".

Sunday came and the young priest nervously ascended the pulpit, sweating and shaking. Armed with the pastor's suggestion, he began his sermon: "Last week the pastor told me some of the best moments in his life were spent in the arms of a woman who was someone else's wife". This punch line got everyone's attention. However, the young priest was so nervous that his mind went blank. So, he concluded by saying "for the life of me, I can't remember who he said she was".

Situations in life make us question things that has happened and is happening to us. We go back into our memories and bring to present events that justify our feelings of disbeliefs and doubts. Sadly, we do not bring the good that has been the guiding force that has brought us to the present. We relish in disbeliefs and doubts and rationalize away anything else. Unfortunately, this attitude is very much alive in our world today, especially amid COVID 19 and other world challenges.

In today's First reading, the prophet's audience is the Jewish people in captivity in Babylon. Having been in captivity and slavery to the Babylonians for fifty years, the people have become content with their situation and given up hope. God's promise of return to Israel, to their cities and to their lands, through the prophet Isaiah was met with skepticism and doubt. Even though Israel had become convinced of the effectiveness of the Word of God when the prophets announced the fall of the northern and southern kingdoms, people in exile have become complacent and have fallen into disbelief. God assured them that his promise would be fulfilled. God uses the analogy of the rain and snow to let Israel know that He means what He says. He sends rain to moisten and bring life to the earth, giving food and water to all. He assures the doubters that His word is not full of empty promises. It is effective and powerful, accomplishing that for which it is sent. So, even in doubt, still believe! You can take His word to the bank and cash it. He does not delight in grudges, so those who cannot believe in God's mercy or divine intention to save, are exhorted to trust in the word of God.

Today's Gospel parable describes for us three classic obstacles to believing when in doubt. First, the evil one prevents the word from being truly heard. As Jesus himself explained: "**the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in the heart**". Second, the flesh is that part which makes us abandon God's will in times of struggles or tribulation because there is no anchor in our faith. The third obstacle is where the world defers to a society that is opposed to God and appeals to the flesh. For Jesus, the kingdom of God is only for those who are willing to put in the time and struggle to understand his proclamation of the kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is not an entitlement. Just because the seed of grace has been planted in our hearts, if we do nothing with it, it will wither and die. It is only those who choose to allow the word (seed) of God to grow in them who will bear fruits. This means that we must be patient and allow the fullness of the Kingdom to become realized in and through us. God supplies the means needed to produce the extraordinary abundant harvest in our lives. So, even amid the challenges that we are facing: COVID 19, employment uncertainties, social unrests, and the bleak future, continue to believe. God's Word will realize its purpose. We can take that to the bank!

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
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The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead, you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.

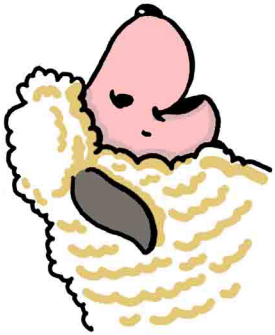
PRAYER

God, help my heart to be soft. Help your Word to change my life.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.

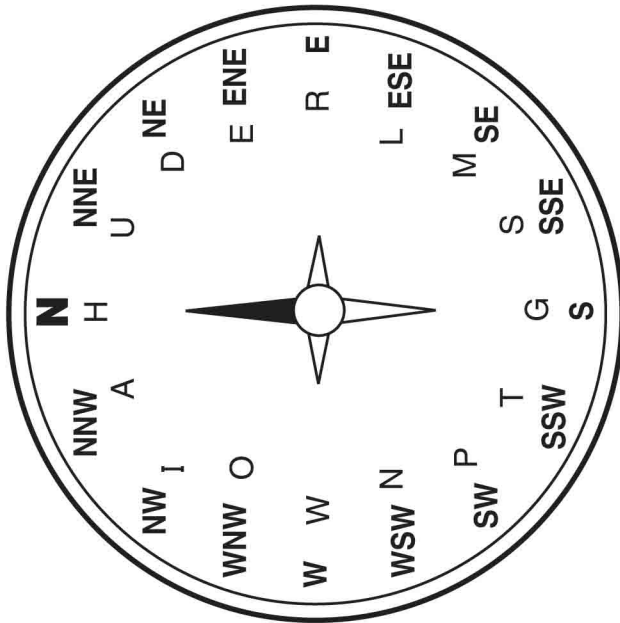
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Then Jesus explained to the crowd what this parable meant. Find out who the “good soil” is!



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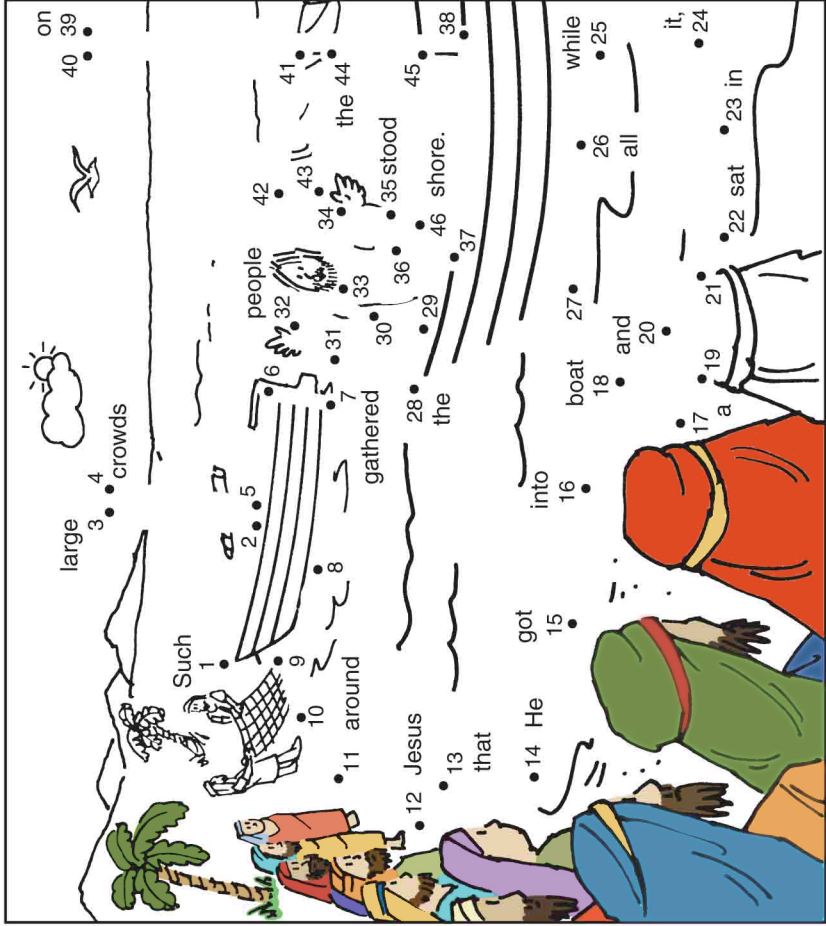
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Jesus sat by a lake. Many people gathered around Him. What did Jesus do?

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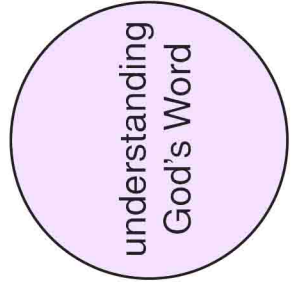
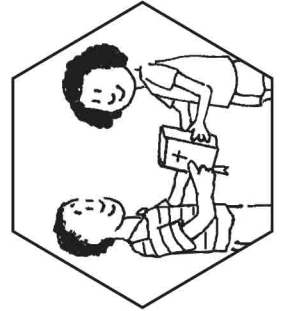
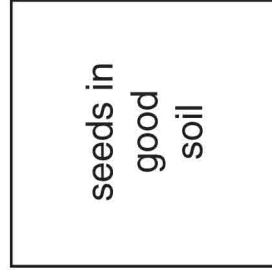
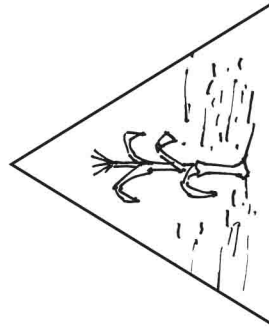
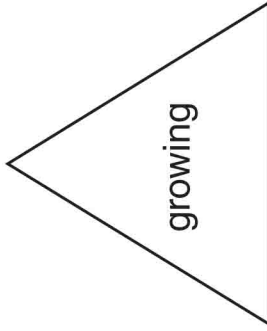


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Some seed fell on good soil. It grew well. That's like people who hear God's Word and obey.

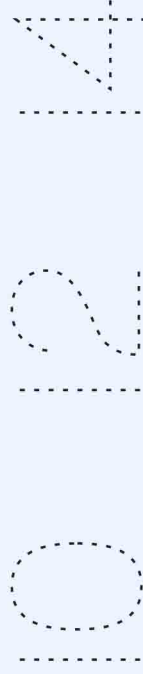
Match the shapes.



The Parable of the Sower

Jesus told a parable. The people listened.

Circle the people's ears and count how many.
Trace the correct number.





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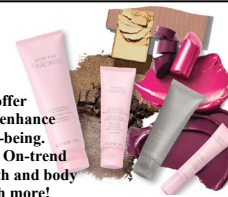


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