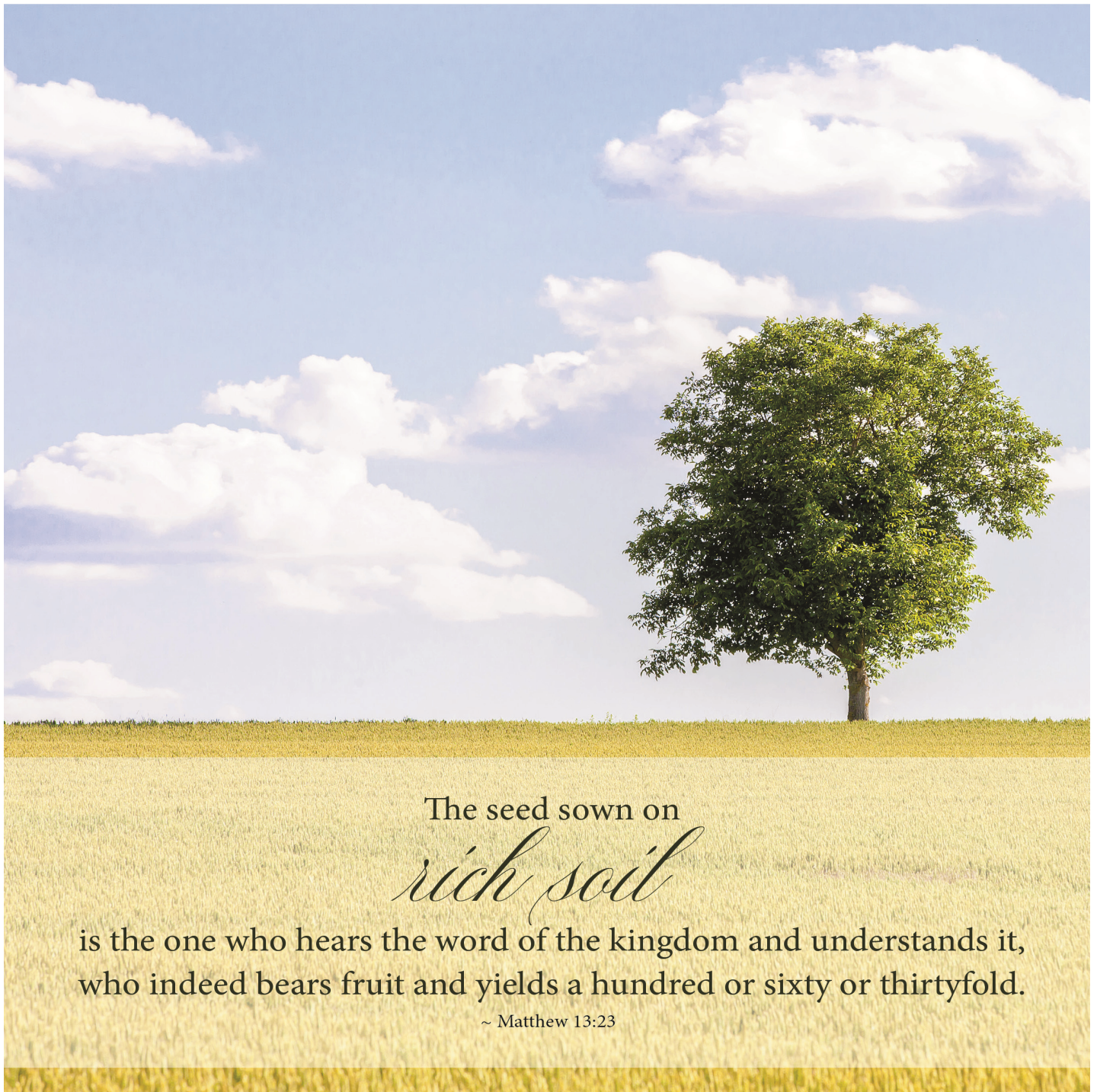




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JULY 12, 2020 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

This Week

Monday, July 13

RCIA & RCIC Zoom calls

Tuesday, July 14

12PM Mass - Fernando Garcia - D (by sign up only)

Wednesday, July 15

12PM Mass- Monita Ozment & Family - L (by sign up only)

Thursday, July 16

12PM Mass - Dario Cartaya - D (by sign up only)

Friday, July 17

12PM Mass - John "Jack" Slattery - D

6PM Confirmation - live-streamed

Saturday, July 18

5:30PM - Eugene Albrecht - D (by sign up only)

Sunday, July 19

8AM Mass - Mary Nell Fien - D (By sign up only)

10:30AM Mass - St. Therese Parishioners (by sign up only) *Also on Facebook (live-stream)*

No Other On-site Activities

Monday, July 20

No On-site Activities scheduled

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Schedule is subject to change.

Interested in joining St. Therese?

Please contact the Parish Office.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

"...they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand...." - MT 13:1-23

This Week's Saints/Special Observances

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Saint Henry

Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wednesday: St. Bonaventure

Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday: Carmelite Nuns of Compiegne

Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship

Offertory	Needed	Received
June 2020	\$51,666.00	\$49,549.00
July 5	\$12,750.25	\$13,070.00
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Please remember: church expenses continue, despite COVID-19 restrictions.....

Today's Readings

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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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]

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GOD'S WORDS

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good-night," our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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Altar Flowers
Altar Flowers are not sponsored this weekend.

**If you would like to sponsor flowers, please call the Parish Office
910.256.2471**

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions were usually heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, or at other times by appointment. Communal Services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration: Usually 12:30 to 4pm on Thursdays. (Temporarily suspended. Watch bulletins and emails for re-start date.)

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office. Young people are usually confirmed in the 10th grade after two years of preparation. **Changes are in place due to COVID-19, contact the Office.**

St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish, united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community, outreach and service.

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ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE ON JUNE 27 AT HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL

RESUMPTION OF DAILY AND WEEKEND MASSES (LIMITED ATTENDANCE)

Fr. Trent and the St. Therese staff are pleased that Daily and Weekend Masses have resumed (but with COVID-19 restrictions.) These Masses have very LIMITED attendance at our uniquely small location at Wrightsville Beach, and require on-line sign up via EventBrite in order to attend. (Please print your ticket and carry it to Mass.) As such, the following guidelines should be carefully reviewed:

Masses are **NOT** open to the public. You must have signed-up via EventBrite (emailed invitations will be sent via Constant Contact) and be a **current, registered parishioner** in order to attend.

There will be no congregating in the church before or after Mass. (No confession. Attendee will park and proceed directly to pew and be seated – maintaining Social Distance of at least six feet.)

We ask that all attendees be masked.

We ask all attendees to carry hand sanitizer for personal use.

No restroom facilities will be available.

Entry and Exit to the church occurs through one door only.

During Mass There is no congregational singing. (Hymnals are removed.) Place any collection envelopes in designated basket upon entry/exit.

The Sign of the Peace is modified.

During Communion, remain in your pew until a spot is available. (The ushers designate.)

Communion is distributed the hand only. (Recipient should have washed or sanitized hands prior.)

Recreational parkers must exit at least one hour prior to daily Mass time and two hours prior to weekend Masses.

There is no access to any other buildings on the St. Therese campus, at this time, including the Parish Hall.

At the conclusion of Mass, we ask that you proceed directly to your vehicle and exit the lot.

Rules and guidelines are subject to change rapidly based upon guidance we receive from the Diocese, and government entities.

Daily Masses are available (21 attendees only) and weekend Masses (31 attendees only) .

Any public contact presumes a health risk during this time.

You should NOT sign up to attend a Mass in person if:

You have a fever, or are sneezing, coughing, or unwell in any way.

You have health conditions which would make you more susceptible to becoming ill.

You require frequent restroom use. (The restroom is NOT available.)

You don't have a face-mask or hand sanitizer.

You fall into one of CDC risk categories.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

Online, live-streamed Mass via Facebook will continue to be available at 10:30AM on Sundays for the foreseeable future. The Bishop continues to waive the Sunday Mass obligation. This situation is in flux, so please be patient with any challenges, frustrations, and last-minute cancellations. (Please do not expect "business as usual" during this unprecedented time.)

Questions? Please call the Parish Office 910.256.2471

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

Wilmington Catholic Radio

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Contact:

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An Act of 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 into 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

Men - start your weekend off right!

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

On-site meetings are temporarily postponed; for online meeting inquiries or other locations, email: jim@gibson-consultants.com

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...

Bill Allen, Sylvia Allen, Jeanne Ashey, Todd Baumgartner, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Ann Bowes, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Shari Clements, Jeanne Davis, Maureen Donnelly, Bob DuVernois, Ashley Eason, Caleb Emmons, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Vivian Feldman, Andy Fisher, Gerry Geist, Angela Gittings, The Griffin Family, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Velma Herbulock, Debby Hester, Craig Hoffman, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Thomas Kreamer, Ray Kress, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Ray Liddy, Aubrey Lueck, Cecilia Mahoney, Dawn Mak, Sandra Malfa, Terry McGiverin, Chip McGuire, Paul McLaughlin, Melissa Medina, Michele Milkiewicz, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Myers, Rosie Norris, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Suzanne Palmer, Sharon Parmenter, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruium, Marissa Rhyne, Nancy Ronne, Rich Ronne, Garry Rust, Heather Cunningham Rynne, Bill Sackley, Charlie Sarracino, David Scullin, Denise Shannon, Diane Sheedy, Melanie Smith, Eugene Spagnoli, Bob & Doris Sparrow, Baby Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Cynthia Sullivan, Kitsy Tennant, Joanne Tineille, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsum, Nancy Weicht, Lyne Welch, Keith West, Bill Wilson, Alyce Wolfe

(Please contact the Parish Office if names should be added or removed from this list.)

Knights of Columbus

Interested in finding out more, or joining this Catholic men's organization that focuses on charity and faith?

Email: esullivan6@icloud.com or call, Ed Sullivan - 910-599-1595

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Altar flower sponsorship has resumed!

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(The late Fr. Joe Vetter, the late Msgr. Matthew Hendrick and Fr. Gene Grabowski have all benefitted from this fund.)

Need more information?

Visit:

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Food Pantry News

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing...."

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area who use the Food Pantry. You can make a monetary donation - write your check and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

Volunteers from St. Therese are instrumental in helping the pantry in a variety of ways:

those donating food or money, ushers helping to make sure the food ends up in the Parish Hall, drivers taking the food to Burgaw each week on Tuesdays, and those distributing food Thursday afternoons.

(On-site drop-off of food is available at St. Joseph's Thursdays, 10AM to noon, via a drive-thru system.)

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's at times other than Thursday? Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887

Want to help here once food collection resumes at St. Therese? Contact: Jane Yemma, jry1950@yahoo.com

Ultimate Seminarian Invitational

On Friday, July 24, at 3PM, at Our Lady of Lourdes' fields, discerners may join seminarians in Raleigh for a fun-filled afternoon! Dinner will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Need information? Want to RSVP? (Do so by July 22)

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