



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020**

## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“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.” - Mt 13:23

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BAPTISM

Classes are scheduled by appointment through the Church Office.

***Baptism packet/registration must be picked up in advance, please stop by the Church Office.***

MARRIAGE

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.

 Mass Intentions

Monday, July 13th

9:00am—+Fr. Marv LeFrois

Tuesday, July 14th

9:00am—+Fr. John O'Brien

Wednesday, July 15th

12:10pm—+Sr. Justine Ostini

6:00pm—+Luciano Cadena

Thursday, July 16th

9:00am—+Edxie Millan

7:00pm (San José)

+Kyle Aguello

Friday, July 17th

9:00am—+Kimberly Holcombe

Saturday, July 18th

5:00pm—+Chris Hopper

Sunday, July 19th

7:30am —+Kenneth Carter

9:30am —+Richard Nijem

12:00pm —+Danny DeMora

2:00pm (Spanish)

People of the Parish

CONFESSION:

Wednesday 5:00—5:30pm

Saturday 4:00—4:45pm

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Wednesday / 4:00-5:40pm

First Friday 9:30—11:00am



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## ACT OF CONTRITION

O MY God, I am heartily sorry  
for having offended Thee  
and I detest all my sins  
because of Thy just punishments,  
but most of all  
because they offend Thee, my God,  
who art all good  
and deserving of all my love.  
I firmly resolve,  
with the help of Thy grace,  
to sin no more  
and avoid the near occasions of sin.  
Amen.

## 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.

### For our sick

*Together let us pray for our loved ones...*

#### Parishioners

Irene Gallagher, Anne Ellison, Margaret Dorneden, Beatriz Agudelo, Peter Portz, Ann Wagner, Mickey Kelly, Ladonna English, Julie Nickeson, Jeannine Becton, Sue and Ray Hamel, Charles McFarland, Robert Hargett, Christine Stewart, Mary Padgett, Doug Henderson, Jerry Kozuch, Frances Godwin, Rose Nowell, Larry Chaput

#### Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Linda Haymen, Linda Barrett, Joseph C. Wink, Jr., Dan Chase, Joyce-Ann Reilly, Sandy Darden, Mike Eddington, Jerry Stophel, Andrew Meissner, Lois Reilly, Lucy Davis, Debbie Lorence, Susan Markwell, Janet Starling, Joe Sheer

### For Those Who Have Died

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*

Ernest Carter, nephew of Brigitte Carter  
Mary Jane Doner  
Jeanne Hilgert, mother of Larry Hilgert  
Ginny Peters (former parishioner)  
Sr. Justine Ostini

### OFFERTORY Week of June 21st

Offertory	\$	6,414.65
Online	\$	4,187.00
Parish Missions	\$	200.00
Online	\$	105.00

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### OFFERTORY Week of June 28th

Offertory	\$	4,787.20
Online	\$	4,496.00
Parish Missions	\$	45.00
Online	\$	83.00

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

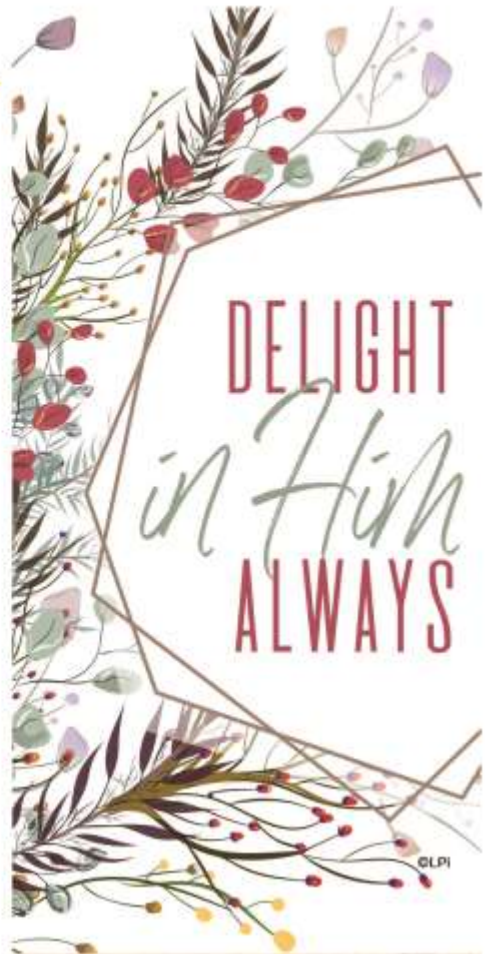
- SUN 7/12** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- MON 7/13** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1
- TUE 7/14** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
- WED 7/15** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
- THR 7/16** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
- FRI 7/17** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
- SAT 7/18** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
- SUN 7/19** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Henry
- Tuesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?





# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING:

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. (Is 55:11)



## PSALM:

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



## SECOND READING:

I consider that the sufferings of this  
present time are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be  
revealed for us. (Rom 8:18)



## GOSPEL:

"But some seed fell on rich soil,  
and produced fruit,  
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.  
Whoever has ears ought  
to hear." (Mt 13:8-9)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!



## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who lives their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### *Why Do Catholics Baptize Babies?*

#### Question:

Why do Catholics baptize babies?

#### Answer:

For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who "do nothing" — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God's initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life's journey. Salvation isn't something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270).