

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

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

Every child in school has experienced the excitement of growing a simple bean seed planted in a paper cup or watched a time lapse video of the growth process. We watch this miracle sprout in a matter of days, and marvel at the whole process. A seed must be planted and die to itself in order to create a new life. Then it must be fertilized and watered and cared for. But most importantly, one must be patient and wait. Seeds take a certain amount of time to develop and may require being dormant for a while. Similarly, a human baby takes nine months to grow from the time the seed is fertilized.

But no matter what we do, and how well we do it, not all seeds will yield fruit. Sometimes the conditions are just not right to allow it. Not all pregnancies go full term. Farmers know the pain of a drought year, or storms that ruin a crop before it can be harvested. Diseases and blight and other things can take hold.

SOME WILL BE LOST

Growing up in the Western states, beautiful fields of wheat and beans were a common sight for me, but I did not fully understand this parable until going to the Holy Land and seeing the rocky ground that Jesus spoke of. This was an "aha" moment, as I witnessed what a miracle it was when something had the strength and tenacity to grow among the crags despite the arid conditions. What a sign of faith and trust and hope even to plant crops there, knowing that some would be lost! It would seem easier to write them all off, or even less work not to plant them at all.

Jesus could do that to us, but he has not. He has faith and trust that a number of the seeds planted in us will bear great fruit. They will not wither and fade away, but will produce fruit, a hundred-, or sixty- or thirty-fold. And his faith in us gives us hope.

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Today's Readings: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider
PERMANENT DEACON: Rev. Mr. Leonard "Len" Sanchez

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion:
Mass: Saturday: 8:00AM
Sunday: 8:00AM
Temporary
Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM
Tues. - Fri. 8:00AM
Confessions: Tues., & Wed., 9:00-10:00AM

Welcome

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

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We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Jason McCormick. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Kathy Fleming. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3RJames Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR JULY

Our Families

That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Mass—Intentions

Sat 7/11 Poor Souls in Purgatory (M/M Kelly)

Sun 7/12 Patty Laudt Cappa+ (M/M Laudt)

Tue 7/14 Barbara & Ron Eamma (M/M Clymer)

Wed 7/15 Lucy Munoz+ (M/M Stephens)

Thurs 7/16 Fr. Monaghan+ (Marie Hansen)

Fri. 7/17 Jean & David Kelly (M/M Clymer)

Sat. 7/18 Bridget Rich (M/M Stephens)

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds: \$ 3,962

Offerings: July 4th, 5th, 11th & 12th will be in the bulletin the weekend of July 18th & 19th.

One can Give without Loving...
But one cannot Love without Giving.

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these bumpy days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Rev. Fr. Mike Snider

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 first fruits 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]).

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]

LIVE TODAY: Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.—Anonymous

GOD WITHIN: In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within.—St. Bonaventure

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Saturday, July 11th at 5:00pm and Sunday, July 12th at 9:00am.

Extra Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass.
4. **Chairs** are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS**, they are to remain as they are.
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.** Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church

Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tuesday — Friday at 8:00am.

Extra Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church** we ask you to cooperate by **alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

The **Welcome Committee** has decided that it would be prudent to not have the Ice Cream Social this August. We sure hope to have one in 2021.

St. Gregory Cathedral School is currently looking for a full time Pre-K 4 teacher for the 2020—2021 school year. College degree required. Experience is preferred. Please email resume to Mrs. Robin Perry at rperry@stgregory.info

The **Welcome Committee** is please to announce that we now have a third Holy Spirit highway sign. It is on the northwest side of the intersection of FM2869 and Hwy154. We already have two signs, one on the north side of Hwy. 80 just east of Hawkins and another sign across from the exit of Brookshire's in Hawkins. We extend appreciation to all who were instrumental in the achievement of this sign project. These include: Father Mike, Deacon Len, the Rosary Makers, the K.of C., David and Ruth Barber, Barb (White) and William Smith, Wanda Duke, the Exxon Company (across from Brookshire's), Jeff and Cathy Ellis and Cheryl Risinger. Our hope is that these signs will bring more of the faithful as well as visitors to Holy Spirit.

Dispensation: The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

Confessions: Tues., July 14th & Wed., July 15th from 9:00-10:00am. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883. Confessions rain or shine, cold or hot weather. I will be parked in front of the double glass doors that you enter into the Narthex, under the overhang, seated in my front seat of my car. Please drive up and park your vehicle 6 feet from my vehicle and stay in your vehicle. Roll your window down, turn motor off and start your confession. After, your confession, you may drive around to our meditation garden, to say your penance.

Food donations: We are currently doing fine with food. We are still in need of **sundries (i.e. shampoo, deodorant, soap bar & liquid, etc.). Blessings to all of our givers.** Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

Cenacle of Life: Fr. Mike has given us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm began June 24th.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382

Second Collections for the month of July:

4th & 5th: Building & Maintenance Fund
18th & 19th: Church in Africa

FYI: The church office **closed starting Mon., July 6th through Mon., July 13th.** If you have an emergency please call Fr. Mike cell # 903-490-3883.

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.

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