

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020



Isaiah couldn't have had the scientific understanding we have today of the water cycle, but he nailed it in the metaphor we read today. Water falls from the sky in the form of precipitation, provides hydration for plants and trees so they can bear fruit, collects in rivers and lakes to provide a necessary resource for humans and animals, then to the heavens having nourished and sustained life here on earth. So too does God's word. When spoken from the heavens, it has a creative (think of the creation story in Genesis) and transformation (think of the Transfiguration story in the Gospel) effect. It does God's will here on earth (Jesus as the Word come down from heaven). It nourishes us and sustains us even as it rises back to the heavens to continue the cycle of life.

At a glance, the sower seems to be doing a lousy job of sowing. Why throw seed onto a path or on rocky ground where it has little chance of germinating? Why not take the time to pull the thorns first so that they won't choke the plants later? Wouldn't it make the most sense to sow all the seed in the rich soil? But God will not limit where the seed goes. Everyone gets a chance to receive God's grace, no matter what obstacles may be in the way. God's wild extravagance gives goodness a chance to bloom in unexpected and unlikely places, allowing it to bear fruit far beyond expectations.

It is natural to listen to the Gospel and try to determine which spot on the ground we are. Am I the rich soil or the rocky ground? If we're honest, perhaps we'll realize that we can be each of the options at different times. Sometimes God's word just doesn't take root or is choked off by material concerns to which I give greater priority. Let us resolve to be fertile ground for God's living, transformative word as often as possible.

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Vigil Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Joyce Evans – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao –

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Germain Bruno – Albert Pierre – In Thanksgiving

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Michael Braud, Sr. – Mary Lou Donatto – Intentions of Stacey Martin

12:00p.m. Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, July 13, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacobs – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Therol Humphrey

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Calvin Tate, Jr. – Henry Martin – In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Kobie & Antoinette Guillory – Stacey Martin

Thursday, July 16, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Freddie Thomas – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey

Friday, July 17, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Albert R. Pierre – Charles and Harriet Cager – Intentions of Stacey Martin – In thanksgivings

Saturday, July 18, 2020

8:30a.m. Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – The living and decease members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10.

No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ca8a822a6fd0-covid19>.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

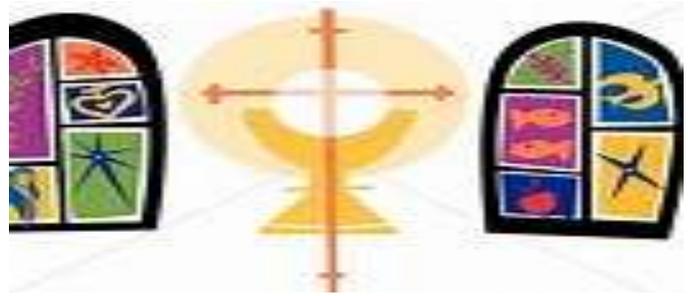
Deacon Terrel Broussard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study.

Topic: Bible Study 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2020

Time: July 5, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88250294033>



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Stephen S. Johnson, III.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. and Lynn Foster.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, July 11 2020

10:00p.m. First Confessions and Rehearsal – Church

Sunday, July 12, 2020

12:00a.m. First Communion Church

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.