

JULY 10, 2011: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: A sower went out to sow. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, July 10 (Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23)

8:00 am- Frank V. & Rosalie Henke
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, July 11, St. Benedict, abbot (Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1)

7:00 am- Genevieve Schulte
10:00 am- Joe Konvicka (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, July 12 (Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life Branch 22

Wednesday, July 13, St. Henry (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27)

7:00 am- Olga Haas & Lucille Etzler
8:05 am- Hedy Pustejovsky

Thursday, July 14, Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin (Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30)

7:00 am- Linda Dornell Dull
10:00 am- Leona Najvar (Stevens)

Friday, July 15, St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor of the Church (Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8)

7:00 am- Frank & Georgia Edar
8:05 am- Raymond & Margaret Fojt

Saturday, July 16, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21)

5:30 pm- Gus & Rosa Werner; Joe & Agnes Leopold
Sun., July 17 (Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Vincent Gaitan, Sr.

Bulletin Sponsor: Gene & Trudy Janak

Radio Broadcast: In memory of Roy Kalisek by his family

Vigil Light: Living & deceased members of the Hermes & Neskora Families.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,461.50; Building Repair Fund-\$1,906; Loose-\$1,400; Children-\$57.

Anniversaries:

Jerry & Mary Mika 30 years July 10
Charles & Henrie Patek 58 years July 11
William & Liz Treptow 25 years July 12

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *John David Henneke, Sr.* of our parish family. *May he and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend are in honor of Harvey & Vivian Janak's 50th anniversary.

Perpetual Adoration – adorers are needed on Thursdays at 4:00 a.m. and Fridays at 3:00 p.m. If you are able to

spend an hour in adoration with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 11

- KJT #5 summer party for youth members, 10am-6pm, Splashway Water Park, Sheridan. For info. call Susan Bujnoch 798-4064.
- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- KJZT meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Institute Course, Liturgy, 6-9 pm, SHCS Jr. High Library.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

- "Pope John Paul II" movie, Family Center. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Movie promptly begins 6:00 p.m.
- Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Institute Course, Liturgy, 6-9 pm, SHCS Jr. High Library.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

-Ascension Parish Picnic, Moravia. Mass 10am. Stew & Fried Chicken Dinner 11am. Drive thru plates to go 10:30am-12:30pm. Auction 1pm. Bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy games & more! Music by Ennis Czech Boys & Texas Sound Check. *Fun for all ages!!!*

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa, Doug & Richard Blumberg, Danielle Grady, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, Bill Gohlke, Monica Barnes, Sterlin Ritchie, Brenda Grahmann, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Victor Pavliska, Derrick Berger, Anita Bohuslav, Anita Kallus, Daniel Wick, Josephine Janak, Paul Najvar, Betty Hernandez, Gene Drozd, Irene Bordovsky, Steven DeLaRosa, Benita Bordovsky, Soila Sanchez, Ed Kadlecek, Milissa Zamora, Rhonda Janak, Larry Korenek, David Halata, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Parish Movie Night! Sacred Heart Youth Group is sponsoring a parish movie night in honor of the beatification of Pope John Paul II in the Family Center / Cafeteria on Wed., July 13. The doors open by 5:30pm and the movie will promptly begin at 6pm. The featured film is "Pope John Paul II" starring Jon Voight. Admission and popcorn will be free of charge. Other refreshments and items in honor of the new Blessed will be sold to benefit Sacred Heart Youth Group. Please come support our youth group and celebrate God's goodness in Blessed John Paul II!

Fr. Tommy will be conducting a mandatory session for **ALL** music ministers of the parish on Tuesday, July 26 at 7 pm in church. This training will address the upcoming changes in the liturgy. Please save the date on your calendar.

It's that time again! Raffle prize donors are needed for the Fall picnic. Please call the Rectory as soon as possible

if you are able to donate a raffle prize. *Thank you for supporting our parish picnics!!*

Please pray for the blessing of rain!!!

From the Desk of Father John

Today, July 10th, I am hosting my family reunion at the farm in Weimar. My parents and I have hosted the annual reunion since my ordination in 1974. I will have about 130 family members and neighbors.

It is a very good thing to have family reunions and gatherings to help the older and younger generations get to know each other and to appreciate each other. It is a good time to reflect upon the past, share stories from the past and to share visions for the future.

We need to pray for family unity and harmony, especially in this day and time when so many families are divided.

We congratulate the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament who are celebrating their special anniversaries this weekend. Sr. Colette Kouba, presently serving here, is celebrating her 50th anniversary. Others celebrating their 50th are natives of Hallettsville: Sister Clementine Henke and Sister Lois Marie Etzler. Also, celebrating 75 years will be Sister John Hayden, long time teacher and principal of Sacred Heart many years ago.

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Angela McConnell, Coordinator

Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Institute courses for religion teachers & catechists will be offered at Sacred Heart Jr. High Library. **July 12-13:** Liturgy, 6-9 pm. **August 2&4:** Sacraments, 6-9 pm.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers 100th Anniversary celebration, Sunday, July 24 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop David Fellhauer as the celebrant. The celebration will continue in the Family Center with a noon meal, a brief program honoring 25 & 50 year members, & installation of new members. New members wishing to join may call Sandy Bujnoch 798-2829 or Barbara Grahmann 798-4167. Meal tickets for members & their families may be purchased for \$7 each (children 5 & under free) at the Rectory, or from Rhonda Brown, Sandy Bujnoch, Barbara Grahmann, or Debra Huser. Deadline to purchase tickets: Sunday, July 17. ***All Christian Mothers members & their families are encouraged to make every effort to attend this special celebration!***



PRAYER FOR RAIN – Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear

God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time -



It's a little late in the season in most places to be planting seeds, although in a few weeks some folks will sow spinach and lettuce seeds for a fall crop. While we usually think of spring as planting time, there are some things that can be planted later in the year. Of course, if you're in the Imperial Valley of California, the planting goes on all year long. Nearly eighty percent of the winter vegetables consumed in the United States are grown in this one section of California. It is almost as if the sower and his seed found one place in the world that would always be fertile and produce fruit a hundred and sixty and thirtyfold.

While most of the parables in Matthew are recorded without any particular interpretation, the parable of the sower and the seed is laid out with a specific explanation. The seed is planted, but it is vulnerable. Anyone who has ever planted a garden knows how true this is. The newly planted seed can be subject to all sorts of hazards as it sprouts and grows. And Jesus uses that vulnerability as an example of what happens to the word of the kingdom in people's hearts: snatched by the evil one, lost to persecution, choked off by worldly cares.

For people who have been strong in the faith for much of their lives, it can be difficult to imagine the vulnerabilities of those who struggle with belief. They may be shaken by some tragedy, harmed by some church member, unsure about their acceptance of the tenets of the faith. The little growth of faith that exists must be nurtured and cared for. Like the Imperial Valley, which sees planting all year round, there is no one time for sowing the seeds of faith. Believers are called upon to continuously spread the word and promote the kingdom of God.

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Sacred Heart Church Music Fund - In memory of Cleo Muras: Bob Kubena-\$20; Kubena Funeral Home-\$20

St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M provides Catholic campus ministry to the 13,000 Catholic students in College Station. Future and former students, parents, and friends of Aggie Catholics are invited to a gathering at Sacred Heart Parish, Hallettsville on Thursday, July 21 at 6:15 p.m. in the Family Center. A dinner reception will follow at 6:45 p.m. Director of Campus Ministry, Father David Konderla, and a student will give an informal presentation on why St. Mary's is gaining a national reputation as one of the most dynamic and effective Catholic campus ministries in the country. To attend, please RSVP by Monday, July 18 to Johanna Bazin at (979) 846-5717 or email jbazin@aggiecatholic.org.

Parish Financial Report – May, 2011

Church Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 37,136.34
Other Donations	3,300.00
Family Center Rental	500.00
Interest	2,052.62
Religious Articles	1,173.00
Rice Bowl Collection	795.00
Home Mission Collection	458.00
Picnic Transfer	8,000.00
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 53,414.96</u>

School Income:

PreK-12 th Tuition	\$ 54,865.00
Extended Care	2,180.00
Book Fees	575.00
Field Trips	450.00
Athletic Fees	1,700.00
Bus Fees	100.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	2,389.00
Memorials	105.00
Athletics	2,000.00
Home & School Association	10,300.00
Miscellaneous Donations	1,317.90
Magazine Drive	463.60
Total School Income	<u>\$ 76,445.50</u>

Church Expense:

Salaries	\$ 7,404.37
Utilities	1,404.29
Church Expense	2,110.72
Rectory Expense	360.29
Office Expense	1,077.00
Religious Articles	872.36
Building Insurance	1,719.97
Family Center Expense	250.94
Special Collections	1,253.00
Medical Insurance & Pension	3,812.50
Repairs & Maintenance	270.00
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 20,535.44</u>

School Expense:

Salaries	\$ 78,011.29
Contracted Services	587.71
Office/Teaching Supplies, Postage	1,396.61
Assessment Dues	85.00
Textbooks/Testing	60.99
Library Expense	45.99
Utilities	3,081.05
Plant Repairs	651.25
Bus & Vehicle Expense	3,145.82
Payroll Taxes	5,784.81
Medical Insurance & Pension	17,519.40
Property Insurance	2,706.72
Convent Expenses	576.62
Acquisition of Equipment	127.49
Technology Supplies	356.15
Academic Meets	409.33
Miscellaneous	587.25
Total School Expense	<u>\$ 115,133.48</u>

Parish Income \$ 129,860.46

Parish Expense - 135,668.92

Parish Deficit \$ (5,808.46)

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND -

In memory of Walter Hemmi: Knights of Columbus Council 2433-\$25. **In honor of Jerry & Margaret Kallus' 50th Anniversary:** Bill & Sweet Hrnair-\$10; Allen & Anita Steffek-\$30. **In memory of Mary Butschek & Leona Najvar:** Christian Mother's Society-\$50. **In memory of Cleo Muras:** Knights of Columbus Council 2433-\$25; Patsy Whitaker-\$25; Bernadette, Ed & Nathan Martinez-\$50; Patrick & Theresa Parma-\$50; Barbara J. Grahmann-\$50; Stephen B. Grahmann-\$50; Jason, Virginia, Katie & Emily Krobot-\$100

SACRED HEART CCD PROGRAM - In memory of

Emogene Kahanek: Sherry Hale-\$10

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND -

In honor of Jerry & Margaret Kallus' 50th Anniversary: Harold Dean & Mary Bonorden-\$25. **In memory of Ann Gerlich & Eunice Evers:** Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$30. **In honor of the SHCS Seniors of 2011:** Sherry Hale-\$25. **In memory of Cleo Muras:** Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$15; Frank & Rita Zaruba-\$20; Louis Stryk-\$20; Irene Janda-\$10; Rosalie Tobola-\$5; Fred & Janet Muras-\$20; Franklin & Vivian Mozisek-\$12

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In honor of Sister Colette's 50th Anniversary: Jerry & Margaret Kallus-\$25

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memory of Cleo Muras: Joe & Mildred Janda-\$10

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FUND - In memory of Cleo Muras: Arthur Spies-\$20

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Jerry & Margaret Kallus' 50th Anniversary: Dan &

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Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Matula-\$15

SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAY
CARE - **In memory of Cleo Muras:** Mitchell &
Stephanie Thurman-\$50; Johnny & Nearlie Cooley-\$25

The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

TODAY

Isaiah 55:10–11
Romans 8:18–23
Matthew 13:1–23

MONDAY

Matthew 10:34–11:1
"I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."

TUESDAY

Matthew 11:20–24
"Woe to you . . ."

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 11:25–27
"All things have been handed over to me by my Father."

THURSDAY

Matthew 11:28–30
"Come to me, all you that are weary . . ."

FRIDAY

Matthew 12:1–8
" . . . something greater than the temple is here."

SATURDAY

Matthew 12:14–21
" . . . in his name the Gentiles will hope."

What Type of Soil Am I?

The word "parable" comes from the Greek *parabolē*, which designates a wise saying. In the New Testament, the parable is a brief story that dramatizes a common human experience from which it draws comparisons with Christian truths. The entire story is directed to a single, central point. The rest of the details are secondary in importance.

As Jesus went about preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven, he did not always find a receptive audience. Even when he performed miracles, some did not accept his message. The Jewish religious leaders sought to trick him, so they could later accuse him. It was probably for this reason that Jesus began teaching publicly using parables.

Many people, though they had ears to hear,

their ears had become "hard of hearing." To address this problem, Jesus told the Parable of the Sower. It could also be called, "the parable of the four soils."

A unique feature of Matthew's version of this parable is the importance Jesus places on both hearing and understanding God's word: "as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit. . . ."

It is reflected in Jesus' explanation of the parable. The hearer is brought into the parable and is an active participant. The hearer is challenged to ask him

or herself how have I received and understood the Word of God? What kind of soil am I?



The Faith of the Church

Jesus uses parables to invite everyone to enter the kingdom, and although his message was first announced to the children of Israel, it is intended for people of all nations. There is only one requirement: the Word of God must be accepted. Jesus compared the Word to a seed that is sown in a field. The kingdom belongs to those who accept it with faith and humble hearts (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 543–546).



Questions of the Week

The analogy of the soil helps us to determine how open we are to the "seed" of God's Word. The various types of soil that Jesus uses illustrate the kind of receptivity we have when God plants his seed within us.

Adults

What type of soil am I at this point in my life? What are the obstacles that may prevent me from yielding fruit?

Children

If God were to plant a small seed in me, would I be a good soil to let it grow?

Responding to God's Word . . .

This masterful parable invites us to reflect on our willingness and openness to receive the Gospel message. Today, our society presents a big challenge to those of us who are trying to provide good soil where God's Word can grow and bear fruit. We are surrounded by pessimism, fear, suspicion and above all, hopelessness.

Our "soil" is dried by forest fires that often obliterate entire neighborhoods. Mudslides and hurricanes flood and destroy our cities and our hopes. Earthquakes and explosions cover our good soil with rocks and debris.

Yet, we are called to be fountains of healing to a suffering world and to provide a fruitful soil where hope can grow.

If we remain close to Jesus, we will be fruitful disciples. But if we let doubt, unbelief, anxiety and division control our lives, we will eventually destroy the soil and render the seed useless. That is how much power God has entrusted to us.

How are we going to use it? Will we care for our soil so as to be receptive to the Good News of the love of God, or will we join the culture of death that proclaims that all hope is gone?



Meditation Moment

After fire destroyed his mansion, basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar told reporters: "My whole perspective changed. . . . I think it's important now for me to spend time with my son Amir and appreciate other things besides basketball." Kareem was fortunate. He heard what many people have never heard: God's voice speaking to him through events. He saw what many have never seen: that life contains more important things than fame or money.

For reflection . . .

Can I recall a time when God seemed to speak to me? What did God seem to say?

GOD OFTEN VISITS US, BUT MOST OF THE TIME WE ARE NOT AT HOME.

JOSEPH ROUX

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Sower of Our Hearts

Lord of the fields,
You plant the seeds
of your love in the soil of our
hearts and your only desire is that
it grows within us and spreads until
it reaches the ends of the earth.
Remove the rocks, the thorns, and
anything that could threaten the
richness of our soil. Make it fertile
and receptive to your action in us.

We ask this in the name of
Jesus the patient Sower.
Amen.

*Carry this thought in your heart
as a guide for your faith journey
this week.*

Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many . . . longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it. Matthew 13:16-17

SUGGESTIONS

Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.

In the home. Plant a few seeds in a small pot. Place it in a visible place so you can monitor its development and compare it with your own spiritual growth.

In the workplace or in school. Invite your friends to do a similar project in their homes or suggest a similar classroom activity.

In the community. Help some of your neighbors plant a tree, and use that opportunity to share with them the Parable of the Sower.

Profile in Faith

Saint Veronica Giuliani
(1660-1727)

Veronica joined the Poor Clares and was assigned menial tasks.

At the age of 34, she became novice mistress and at 37, received the stigmata. Church authorities in Rome conducted an investigation, and she lost her office. But Veronica never became bitter; the investigation eventually restored her as novice mistress. Feast Day: July 10.

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