



Our Saviour

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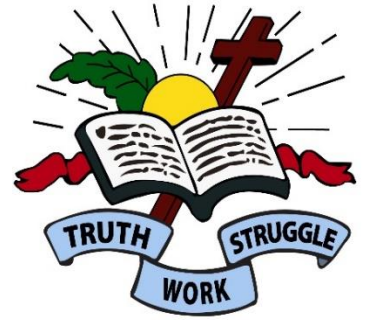
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Nothing grows by itself. Seeds need good soil, attentive care, frequent watering. The same is true of the faith God has planted in our hearts.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 55:10-11

God's Word is not inert. It descends upon us, soliciting our response in faith. It changes the atmosphere of our lives, calling us to abundant growth.

Responsorial Psalm: 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

ROMANS 8:18-23

Creation is like a giant womb, pregnant with God's glory. Although the birthing is painful, the promised outcome colors with hope whatever suffering we may now experience.

MATTHEW 13:1-23

Jesus uses the realities of gardening and farming to shape his message. The Word of God is like a seed that is sown; we are the soil in which it is planted.

ENTRANCE RITE: Hebrews 4:12; John 1:14

V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

R. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. 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."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – July 16th

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – July 23rd

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

Grateful Thanks

On behalf of the entire parish and myself I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Peggy Kowalik and Alice McMahon for the generous donation of the two fans in use in the rear of the church that are making these warm summer days a bit more bearable. Also sincere heartfelt thanks to the Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (ANS) for their generous donation of a new red chasuble which will be blessed before Mass next week. Red is the liturgical color used for Masses to the holy Spirit, Confirmations and memorial days of Saints who were martyred for the faith. Since most of those fall on week days we don't see the red vestments as often as we would like but it is nice to have such a beautiful new one in our wardrobe. God bless all of our benefactors for their kind and generous gifts to our parish.

Birthdays – Albeit Belated

My apologies for my forgetfulness but last week saw two members of our community celebrate birthdays. Our organist and music director, John Reed turned 24 on July 9th and our own beloved Laura Ewaskiewicz turned 95 on July 8th. Please join with me in wishing them belated Happy Birthday's and pray that the good Lord blesses them with many more. If anyone else knows of someone's upcoming birthday, anniversary or other memorable date worth acknowledging, please let me know.

SUMMER

As we continue to enjoy this beautiful summer season with which the Lord has gifted us, please try to take a moment out of your busy days to remember those of our brothers and sisters who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able, reach out financially, spiritually, socially or bodily and act on the Lord's behalf. Go, as the Lord sent His disciples, and spread His love to all of those who feel neglected or forgotten. Show them that they are not alone and that God loves them and so do we.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Bob Rush, Bill Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Bob Agans, Victor McAlanis, Tom Goff, Macy Coram and June Didun.
Our Father...

Today's Hymns

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books in the pews.

Please, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord!
Silence is much worse than singing off key!

Processional Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#26 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Communion Hymn

#224 – Amazing Grace

Recessional Hymn

#159 – Jesus, My Lord And Savior