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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyer

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

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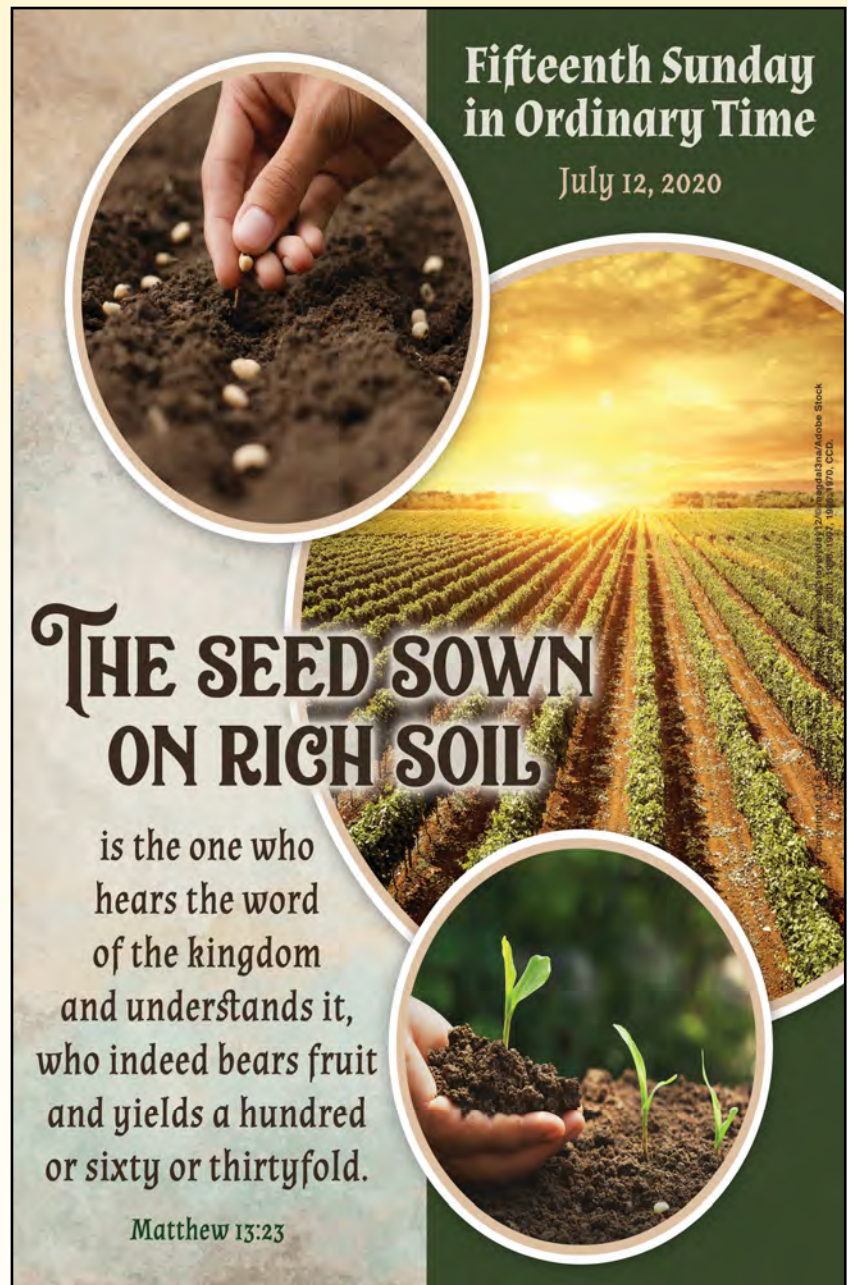
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm



**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



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

5:30pm Nelson Saltzman (ann of death)
Dustin P. Ortego (liv)(bd)

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr., Wilda Soirez
Quang V. Nguyen, Malcolm Guilbeau (bd)
Patti Gagnard, Joseph Viator
2020 High School Graduates
Lou Hobock, Aaron Guillotte (liv)(bd)

Thursday, July 16, 2020

5:30pm June Conklin

Friday, July 17, 2020

6:30am Parishioners

Saturday, July 18, 2020

4:00pm Amelia Segura Selph, Oris Gachassin
Lynward Ransonet, Lane Abshire (bd)
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Patrick O'Brien
Warren Barras, Howard & Dustin McCoy
Cecile & Sandy Vincent, Marcella Brasher
Romero & Walker Fly
In Honor of St. Jude

Sunday, July 19, 2020

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard
Tan & Jean Dugas

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Melvin Petry
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Irene & O'Neil Simon, Agapito A. Castro
Cecilia David

11:00am *Please note: time change*

Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane
Jules & Leona Broussard, Edmund Patout

**Nativity of Our Lady Parish
Centennial Campaign Totals:
(as of May 2020)**

Goal: \$590,000.00
Pledge to date: \$452,453.30
Families participating: 228
Nativity Rebate Received for 6 months ending
May 2020: \$6,853.50
Total for Bloc II: 43 parish participating for a
total rebate so far of \$2,189,352.86

We thank you for your continued participation.

**We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD week ending July 5th

Loose	\$ 559.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,327.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 3,886.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,127.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 960.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 5,973.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

Knights of Columbus

Council #12997 Fundraiser

**The fundraiser been postponed.
Tickets purchased will be used
for the rescheduled date.**

**If you have any questions, please
contact Wayne Duhon, Sr. 337-339-1602.**



It is with deep regret that we will not be able to hold our Vacation Bible Camp this year. This makes us sad but there is no way it could have been held safely. God willing, it will happen in 2021.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

***In Memory Of:
Carlyle Hebert, Sr.***



With 5 altar servers graduating high school and our altar server program, we are in great need of altar servers. Altar servers must be at least going into the fourth grade and any grade level above that is welcome! We train all of our new servers and have two group practices per year. We try our best to accommodate everyone's schedules. Please call Andree Schlicher at 577-1414 for more information. We hope you prayerfully consider joining our Altar Server program!

REFLECTIONS - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - No farmer in his right mind would just scatter seed everywhere. He would make sure the soil was good and would provide the seed with every chance to grow. But that is not how God works. God gives his love and grace freely to everyone. We don't earn it. We may not even be ready to receive it, but it is given to us anyway. If God is so generous with us, what does that say about how we should treat others?

*"(My word) shall not return to me void, but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it." - Isaiah 55:11*

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“... understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.”
(Matthew 12:15c)

Three Helps to our Freedom

God knows that **using our freedom well is not easy**.

He knows better than we do the **subtlety** of the devil's deceptions, the **force** of our selfish tendencies, the **allure** of the world's treasures and pleasures.

And so God, because he loves us with a **perfect Father's love**, has provided **helps** for our freedom.

He has given us the **sacrament of confession**, which is a **healing** sacrament as well as a sacrament of **forgiveness**.

- Whenever we give in to our selfish tendencies and sin, we **damage** our freedom, we put chains around it.
- The sacrament of confession **breaks** those chains and **strengthens** us against future temptations.

He has given us the **sacrament of the Eucharist**.

- Holy Communion is not just a **symbol** of the Last Supper.
- It is our reception of Christ's own body and blood, of Christ's **very own strength**.
- It **bolsters** everything that is **good** in us, **strengthening** us against all that is **evil**.

He has also given us the **Church's guaranteed teaching authority**, the Magisterium.

- When the pope and the bishops in communion with him teach us that certain actions or behaviors are morally wrong, like abortion, pre-marital sex, and contraception, we have **Christ's own guarantee** that they will not lead us astray.
- This clarity about right and wrong **strengthens** our freedom, because the **devil** operates best in **gray areas**.

Finally, Jesus has given us the **incredible gift of prayer**.

- Whenever we feel our **freedom under attack**, we can pray.
- We have **non-stop direct access** to the all-powerful God, who will **never fail** to come to our aid.

The sacraments, Church teaching, and prayer - these are our **front-line defenses** against the devil, the flesh, and the world.

Are we listening at Prayer?

- Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. (1993-2014) wrote a beautiful little book, *Listening at Prayer*, with a simple and powerful premise: sometimes in prayer, you just have to be quiet and listen.
- We often recite prayers or launch into our needs as soon as we have a quiet moment of prayer, but we don't take much time to listen.
- Prayer is a conversation with God, but imagine if you do all the talking? Does Our Lord get a word in edgewise when you're speaking with him in prayer?
- It's good to start your prayer praising Our Lord and thanking him for all he's done, but Samuel teaches us what to say after that: "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening" (see 1 Samuel 3 for Samuel's story).

Let us try to focus on the good.

Someone once saw 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. They depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." These images are repeated many times usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb. These images cause us to reflect on the need **to avoid evil and look for the good in things**.

It seems more people live 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. Using the helps to our Freedom and listening at prayer 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.**

*Jesus says today, "... blessed are your eyes, because they see,
and your ears, because they hear ..."* (Matthew 13:16).

PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office



@ 364-8360: Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Mary Ann Babin, Clifton Babin, Cindy Trahan, Kay Bourreaux, Lynn Bodin, Harriet Fowler, Craig Daniels, Acey & Diana Frugé, Mercedes Turner, Lonnie Lavergne, Cheryl Lavergne, Rita Gary, Kurt Lambalino, Kressant Landry, Joy Mayer, Lori Aguillard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Peggy Migues, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Carol Romero, Jr., Hiroe Argobright, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Michael & Linda Sundberg, Raphael Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinais, Myrna & Millard Poche, Jaquie Gondran, Ed McVey, Tammy Johnson, Celia Camacho, Carmen Merryman, Fran & Gilbert Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Gloria Landry, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Stella & Kole Schouest, Gerald Viator, Brittany Marceaux, Hadley Babin, James Boudreaux, Heath Michael Boutte, Brent Buteaux, Gayle Hebert, Danny Segura, Ruby Seneca, Randy Breaux, Monique Martin McCarty, Sally Romero, Jason Goutierrez, Edward Hartwell, Caroline Dubois, Donald Poche, Debbie Clark, Gwen Meyers, Jim Upchurch, Irene Hebert, Janis Dugas, Alice Robicheaux, Thelma & Curtis Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, Emma Lou Doerle Segura, Abby Musselwhite, Tiffany Segura, Child of Antonio & Jaclyn Aleman, Tara Romero, Billy Slampa, Brenda & Larry Musselwhite, Corliss Ramirez, Dorothy McDonald, Ulysse Robicheaux, Margaret Richard, Brenda Castille, Chuck Estave, Ricky L. Lewis, Keisha Castille, Jerry Shuptrine, Randal Romero, Holly Hargett, Ava Campbell, Troy Bonin, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Beverly Dugas

Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

2019 Contributions Statement

If you would like to have a copy of your 2019 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Why Do Catholic Baptize Babies?

Q: Why do Catholics baptize babies?

A: 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 — that is to overcome the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God’s will — 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).

TODAY'S READINGS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020

Reading I: Isaiah 55:10-11

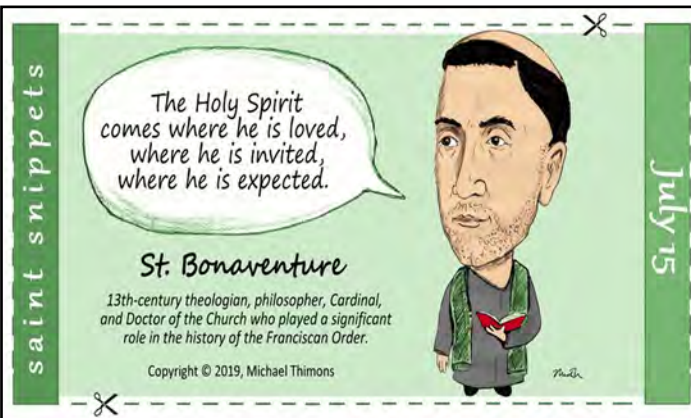
- The prophet Isaiah assured the captive Israelites exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. Does this bring you comfort or distress?

Reading II: Romans 8:18-23

- St. Paul speaks of a spiritual connection and yearning for freedom (redemption) shared between us and creation itself. What do you think a redeemed creation looks like?

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

- Why do you think Jesus explains the parable of the sower to his disciples but not to the crowds?



CURRENT EVENTS

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Mass at 5:30pm

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Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am with Mass at 9am

Thursday, July 16, 2020

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Friday, July 17, 2020

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Masses at:

7am, 9am & 11am - (10:30am Mass moved)

Fr. Ed Degeyter Seminary Burse:

The Office of Vocations is still collecting for the Burse in Father Ed's honor. A seminary trust fund is to pay for the diocese's annual cost of seminary formation. Currently, the interest from the trust pays 20% of this expense, while the remainder is supplemented by funds raised during the BSA Campaign. The goal of the burse is \$15,000 which represented the total cost of a single seminarian when it was first established, although today the cost is \$200,000.

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Fr. Ed Degeyter Burse # 455:

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MASS SERVERS July 14 - 19, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/14/20	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Madeline Domingues	Percy Barrilleaux, Linda Viator Mary Taylor, Brenda Robicheaux	Sacristan
Wednesday 7/15/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Christine Halphen	Percy Barrilleaux, Linda Viator Agnes Castro, Barbara Breaux	Sacristan
Thursday 7/16/20	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Pete Aucoin	Bea Romero, Percy Barrilleaux Mike & Doris Degeyter	Sacristan
Friday 7/17/20	6:30am	Fr. Ed or Fr Gene	Keith Comeaux	Linda Viator, Barbara Breaux Mike Degeyter, Ricky Segura	Sacristan
Saturday 7/18/20	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Kimberly Clay	Nancy Barras, Wayne Duhon Mike & Doris Degeyter	Jack Reynolds Sophia Comeaux
Sunday 7/19/20	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	Brenda Oubre, Percy Barrilleaux Phil & Reneé Haney	Jesse Clay Lexi Anderson
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Jenny Gonsoulin	Andrée Schlicher, Agnes Castro Jessica Kibbe, Brenda Robicheaux	Judith Schlicher Morgan Salsman
	11:00am	Fr. Ed or Fr. Gene	Pete Aucoin	Holli Cambre, Karl Boudreaux Pat & Lisa Dooley	Autumn Trahan Ephraim Trahan

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