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Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

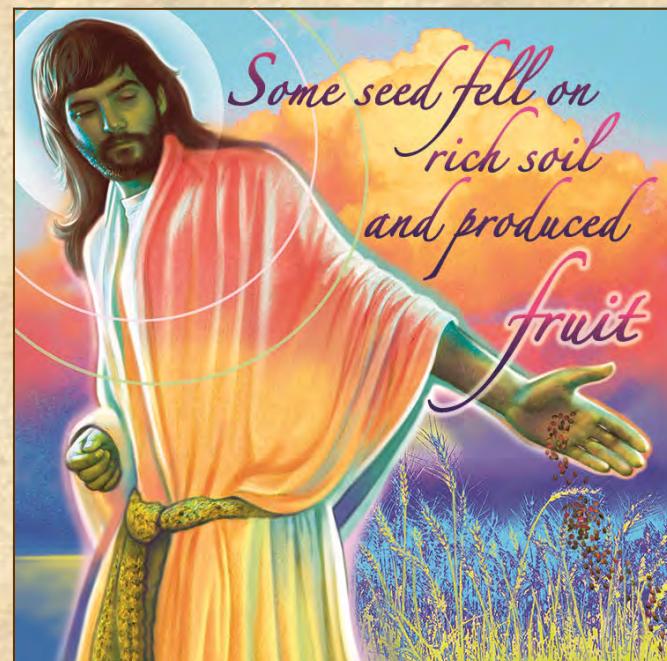
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Parables, Anyone?

Jesus threw out parables like a farmer sowing seeds. Some of them fell on the ears of those who would be disciples. But most fell on the ears of people not ready to understand. The path, the rocky ground, and the thorns are all metaphors for how his teachings were received. So how do we receive his word?

Do we hear it without understanding, letting it go in one ear and out the other? Do we hear it joyfully, but then forget it when troubles or difficulties come along? Do we listen to the word but ignore it in the face of later temptation?

If we want the word to grow strong in us, we can take steps to help ourselves understand it. We can come to church early and spend a few minutes with the readings before Mass. After Mass we can talk about the readings or the homily with our family over breakfast. We can pick out one practical point to practice that week.



God's word can be likened to a ball game. We can sit back and watch, not really involved or caring who wins. Or we can jump in and participate and make the game ours. Let us ask God how we can take the word and run with it.

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Dear Family:

Our Biblical texts often connect the fate and well-being of humanity with the created world. God's Word and the certainty of God's purposes with an example that echoes that of Psalm 65: God's watering of the earth will result in food to feed people. Our reading today does not include the last two verses of that chapter portraying the people exiting Babylon not only in joy and peace but also being accompanied by the singing and clapping of mountains and hills.

Matthew's parable of the sower makes the connection by presenting humans as soil. After all, in Genesis, the first human is created out of soil, and the word *Adam* can be translated as (an) "earthling." Like Isaiah 55, Matthew hints at the blessing of a not yet fully visible revelation (verses 16-17).

Hope for humanity and all of creation in the midst of, and in spite of, a difficult situation is also found in today's reading from Romans. Beginning with present suffering, Paul refers to a revelation and a first tasting of a coming glory to assert that humanity and all creation share in suffering and in longing for redemption. Since Paul has said earlier that humanity has been incapacitated by sin and death through Adam (Romans 5:12-14), he may be alluding to Adam's vocation to do something with the created world (Genesis 1:26). If so, Adam's subjection to sin and death might also end up subjecting creation to futility (Romans 8:20). If the subjugation and the redemption of humanity and the created world are not only shared but also related, humanity and the created order should be in solidarity instead of in enmity or competition with each other.

Some questions for reflection:

- In what specific ways do humanity and creation share a destiny?
- What causes people to think that humankind is more important than the rest of the universe?
- How is humanity causing the earth to groan today?

Peace,

Fr. Greg

First Holy Eucharist



We welcomed these young children to the Table of the Lord as they received the Eucharist for the first time Sunday, June 28, 2020.

Pictured with Father Greg Daigle at 9am Mass are Adeline Mathilde Blanchard and Maxwell José Alvarez.



May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.



RCIA & RCIC



We welcomed five catechumens, robed in white, into our Catholic faith on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

Pictured above (l to r) with Father Greg Daigle are Jordin Hebert - Godparent, Blakely Passantino, Carter Moore, Taylor Passantino and Joshua Dake - Godparents, Darren Smith, Jr., Kattie Nicolosi - RCIA sponsor, Abigale Smith, Jolin Passantino - witness, Megan Passantino - RCIA sponsor and D. J. Smith.

Pictured at left, front row (l to r) are Darren Smith, Jr., Blakely Passantino, Carter Moore, and back row (l to r) are Abigale Smith, D. J. Smith and Megan Passantino.



Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, July 12 in church from 4-6pm. All are welcome!!

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The K. C. Blood Drive will be held at the K. C. Home, 58715 Price Street on Tuesday, July 14 from 3-8pm.



Blood donations will take place in the main hall where tables will be spread out.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, July 13, 2020

Monday, August 3, 2020

Monday, September 14, 2020

Baptisms

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Saturday, September 26, 2020

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily Skidmore at the church office, 225.687.2402, during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.



The Lord is the sower of seeds of vocations to priesthood and religious life. By prayer and a spirit of generosity, be encouraged to offer your talents and abilities if you feel God may be calling you to a Church vocation. If so, contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Altar Society



Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, July 15 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

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One Minute Meditations

St. Benedict of Nursia

Born to a wealthy Italian family, St. Benedict was educated in Rome during the barbarian invasions – a time of division, chaos, and failing morals. Dismayed at the rampant immorality of his peers, he fled Rome and lived as a hermit in the mountains. Attracted by his holiness, many people sought him out. St. Benedict went on to found twelve monasteries in Subiaco and the famous Monte Cassino, which became a center of holiness, learning, and culture.

Keep parish lights on

Whether or not your parish has gone back to public Mass, please make your weekly donation by mail before you leave. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence."

St. Teresa of Calcutta



In this time of uncertainty, followers of Jesus know that worry is unnecessary. We know God wants us to experience his peace and share it with others. Try these tips to help others lean on God:

Go deep into God's love. It is ours today, tomorrow, and forever. "... Good indeed is the Lord, His mercy endures forever, his faithfulness lasts through every generation" (Psalm 100:5). Experiencing Sacraments, reading Scripture, and spending time in prayer are keys to growing in God's love and sharing it.

Share your confidence in God's care. Jesus promised that God will give us



all we need, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about

your body, what you shall put on ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all" (Matthew 6:25, 32).

Stress stems from the absence of certainty and control over our future. When we put ourselves in God's care, we can feel peace.

Demonstrate trust in God. While we may not be completely free from worry, St. Paul wrote, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the Catholic Church, a bishop is an ordained minister who holds the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Bishops teach doctrine, govern Catholics in their jurisdictions, and represent the Church.

In addition to filling the need for leadership in a family as big as the Church, bishops link us to

Why do Catholics need bishops?



the Apostles. The Apostles chose disciples to fill their office after them, and passed on to them the authority and faith they had received from Christ. This spiritual treasure was passed from bishop to bishop by consecration in an unbroken line up to today.

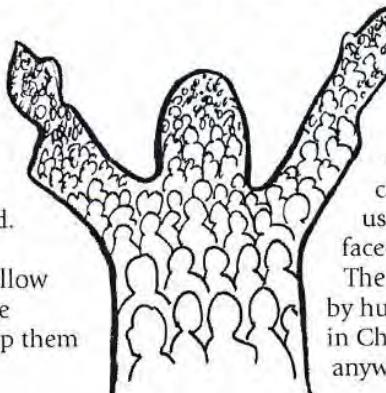
This way, the faith will be available in every age to the rest of the Church.

Where is the real Catholic Church

The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In Heaven live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended. They watch over us when we ask.

Members in Purgatory did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers help them get to Heaven.



And those of us who are members on Earth are still living within the family, trying to make it to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. That means the Church is anywhere we are.

from Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52, The kingdom is worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. He sells everything he has to purchase the field. In the second scenario, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything he has to possess the pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting his love for us and loving others as he loves – is the only thing that really feeds



our souls. God's unconditional love is the only thing that is worthy of everything we have. If we accept his invitation (he won't force us), our lives may change as our hearts change.

Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch is brought ashore.

Similarly, when we put our whole life in service to our love for God, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love.

Whatever is contrary to this love falls away.

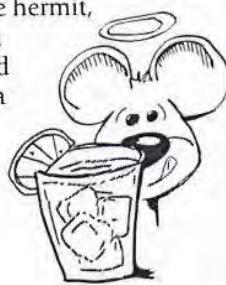
Feasts & Celebrations

July 3 – St. Thomas (1st Century). Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof, *"My Lord and My God"* (John 20:28). Tradition says that Thomas traveled to India and was martyred near Mylapore.

July 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1680). A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind. Introduced to Catholicism by missionaries, she was baptized at the age of 19 and moved to a Christian

village where she lived in holiness. **July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century).** Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus expelled seven demons, helped to financially support Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:2) and stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother (John 19:25). She first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 24 – St. Charbel Makhlouf (d. 1898). A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.



Q & A

There's a saint for that!

Down through the ages, Catholics have invoked the saints for their prayers, even for everyday things. It was a way of offering everything to God, through the saints' prayers, even little things like losing your keys! Here are some "holy helpers":

Airplane travelers, astronauts: St. Joseph of Cupertino miraculously levitated while at prayer.

Accountants, bankers: St. Matthew the Apostle was a dishonest tax collector until Christ called him to be an Apostle (Matthew 9:9).

Battle, soldiers, doctors, police: St. Michael the Archangel led the angels to victory against the Devil and his forces (Revelation 12:7-9).

Finding lost things: St. Anthony of Padua prayed and recovered his stolen prayer book.

Plagues, pestilence, sick people: St. Roch cared for victims of the plague in Italy.

Students, teachers, schools: St. Thomas Aquinas, once teased as "the Dumb Ox," was actually one of the most brilliant scholars in the Church.

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Mass Intentions — July 11-17, 2020

Saturday, July 11-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti; Michael Laurent; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; J. W. Bryant Family; Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; O. J. & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Arnold "Buck" Fourroux: M/M Edmond Gomez, Sr., Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez; Anthony Marino, Sr.; Maurice E. "Captain Moe" Brown; Wayne Gary, Cyprien Gary & Bernice, Jeanette Woolam, Tina Ferachi Loyacano Families, Agnes Ferachi Colette Families, Vincent M. Ferachi Families, All Souls in Purgatory; The Currier Family; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, Irene & Lo Gulotta; Gertrude Tuminello; Mary Kay Marchand, Catty Hebert; Brennan Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert; Billy Wright, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Gomez & Clebert Families; Donald & Annie Matirne



Sunday, July 12-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, July 12-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Connor Brown; Sam & Kathleen Anastasio; Anthony & Margie Vitale, James & Hette Hebert; Linda Seneca Rafflee, Norman J. Morales, Cathy B. Dupont, Ruel J. Seneca, Sr.; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Kevin Ardoin; Laurence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Scott Jude Marino, Nera Rodriguez, M/M Anthony Marino, Sr., Kids of St. Jude; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Geraldine Glynn; Virginia Simon; Belvin Bergeron

Sunday, July 12-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; William Middleton, William Lewis, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Calvin W. Wilbert III, Marion & Betty Cazes, Cal & Betty Wilbert; Betty Gongre; Brenda Fremin; Victor J. Canella; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn

Tuesday, July 14-6pm Mass

Mildred Case Thomas

Wednesday, July 15-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, July 16-7am Mass

Janice Brown

Friday, July 17-7am Mass

A Special Intention to St. Jude

Daily Scripture Readings July 13-19, 2020

Monday, July 13:

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday, July 14:

Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 15:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 16:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 17:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 18:

Mt 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 19:

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

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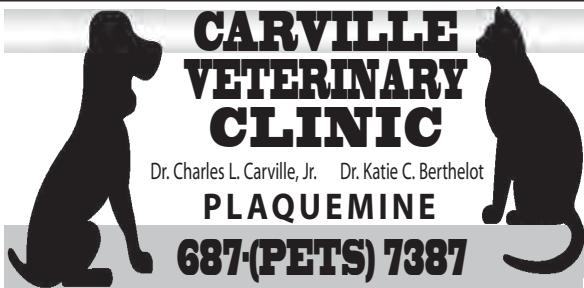


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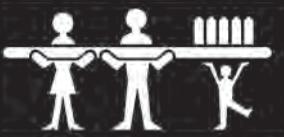
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