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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023

The Parable of the Sower. Jesus is both the sower and the seed which is God's Word.
– Mt 13: 1-23



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.

Mass Intentions



July 15th 4:30PM Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Charles Brown (RIP) by The Durousseau Family; Mary, Joseph & Lena Pitre (RIP), Bernice Brown & Vernon Pitre (Happy 81st Birthday) by Bernice Brown; Charles Brown (RIP) by The Durousseau Family; Lava Jean & Anthony Oliver (Happy Heavenly 64th Wedding Anniversary-RIP) by Patricia, Derrick, Darren, Sr. & Grandchildren

July 16th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

July 18th 6:00PM Susan Broussard Greig (RIP) by Bernadette Brown; William L. Joseph (RIP) by Adline Harris

July 19th 8:00AM

July 20th 8:00AM Norma Fontenot (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by The Family

July 21st 8:00AM

July 22nd 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia (RIP); Mary Fisk (RIP) by Langston Adams

Collections

July 8th & July 9th

9:00AM	**$2,740.00**
4:30PM	**$2,365.40**
Mail	**$2,180.40**
Totals	**$7,285.80**

We are at the half-way point for the Appeal for Catholic Ministries for 2023. Our goal for this year is $37,953. As of June 14, 2023, we have received $34,175 in pledges. Of that amount, payments of $21,427 have been received. We are $16,526 short of reaching our goal. These totals represent 16% of our parish giving. If you have made a pledge, thank you and please continue to make your payments. If you have not, please consider making a pledge or giving a one-time donation. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee.

TODAY'S READINGS

***First Reading* —Isaiah 55:10-11**
The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.
***Psalm* —Psalm 65:10-14**
A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.
***Second Reading* —Romans 8:18-23**
Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.
***Gospel* —Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)**
Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.



Happy Birthday
Mary Durousseau
Verlis Clark

Thank you to the 4th Degree Knights of Peter Claver for your kind offering $50 to the Church.

Thank you to The St. Katharine Drexel Society, Port Arthur Chapter, Inc. for your generous donation of a Vizio 32 inch Smart Television & Wall Mount for our Bereavement Room.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 5:10;Mt 10:34—11:1; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Ps 95:8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Jn 10:27; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Cf. Mt 11:25; Mt 13:24-43; or Mt 13:24-30

Meetings

-No meeting this week.

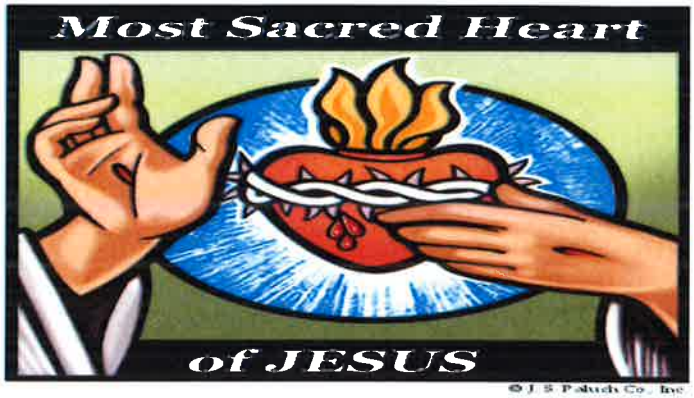
O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

Port Arthur Chapter of
Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.
cordially invites you to celebrate
A Night of Honor Vessels of God
Honoring: Fr. Anthony Afangide
Saturday, July 29, 2023 6:00pm-9:00pm
The Pompano Club
330 Twin City Hwy, Port Neches, TX
Tickets $40 per person Semi-Formal

For more information contact Lady Riya Chaisson @972-249-6225 or Lady Rose Chaisson @409-719-6772. Tickets can be purchase from any Top Lady or online at Eventbrite.com

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SAVE THE DATE
6TH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
AUGUST 26, 2023
MONTAGNE CENTER
at LAMAR UNIVERSITY, BEAUMONT, TX
English Session: Registration @7am-4:30pm Spanish Session Registration @2:30pm-8pm
Lunch & Dinner Catered
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"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." 1Thessalonians 5:11

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA.

Fr. Anthony will bless our youth. Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a birthday in July.

See our Bulletin Board in the Vestibule for announcement/information in our community and local area.

IF YOUR FAMILY OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS



Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Kenya Avila, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, James Brady, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Bernadette Brown, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Martin Charles, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames,Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Henry Dwin, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, Carolyn Francis, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Harrison Hill, Jr., Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Donnette Eulain-Jackson, Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Bernard Mouton, Jr., Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, and Hazeletta Younger .

Sick & Shut-In

For the Sick and Home bound Parishioner who may need Confession, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office for the Priest at (409)985-5104. Also, if you want or know someone that need to be added to the prayer request list.

Any announcements to be placed in the bulletin must be submitted by 12:00noon on Wednesday to the Parish Office.





July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month



Parish Social Ministry is available to assist anyone in the parish that needs help with electric, gas, or water bills. Other services are available based on the parishioners need. All assistance provided is confidential. We are now in our 7th year of service to the parish and the community. If you would like to know more about Parish Social Ministry, please take home a brochure located in the vestibule.



Parish Social Ministry is collecting Jell-o monthly for the United Board of Missions. The box is still located in the vestibule. This will be put in the low income bags given to members of the community who apply through United Board of Missions. Please be generous. If you have any questions, you can contact Brenda Broussard or Sheryl Alpough.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

July 22nd & July 23rd

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM Margaret Taylor
Corine Jones

SUN. 9:00AM Tanya Robertson
Kathrina Martin

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

SUN. 9:00AM Elvira Narcisse
Rodney Broussard

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