

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: The parish office is currently open by appointment only.

Horarios de la Oficina: En este momento la oficina parroquial está abierta solo con cita previa.



Mass Times

Sunday Mass will be streamed on Facebook and our parish website at 6pm Saturdays and a Facebook Watch Party will replay at 10:30am on Sundays, in English. Spanish Mass will be streamed on Facebook and our parish website at 3pm on Sundays. The archived Mass can be found on both the parish website and Facebook immediately following streaming, and will remain on the website until the next Sunday Mass.

Horarios de Misa

La Misa dominical se transmitirá en Facebook y en el sitio web de nuestra parroquia a las 6pm los sábados y un Watch Party de Facebook repetirá a las 10:30am, los domingos, en inglés. La Misa en español se transmitirá en Facebook y nuestro sitio web a las 3pm, los domingos. La Misa grabada se puede encontrar tanto en nuestro sitio web como en Facebook inmediatamente después de la transmisión, y permanecerá en el sitio web hasta la misa del próximo domingo.

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time—15° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

July 12, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

Intentions for July 14-17, 2020

Tues.	11am	Open
Wed.	8am	Open
Thurs.	8am	Open
Fri.	8am	†Fr. Evan Patrick Harkins

Saturday, July 18, 2020

4:00pm †Joe Cook
Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, July 19, 2020

8:00am	†Darrell Littler
	†Bob Manchon
12:30pm Spanish	†Alejandro Chavez
	†Salvador Arroyo Estrada

We also remember the special intentions requested in our virtual prayer book on Facebook and our family and friends on the sick list.

Recordamos tambien, las intenciones especiales en nuestro libro virtual de peticiones por Facebook, y nuestros amigos y familiares de nuestra lista de enfermos.

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†Arlene Edelman, sister-in-law of David Edelman

†John Falcon, son of Pat Falcon

†Barbara Tautkaus, daughter-in-law of Millie Wolfe

†Guadalupe Cervantes, tío de Raul Felix

†Rosalio Tacuba, tío de Justo Gonzalez

†Esther Solis and Francisco Erives, good friends of Elvia and Wendy Mora Cedillo, and Raul Felix

†Charles Roper, brother of Ron Roper



Parish Information—Información Parroquial

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Christina Albarez	Rita Ann Hand	Melba Mercier
Nancy Ballenger	Bonnie Haskins	Raul Morales Arreola
Margaret Bannerman	Cherie Hatfield	Laura Oresteen
Juanita Becerra	Martha Healy	Thelma Putnam
Dennis Berg	Ted Henry	Diane Quinn
John Bidondo	Rhonda Henke	Larry Rhodes
Mary Pat Biondo	Alex Henningsen	Anna Ryan
Maxine Bremer	Bob Henningsen	Lou Scaccia
Veronica Burks	Ann Heinzler	Ron Schock
Joyce Callahan	Estela Huerta	Mary Schwartz
Allison Carter	Jennifer Huffman	Peter Shea
Baby Carter	Richard Huffman	Jaxton Shipley
Jackie Chiappetta	Lisa Jonas	Shellie Smoot
John Cikan	Gary Jones	Don Standley
Harrison Cummings	John Jongenelen	Rachael Smith
Mark DeLuca	Michael Kempster	Marie Stinger
Mark Deterding	John Key	Lois Stogsdill
Paula Dull	Jack King	Rita Stout
Denise English	Dorothy Knoll	Jean Tate
Terry Eppert	Don Kueck	Joel Taylor
Joe Evans	Arlene Lally	Priscilla Tristani
Larry Foster	Ellen Lilek	Amanda Votava
Jean Frank	Emmy Long	Dorothea West
Tonya Frezza	Alyson Lopez	Mary Westfall
Bettianne Gardiner	Angelika Mackey	Sarah Wheeler
Marissa Goldsmith	Ray Malisos	Marie Wilburn
Miquel Angel Salina Gonzalez	Bienvenido Martinez	Carmitia Yust
Ginny Hainey	Kristy McClain	
Jackie Hamilton	Leonard Meiron	

happy birthday

Melanie Aguilar	Ashley Freivogel	Maria Orozco
Paul Anderson	Herson Garay	William Owens
Edgar Arellano	Jose Garcia Rogelio	Ryan Parker
Kailey Ayala	Justo Gonzalez	Samuel Perez
Felicety Barrera	Jose Guardado	Aylin Perez-Carrera
Aksel Bejarano	Emma Gudenkauf	Sherman Ragsdale
Harry Bland	Noah Harder	Carlos Rodriguez
Peter Brake	Katie Heinerikson	Enrique SanJuan
Carmen Bretado	Rufino Hernandez	Alejo Sanjuan
Cathryn Burke	Mayra Hernandez	Larry Scali
Mandy Butscher	Carmelo Hinojos	Andres Soriano
Leona Bybee	Javier Hinojos	Jennifer Tenorio
Amanda Campos	Ernestine Iseman	Areli Tinoco
Mark Campos	Edgar Keesoon	Devin Tobias
Joel Carpio	Jose Lopez Galindo	Fr. Chuck Tobin
Rito Cedillo	Oscar Martinez	Jesus Torres
Lupita Cervantes	Jason McLain	Eliezer Trejo
Sofia Cervantes	Steven Menjivar	Yaretzi Trejo
Ricardo Chavez	Shelli Miller	Joselyn Trejo
Ana Contreras - De La Cruz	Joshua Mittelstadt	Jorge Valles
Hannah Coovert	Haley Moore	Anthony Vargas
Alejandro Corchado	Douglas Mueller	Lorena Vieyra
Sally Coshun	Ronald Myers	Gonzalo Villalobos
Myron Daldrup	George Nelson	Michael Walter
Colleen Dorrell	Jerry Neri	Haley Wheeler
Estefani Estrada	Marcos Oropeza	Elias Whitney
Alejo Estrella		Kimberly Wilen

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Happy Anniversary

Rudy and Gerrie Roberts	67 Years!	7/18/1953
Ray and Carmitia Yust	64 Years!	7/14/1956
Dick and Bev Bell	62 Years!	7/19/1958
Dave and Pat Feller	48 Years!	7/15/1972
Salvador and Marta Arroyo	35 Years!	7/13/1985
Joe and Judith Potts	25 Years!	7/14/1995
Ricardo Quiñones and Gloria Garcia	19 Years!	7/14/2001
Sixto and Cynthia Varela	18 Years!	7/19/2002
Patrick and Nikki Jordan	15 Years!	7/16/2005
Nick and Heather Hadley	14 Years!	7/16/2006
Grant and Alberta Priewe	12 Years!	7/19/2008
Gil and Bridget Hernandez	11 Years!	7/19/2009
Ivan and Damaris Castillo	7 Years!	7/13/2013
Tyler and Gabrielle DeMay	6 Years!	7/19/2014
Olinser Luna and Alejandra Lopez-Luna	4 Years!	7/16/2016

Green Team Tip of the Week

Strawberries, spinach, kale, nectarines, apples, grapes, peaches cherries, pears, tomatoes, celery, potatoes and hot peppers have the greatest amount of pesticide residue. Buy organic instead. <https://www.ewg.org/foodnews/dirty-dozen.php>.



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

For the next three Sundays the gospel is taken from Matthew Chapter 13, a collection of seven parables about the "kingdom of heaven."

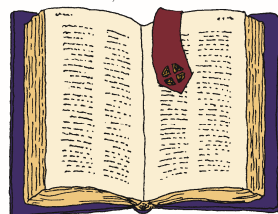


Parables are usually open-ended, challenging the hearers to enter the parable and respond accordingly. These parables address Matthew's Jewish community's two main struggles: rejection by fellow Jews for believing in Jesus as the messiah, and ambivalence about welcoming Gentile believers into their community. The parable of the sower and the seed often focuses on the four types of soil on which the seed is sown. Equally important is the image of the sower, who sows abundantly and indiscriminately regardless of the soil on which it lands. Both ways of interpreting the parable lead to significant insights about God's love and word and the effectiveness of that love and word regardless of the soil's receptiveness. Make time to view this week's DYK video and reflect on how the parable spoke to Matthew's community concerns and how it continues to speak to us today.

Virtual Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering weekly study sessions via Zoom that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. To register, email Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparis.org.

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BIBLE STUDY

Baptism Congratulations

Liam Manuel Lopez-Ozburn, son of Jade and Ali Lopez

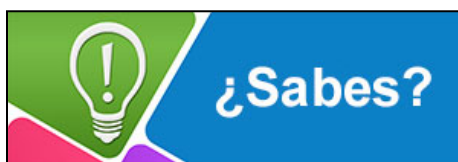
Community Garden Update!

We had a late start due to covid, but things are looking great! We have harvested over 250 lbs of onions and garlic! We have also planted several tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers. We are in need of tomato cages. If you have any extras laying around that you would like to donate you can either leave them at the garden or call David Pierce for pickup. Special thanks to Suzanne and Yvonne for all their hard work weeding, turning beds, planting and watering. To volunteer Text or call David at 816-392-1110 or email piercehobbits@sbcglobal.net

Información

En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:

Durante los próximos tres domingos, el Evangelio se toma del capítulo 13 de Mateo, una



colección de siete parábolas sobre el "reino de los cielos". Las parábolas son generalmente abiertas, desafiando a los oyentes a ingresar a la parábola y responder en consecuencia. Estas parábolas abordan las dos luchas principales de la comunidad judía de Mateo: el rechazo por parte de otros judíos por creer en Jesús como el mesías, y la ambivalencia acerca de dar la bienvenida a los creyentes gentiles a su comunidad. La parábola del sembrador y la semilla a menudo se centra en los cuatro tipos de suelo en los que se siembra la semilla. Igualmente importante es la imagen del sembrador, que siembra abundante e indiscriminadamente, independientemente del suelo en el que cae. Ambas formas de interpretar la parábola conducen a percepciones significativas sobre el amor y la palabra de Dios y la efectividad de ese amor y palabra, independientemente de la receptividad del suelo. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y reflexionar sobre cómo la parábola habló a las preocupaciones de la comunidad de Mateo y cómo continúa hablando con nosotros hoy.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 8 de Agosto

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón doble del área de la escuela. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: Llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad.



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¡Actualización del Jardín Comunitario!

Tuvimos un comienzo tardío debido a covid, ¡pero las cosas se ven geniales! ¡Hemos cosechado más de 250 libras de cebolla y ajo! También hemos sembrado varios tomates, pimientos y pepinos. Necesitamos jaulas de tomate. Si tiene algún extra que quiera donar, puede dejarlo en el jardín o llamar a David Pierce para que la recoja. Un agradecimiento especial a Suzanne e Yvonne por todo su arduo trabajo para desmalezar, voltear las camas, plantar y regar. Para ser voluntario envíe un mensaje de texto o llame a David al 816-392-1110 o envíe un correo electrónico a piercehobbits@sbcglobal.net

Pastoral Care

Send Some Sunshine! Would you like to brighten someone's day? Could you send someone a card or message of encouragement? Do you need something to do with your children's art work? Our area nursing homes and assisted living facilities have been closed to visitors since March. It's hard on families, but harder on the residents to be cut off from their loved ones and the volunteers that brighten their days. If you would be interested in spreading some sunshine by mailing a card, writing a note of encouragement or sending the kids' or grandkids' artwork, then please contact me. A stamp and a small bit of time would help bring sunshine to another wonderful person's life! If you would like to participate, please contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Mental Health Resource Numbers

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline

1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides crisis intervention and referrals to local service providers. Call **800-799-SAFE (7233)** or **800-787-3224 (TTY)**. For more information, go to www.thehotline.org. Hotline Advocates are available to chat online, Monday to Friday, 9AM-7PM CST.

Cuidado Pastoral

¡Mande un Rayito de Sol!

¿Le gustaría alegrar el día de alguien? ¿Podría enviar a alguien una tarjeta o un mensaje de aliento? ¿Necesita algo que hacer con la obra de arte de sus hijos? Las residencias de ancianos y las instalaciones de vivienda asistida de nuestra área han estado cerradas a los visitantes durante casi 3 meses. Es difícil para las familias, pero más difícil para los residentes separarse de sus seres queridos y los voluntarios que alegran sus días. Si le interesa difundir un poco de sol enviando una tarjeta, escribiendo una nota de aliento o enviando los dibujos de sus hijos o nietos, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. ¡Una estampilla y un poco de tiempo ayudarían a traer un rayito de sol a la vida de otra persona maravillosa!

La línea directa nacional de violencia doméstica

brinda intervención en casos de crisis y referencias a proveedores de servicios locales. Llame al 800-799-7233. Para más información, visite espanol.thehotline.org. Los defensores de la línea directa están disponibles para chatear en línea, de lunes a viernes, de 9 a.m. a 7 p.m. CST.

Línea de Vida Nacional para la Prevención del Suicidio

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Disponible 24/7

Línea de Crisis de Salud Mental de ACI

1-888-279-8188 Disponible 24/7, multilingüe



Wellness Center



Did You Know- Eating too much sugar can be bad for your health. It has been linked to an increased risk of many diseases, including obesity and heart disease. Many people try to minimize their sugar intake, but it's easy to underestimate how much you're actually consuming because many foods contain hidden sugars, including some foods that you wouldn't even consider to be sweet. Here are 5 foods and drinks that contain more sugar than you think.

1. Lowfat yogurt- Not all yogurt is created equal. Like many other low fat products, low fat yogurts have sugar added to them to enhance flavor. It's best to choose full fat, natural, or Greek yogurt. Avoid yogurt that has been sweetened with sugar.

2. Barbecue sauce and Ketchup - BBQ sauce and Ketchup, are some of the most popular condiments worldwide but they are often loaded with sugar. One tablespoon of Ketchup or BBQ sauce may contain up to 2 teaspoons of sugar. If you're liberal with your servings, this makes it easy to consume a lot of sugar without meaning to.

3. Fruit juice- Like whole fruit, fruit juice contains some vitamins and minerals. It usually takes a lot of fruit to produce a single glass of fruit juice, so you get much more sugar in a glass of juice than you would get by

eating whole fruit.

4. Sports drinks - Sports drinks can often be mistaken as a healthy choice for those who exercise. However, sports drinks are designed to hydrate and fuel trained athletes during prolonged, intense periods of exercise. For this reason, they contain high amounts of added sugars that can be quickly absorbed and used for energy. Unless you're a marathon runner or elite athlete, you should probably just stick to water while exercising. It's by far the best choice for most of us.

5. Protein bars - Protein bars are a popular snack. Foods that contain protein have been linked to increased feelings of fullness, which can aid weight loss. This has led people to believe that protein bars are a healthy snack. While there are some healthier protein bars on the market, many contain around 20 grams of added sugar. When choosing a protein bar, read the label and avoid those that are high in sugar.

The bottom line consuming small amounts of sugar now and then is perfectly healthy, watch out for the hidden sugars. whenever possible. Added sugars aren't a necessary part of your diet. Although small amounts are fine, they can cause serious harm if eaten in large amounts on a regular basis.



Reflection on the Readings

Today and the next two Sundays the gospel is taken from Matthew 13, a collection of parables intriguing us as to what “the kingdom of heaven is like”. **Matthew 13, the third of Jesus’ five sermons in Matthew’s gospel, is a discourse that unpacks seven parables.** Jesus usually sits to proclaim God’s word, the typical position for a teacher in the ancient world, while the attentive crowds and listeners stand. **Here Jesus sits in a boat as he discourses on the kingdom of heaven.**

Most interpretations of this parable of the sower, the seed and the soil focus on the type of soil within which the seed is planted. While such focus is understandable, the other readings direct our attention more on the sower as God and on the seed as God’s word. **The focus on God as the sower manifests an integral quality of our God as a lover whose love and word are disseminated indiscriminately, regardless of the condition or receptiveness of the soil.** In the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:45), Jesus affirms that our heavenly Father causes the sun and rain to rise and fall on the good and the bad, on the just and the unjust. **God does not discriminate when dispensing love and bounty, and neither should we.**

The focus on the seed as God’s word challenges us to pay attention to God’s word and allow it to take root in our hearts. The power of God’s word is so great that despite obstacles and even possible rejection, God’s word will in the end be fruitful, leading to a marvelous and unimaginable harvest. **Nothing will get in the way of accomplishing the purpose and intent for which it was sent.** Our stubbornness, our refusal or denial, our inattentiveness, or whatever obstacles we place in its path, will not deter the unfolding of God’s will and purpose.

The first reading from Isaiah 55 affirms that the word that goes forth from God will not return to God void, but rather accomplishes the purpose for which it was sent. Throughout the process, the word will provide life, nourishment and sustenance to all, the very attributes of our gentle and loving God. Jesus uses parables with common ideas and images to help us understand the challenge of being citizens in the kingdom of heaven. **Jesus’ parables also nourish and provide sustenance and life to all who are open to listening, understanding and carrying through on Jesus’ words.**

Paul in his letter to the Romans speaks of the inevitable struggles that surface whenever we attune ourselves to God’s word. While we can be overwhelmed by the struggles and sufferings of life, our hope is on God’s promises for ourselves and all of creation, a hope that will not disappoint. **Even in the midst of a pandemic, God’s promises for all creation will not disappoint, for God is still at work, despite the many challenges that we face.** Paul uses the image of a woman in labor. God’s new life has been given to us. We, along with all of creation, groan to bring it to life in our lives and in our world. Assured of the success of our labor, we strive to attune ourselves to God’s word knowing that it will result in new and abundant life. **For Paul, Jesus is the Word who restores us to life and intimacy with God.**

Today is one of those rare times when the Responsorial Psalm refrain does not come from the psalm but from a verse from Luke’s gospel. **The psalm refrain from Luke 8 calls us to affirm that the seed, God’s word, will yield a fruitful harvest.** The verses from Psalm 65 praise God whose interaction with the earth is one of inevitable fruitfulness, fertility and abundance.

We often struggle in paying attention to God’s voice whether through the scriptures, through the experiences of life or through our interactions with others. We are easily distracted or bored. How do you attune yourself to hear and own God’s word in your life?

Take some time before mass to read and reflect on the readings that will be proclaimed. How do you understand and relate the readings to your life? How does God speak to you in and through the readings? **Ask yourself what you would emphasize if you were giving the homily to your faith community this Sunday.** You might be surprised at how such efforts in unpacking the readings can bring about richness of life both for yourself, others and for all of creation.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, July 12

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm: Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Sunday, July 19

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalm: Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Hoy y los dos domingos siguientes el evangelio se toma de Mateo 13, una colección de parábolas que nos intriga en cuanto a "cómo es el reino de los cielos". **Mateo 13, el tercero de los cinco sermones de Jesús en el evangelio según San Mateo, es un discurso que descomprime siete parábolas.** Jesús suele sentarse a proclamar la palabra de Dios, la posición típica de un maestro en el mundo antiguo, mientras que las multitudes atentas se paran. **Aquí Jesús se sienta en un barco mientras discurre sobre el reino de los cielos.**

La mayoría de las interpretaciones de esta parábola del sembrador, la semilla y el suelo se enfocan en el tipo de suelo dentro del cual se siembra la semilla. Mientras que este enfoque es comprensible, las otras lecturas dirigen nuestro enfoque más al sembrador como Dios y la semilla como la palabra de Dios. **El enfoque en Dios como el sembrador manifiesta una calidad integral de nuestro Dios como un amante cuyo amor y palabra se difunden indiscriminadamente, sin importar la condición o receptividad del suelo.** En el Sermón del Monte (Mt 5:45), Jesús afirma que nuestro Padre celestial hace que el sol y la lluvia se eleven y caigan sobre lo bueno y lo malo, sobre lo justo y lo injusto. **Dios no discrimina cuando dispensa amor y generosidad, y tampoco debemos hacerlo.**

El enfoque en la semilla como la palabra de Dios nos desafía a prestar atención a la palabra de Dios y permitir que arraigue en nuestros corazones. El poder de la palabra de Dios es tan grande que, a pesar de los obstáculos e incluso el rechazo, la palabra de Dios será al final fructífera, llevando a una cosecha maravillosa e inimaginable. **Nada se interpondrá en el camino de lograr el propósito y la intención para la cual fue enviado.** Nuestra obstinación, nuestro rechazo o negación, nuestra falta de atención, o cualquier obstáculo que ponemos en su camino, no disuadirá el despliegue de la voluntad y el propósito de Dios.

La primera lectura de Isaías 55 afirma que la palabra que sale de Dios no regresará a Dios vacío, sino que realizará el propósito para el cual fue enviada. A lo largo del proceso, la palabra proveerá vida, nutrición y sustento a todos, los mismos atributos de nuestro Dios amable y amoroso. Jesús usa parábolas con ideas e imágenes comunes para ayudarnos a entender el desafío de ser ciudadanos en el reino de los cielos. **Las parábolas de Jesús también nutren y proveen sustento y vida a todos los que están abiertos a escuchar, comprender y llevar a cabo las palabras de Jesús.**

Pablo en su carta a los romanos habla de las luchas inevitables que surgen cuando nos sintonizamos con la palabra de Dios. Mientras que podemos estar abrumados por las luchas y sufrimientos de la vida, nuestra esperanza está en las promesas de Dios para nosotros mismos y toda la creación, una esperanza que no decepcionará. **Incluso en medio de una pandemia, las promesas de Dios para toda la creación no decepcionarán, porque Dios todavía está trabajando, a pesar de los muchos desafíos que enfrentamos.** Pablo usa la imagen de una mujer en el parto. La nueva vida de Dios nos ha sido dada. Nosotros, junto con toda la creación, gemimos para llevarlo a la vida en nuestras vidas y en nuestro mundo. Asegurados del éxito de nuestro trabajo, nos esforzamos por sintonizarnos con la palabra de Dios sabiendo que dará lugar a una vida nueva y abundante. **Para Pablo, Jesús es la Palabra que nos restaura la vida y la intimidad con Dios.**

Hoy es uno de esos raros momentos en que el refrán del Salmo Responsorial no viene del salmo sino de un versículo del evangelio según San Lucas. **El salmo de Lucas 8 nos llama a afirmar que la semilla, la palabra de Dios, dará una cosecha fructífera.** Los versículos del Salmo 64 alaban a Dios cuya interacción con la tierra es de inevitable fecundidad, fertilidad y abundancia.

A menudo luchamos en prestar atención a la voz de Dios, ya sea a través de las Escrituras, a través de las experiencias de la vida o a través de nuestras interacciones con los demás. Somos fácilmente distraídos o aburridos. ¿Cómo se sintoniza para escuchar y poseer la palabra de Dios en su vida?

Tómese su tiempo antes de la Misa para leer y reflexionar sobre las lecturas que serán proclamadas. ¿Cómo entiende y relaciona las lecturas con su vida? ¿Cómo le habla Dios a través de las lecturas? **Pregúntese qué es lo que enfatizaría si estuviera dando la homilía a su comunidad de fe este domingo.** Usted podría estar sorprendido en cómo tales esfuerzos para descomprimir las lecturas pueden traer la riqueza de la vida, tanto para usted, los demás y para toda la creación.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 12 de Julio

Primera Lectura: Isaías 55:10-11
Salmo: Salmo 64:10abcd, 10e-11, 12-13, 14
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:18-23
Evangelio: Mateo 13:1-23

Lecturas del Domingo, 19 de Julio

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 12:13, 16-19
Salmo: Salmo 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16a
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:26-27
Evangelio: Mateo 13:24-43



Stewardship

"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."

Matthew 13:7-9

In the Parable of the Sower, the seeds that land on deep and healthy soil produce abundant fruit. This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive. How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives. Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Corresponsabilidad

"Otros granos cayeron entre espinos, y cuando los espinos crecieron, sofocaron las plantitas. Otros granos cayeron en tierra buena y dieron fruto; unos, ciento por uno; otros, sesenta; y otros, treinta. El que tenga oídos, que oiga."

Mateo 13:7-9

En la parábola del sembrador, las semillas que caen en un suelo profundo y saludable producen abundantes frutos. Aquí es donde entra en juego el estilo de vida de la corresponsabilidad. Cuando damos lo mejor de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro para servir a Dios y a los demás, creamos vidas llenas de esa rara "buena tierra" necesaria para que el Reino de Dios prospere. ¿Como sucede esto? La vida de corresponsabilidad elimina las "rocas" de la desconfianza de nuestras vidas a medida que desarrollamos una fe inquebrantable de que Dios siempre proveerá para nuestras necesidades. Elimina las "espinas" de la ambición mundana que nos hacen egocéntricos, nos llenan de ansiedad innecesaria y sofocan nuestro enfoque en Dios. Vivir con corresponsabilidad requiere una profunda dependencia de la Palabra de Dios y los sacramentos que continuamente nutren y fertilizan el suelo de nuestras vidas. Profundicemos nuestro compromiso con esta forma de vida, permitiendo que el Sembrador haga su trabajo en nosotros, lenta y constantemente. El Maestro Jardinero seguramente producirá frutos milagrosos a través de nosotros. - Vea más en www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

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Stewardship

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Corresponsabilidad

Indulgencias especiales

El regalo de indulgencias especiales se otorga a los fieles que padecen la enfermedad COVID-19, comúnmente conocida como Coronavirus, así como a los trabajadores de la salud, los miembros de la familia y todos aquellos que, en cualquier capacidad, incluso a través de la oración, los cuidan.

- Confiando en Cristo, se otorga una indulgencia plenaria a los fieles que padecen de Coronavirus, que están sujetos a cuarentena por orden de la autoridad de salud en hospitales o en sus propios hogares si, con un espíritu separado de cualquier pecado, se unen espiritualmente a través de los medios para la celebración de la Santa Misa, la recitación del Santo Rosario, la práctica piadosa del Viacrucis u otras formas de devoción, o si al menos recitarán el Credo, la Oración del Señor y una invocación piadosa a la Bendita Virgen María, ofreciendo esta prueba en un espíritu de fe en Dios y caridad hacia sus hermanos y hermanas, con la voluntad de cumplir las condiciones habituales (confesión sacramental, comunión eucarística y oración según las intenciones del Santo Padre), lo antes posible."
- Los trabajadores de la salud, los miembros de la familia y todos aquellos que, siguiendo el ejemplo del Buen Samaritano, exponiéndose al riesgo de contagio, cuidan a los enfermos de Coronavirus de acuerdo con las palabras del divino Redentor: "Nadie tiene mayor amor que esto: dar la vida por los amigos (Jn 15:13), obtendrá el mismo don de la Indulgencia Plenaria en las mismas condiciones".
- Una indulgencia es "la expresión de la plena confianza de la Iglesia de ser escuchada por el Padre cuando, en vista de los méritos de Cristo y, por su don, los de Nuestra Señora y los santos, ella le pide que mitigue o cancele el aspecto doloroso del castigo fomentando su aspecto medicinal a través de otros canales de gracia "(Juan Pablo II, Audiencia general, 29 de septiembre de 1999).
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