



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
10:30 Marianne Myers from Carol & Larry
12:00 Marsha Striley from Sondra & James Niemann

Monday, July 13, St. Henry

12:10 Gertrude Fabiano from Carol & Larry

Tuesday, July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

12:10 Arlene Brummer from Jane Smullen

Wednesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure, Bishop

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 16, Our lady of Mt. Carmel

12:10 Margaret Hopkins from Rose Ann & Brian

Friday, July 17,

12:10 Marsha Striley from Tom & George Ann

Saturday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

12:10 Judy Dyer from Jane Smullen

7:00 Charles & Jane Stacey from Bill & Jane Stacey

Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Dottie Giver from The Weartz Family

10:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

12:00 Betty O'Toole from Frank & Stephanie

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL
BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience
and cooperation.**

**THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE
DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION
OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.**

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God gave human beings minds with which to think..

~Sir 17:5

Reflection. *Do all your actions in accord with the right light of your reason.*

*In all things, seek your salvation, the edification of others, and the praise
and glory of God.*

~St Bonaventure

Prayer. *God of Reason, grant me the gift of right reasoning and Christian under-
standing. Let me act always in accord with the dictates of that reason and so be
pleasing to You.*

Charlie Tate Baltimore was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian
Community through the sacrament of Baptism here at St. Rose Church.

Missionary Appeal

It's that time of year again when we host a missionary to come to talk to us about
their mission and collect money for that purpose. This year Fr. Rufino Ezama, a
Comboni Missionary, will speak to us about the Sisters of the Visitation of Mary
and the good work they are doing in Africa. A collection will be taken up, after
mass, at the doors for the sisters and their mission. Please be generous, checks
should be made out to St. Rose Church..

FOOD FOR ALL - Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is looking for individuals
who sew/craft to help us make t-shirt totes for our Food for All pantries. We have
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Sunday Funnies

~IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN WINNIPEG THAT READ: "We will heel you. We
will save your sole. We will even dye for you."

~AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've
come to the right place."

~ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK: "We repair what your husband fixed."

~IN THE FRONT YARD OF A FUNERAL HOME: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."



Opening Prayer

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, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In the middle of summer we continue reading from the Gospel of Matthew. Today we begin chapter 13, sometimes referred to as the chapter on parables. Matthew's story of the parable of the sower follows Mark's, which Matthew used as a source. In fact, there is little variation at all. Matthew says that Jesus sat by the shore (Matt 13:1), but when the crowds grew too large he moved to a boat where he sat as well (Matt 13:2). That particular verb ("sat") recalls the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1) where Jesus also sat to teach. It is an indication of a true teacher—one who sits to dispense wisdom. This is no peripatetic professor.

Fortunately for us (and for the early disciples), Jesus explained this parable himself. There is no need to discern the intended meaning. Those who read the longer gospel today have the advantage of that explanation.

The parable of the sower is rooted in antiquity with the image of scattering seed on the ground, which would have preceded plowing. Today even gardeners often sow seed by plowing first, planting the seed, then covering the seed with soil. But that is not the way those in the ancient world performed the task. It's for this reason that many seeds may be eaten by the birds or may fall on rocky soil. Not all the seed that is scattered takes root and bears fruit. Indeed, if those in the ancient world planted seeds the way a modern gardener does, it's highly unlikely that Jesus would have used this same parable! But such is not the world of antiquity. Jesus ends this simple allegorical tale with an injunction: "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Closing Prayer

Lord God, your Son taught us that you are the sower and we are the seed. Give us the grace to grow where we are cast, producing a bountiful harvest. Grant us your Spirit by which such growth can take place, for you live and reign forever, one God, Father, Son, and Spirit. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• Looking back on your life through the lens of today's parable, have you experienced environments that have been like rocky ground, thorny ground, or rich soil?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9 (shorter form)
or Matthew 13:1-23 (longer form)

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."

Readings for the week:

15th Sunday in Ord. Time
Isa 55:10-11
Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Rom 8:18-25
Matt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday
Isa 1:10-17
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Matt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday
Isa 7:1-9
Ps 48:2-Sa, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8
Matt 11:20-24

Wednesday
Isa 10:5-7, 13b-16
Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15
Matt 11:25-27

Thursday
Isa 26:7-9, 12, 15-19
Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21
Matt 11:28-30

Friday
Isa 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
Isa 38:10, 11, 12abcf, 16
Matt 12:1-8

Saturday
Mic 2:1-5
Ps 101:2, 3-4, 7-8, 14
Matt 12:14-21

16th Sunday in Ord. Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19
Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Rom 8:26-27
Matt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30