

MASS INTENTIONS: July 13-19

MONDAY 8:00 AM:

Dick & Ethel Vial
Malcolm Triche
by Patsye Lunk

TUESDAY 8:00 AM:

Bertha Ford Hale
by Rosary & Jesse Crain

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM:

Mary Claire Kerth
by Lillian Wegmann

THURSDAY 8:00 AM:

Communion Service
(NO MASS)

FRIDAY 8:00 AM:

Malcolm Triche
by Lillian Wegmann

SATURDAY 8:00 AM:

Ronnie Galley
by Friends

SATURDAY 5:30 PM:

Hazel Webre
by Ernest & Shirley Webre

Gwen Robert
Louis Robert
by Sandra Ward

Hilton (Squirt) Petit
by Myra Nicholas

Deborah Petit
by Kerry Petit

Malcolm Triche
by Elsie Petit

Bob Ward
by Barbara & Charlie Gaubert

Warren Plaisance
Trudy Plaisance
Dorothy Plaisance
by Family

SUNDAY 9:30 AM:

Parishioners of St. Mark

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dutch Kappel, Dolena Robert, Carol Jones, Sam Granier, Monica Schexnaydre, Audrey Zeringue, Dana Jones, Gay-Lynn Folse, Morris Zeringue, Gaye Webre, Lynell Wipple, Francis Robicheaux, Sandra Cortez, Ernest Webre, Mike Guillot, Diane Triche, Joyce King, Easton Owen, Glenna Smith, Vanessa Johnson, Juli Zeringue, Euclid Boudreaux, Elsie Sandolph, Larry Landry, Donna Theriot, Troy Pintado, Kerri Breaux, Hilton Landry, Mabry Laviolette, Linda Caminata, Mende Ford

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER REQUEST LIST.

PLEASE CALL, ALSO, TO REMOVE NAMES FROM THE LIST.



SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

MINERVA CHAMPAGNE

(July 12-18)

by Randy & Leslie Petit Family



SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

JUDE CHAUVIN

(July 19-25)

by Randy & Leslie Petit Family

LET US PRAY: That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we will be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 2020

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah (55:10-11) compares God's Word to the rain and snow that bring life to the earth. Isaiah implies

that the Word of God gives life to those who heed God's message. However, the prophet knows that not everyone will listen. In another passage, Isaiah 6:9-10, — which is quoted by Jesus in today's Gospel,— God tells Isaiah that the people will turn deaf ears, harden their hearts and refuse to hear his prophetic message.

In the Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23, Jesus tells a parable that compares God's Word to a tiny seed of Faith that takes root, grows stronger, and eventually, produces an abundant crop of devotion and good works in all hearts that are open to receive it. The catch is, as Jesus explains, that not everyone's heart is open & ready for Faith to grow and develop. Some hearts are as unreceptive as the soil that is hard, trampled, rocky, dry, or choked by weeds. However, hearts that are willing to cultivate and nurture Faith will produce the fruit of God's love.

Most modern readers do not realize that the people listening to Jesus' parable were laughing out loud at the ridiculous actions of the sower. Jesus' audience knows that seeds are valuable; seeds produce the crops that the people will need for food during the following year. Farmers treasure their seeds, planting them carefully in well-prepared soil. They would never haphazardly scatter them all over in the hope that some might land in the right place. Jesus uses this humorous story of the wasteful sower to teach his audience about God's unrestrained and extravagant love for all people.

The Old Testament prophets were ignored, so God sent Jesus, His own Son, into the world. Jesus is like the careless sower; he speaks God's words to everyone everywhere in the hope that at least one seed of Faith will take root in the "good soil" of an open heart. Jesus is God's Word Made Flesh; he has overcome the tribulations and temptations of the world that are obstacles to the growth of Faith. When Jesus speaks of God's unconditional love for us, we should take him at his Word!



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND for the BLACK & INDIAN MISSION



On July 18-19, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up the annual Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our own archdiocese benefits from grants that are funded by this collection. Your generosity reflects the depth of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in