

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Isaiah couldn't have had the scientific understanding we have today of the water cycle, but he nailed it in the metaphor we read today. Water falls from the sky in the form of precipitation, provides hydration for plants and trees so they can bear fruit, collects in rivers and lakes to provide a necessary resource for humans and animals, then returns to the heavens having nourished and sustained life here on earth. So too does God's word. When spoken from the heavens, it has a creative (think of the creation story in Genesis) and transformative (think of the Transfiguration story in the Gospels) effect. It does God's will here on earth (Jesus as the Word come down from heaven). It nourishes us and sustains us even as it rises back to the heavens to continue the cycle of life. • At first glance, the sower seems to be doing a lousy job of sowing. Why throw seed onto a path or on rocky ground where it has little chance of germinating? Why not take the time to pull the thorns first so that they won't choke the plants later? Wouldn't it make the most sense to sow all the seed in rich soil? But God will not limit where the seed goes. Everyone gets a chance to receive God's grace, no matter what obstacles may be in the way. God's wild extravagance gives goodness a chance to bloom in unexpected and unlikely places, allowing it to bear fruit far beyond expectations. • It is natural to listen to the Gospel and try to determine which spot on the ground we are. Am I the rich soil or the rocky ground? If we're honest, perhaps we'll realize that we can be each of the options at different times. Sometimes God's word just doesn't take root or is choked off by material concerns to which I give greater priority. Let us resolve to be fertile ground for God's living, transformative word as often as possible

Question of the Week

How can I be more receptive to God's word, like rich soil? What specific action can I accomplish this week to bear fruit? How can I sustain the cycles of life?

Weekly Collections



Sunday, July 5, 2020
Weekly Collection

Envelopes.....\$5,371.00
Loose.....\$ 836.00
Total Collection.....\$6,207.00

Insurance Collection ...\$896.00
Thank you for your generosity.

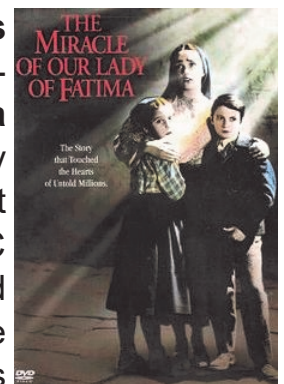


SANCTUARY CLEANING
Important Notice

Cleaning schedule: July 18th,
Group D: Mary Hennigan, Cynthia Lasserre, Doris Michel, Patsy Monfra, Delia Ovalle, Lucy Slocum, & Lois Waguespack. Thank you for all you do to keep God's house in good order.

Carmel Communications

will have a nationwide release of the movie **Fatima** on August 14, 2020. Locally in greater New Orleans it will be screened in AMC theaters. "A powerful and uplifting drama about the power of faith, Fatima tells the story of a 10-year old shepherd and her two young cousins in Fátima, Portugal, who report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. Their revelations inspire believers but anger officials of both the Church and the secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. What they experience will change their lives forever." For more information, a trailer, and to arrange for group sales or private screening, please visit www.fatimathemovie.com





**Mass Intentions for this
week - July 12th:**

Saturday Mass Vigil, July 11th

4:00 p.m.: *Richard Romaine, Sr.,*

Charles Barras, PJ & Marietta Flettrich, Philip

Flettrich, III, & Duane Keller, & Roy A

Tomino, Sr.

Sunday, July 12th

8:00 a.m.: *Laurent & Betty Verdín, Betty*

Daigle, Guy & Laura Adams, Benjamín Her-

nandez & Marie Schouest, Virginia & Stephen

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ter P Danner.

10:00 a.m. : *Junius Duhon, The Ockmand Fam-*

ily, Quentin J McGuire, Margaret Talmadge,

and Frank Muscarello, Jr.

12 pm: *Por todos los feligreses*

6:00 pm: ...

Monday, July 13th 6:00 p.m.:

Veronica Tin Nguyen

Tuesday, July 14th 6:00 p.m.:

Mrs. Ruth Sax

Wednesday, July 15th 6:00 p.m.:

For the special intentions of Walter P Danner

Thursday, July 16th 6:00 p.m.:

Lay Carmelites living & deceased

Friday, July 17th 6:00 p.m.:

Keith Waguespack

**Vigil Lights for the week of
July 12th:**

Blessed Sacrament in loving memory of
Frank Muscarello, Jr.

Blessed Mother in loving memory of Valerie
Trosclair.



St. Joseph in loving memory of Valerie Trosclair

PSR / Religion Class Information

Our Parish School of Religion (formerly known as our Catechism classes) is currently registering for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to register your child for religion classes, you may go to our website at: iccmarrero.org Go to the Religious Education page and click on the PSR tab. Click the link for the registration form- one per family. You may print and mail it drop off at the Church office, or email it to raucoin@archdiocese-no.org

Registration fee is \$25.00 per child. (If you need assistance with this, please speak to Rhonda or Fr. Jimmy.) A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate should be included (please do not send originals) if he or she will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. Children who receive the Sacraments for the first time are required to have two years of preparation. Religious education should continue every year from Kindergarten through high school.

All parents should set up an email account specifically for receiving information and or documents regarding religion classes - particularly during this time of uncertainty with the Coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, it will be the parents responsibility to check emails an hour before bringing their children to class. If classes are canceled due to bad weather, or some other condition or issue, parents will be notified by email.

PSR / Información sobre clases de Religión

Nuestra Escuela Parroquial de Religión (anteriormente conocida como nuestras clases de Catecismo) está comenzando con la registración actualmente para el año escolar 2020-2021. Si desea inscribir a su hijo para clases de religión, puede ir a nuestro sitio web en: iccmarrero.org Ir a la página de Educación Religiosa y hacer clic en la pestaña PSR. Haga clic en el enlace para el formulario de inscripción- uno por familia. Puede imprimirlo y enviarlo por correo o en la oficina de la Iglesia, o puede enviarlo por correo electrónico a raucoin@archdiocese-no.org La cuota de inscripción es de \$25.00 por niño. (Si necesita ayuda con esto, por favor hable con Rhonda o el P. Jimmy.) Se debe incluir una COPIA del Certificado de Bautismo del niño (por favor no envíe originales) si recibirá los Sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía por primera vez. Los niños que reciben los Sacramentos por primera vez deben tener dos años de preparación. La educación religiosa debe continuar cada año desde el jardín de infantes hasta la escuela secundaria. Todos los padres deben crear una cuenta de correo electrónico específicamente para recibir información y o documentos sobre las clases de religión, especialmente durante este tiempo de incertidumbre con la pandemia de Coronavirus. Además, será responsabilidad de los padres revisar los correos electrónicos una hora antes de llevar a sus hijos a clase. Si las clases se cancelan debido al mal tiempo, o alguna otra condición o problema, los padres serán notificados por correo electrónico.