

# SAINT MARGARET PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Christ's One and Eternal Sacrifice was and is for all humanity. With each Mass offered at the Altar, we give thanks that Christ offers His Sacrifice, keeping close to His Sacred Heart the following:

**SUNDAY, JULY 12,** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
**MONDAY, JULY 13,** RICHARD EVERT SR. +  
**TUESDAY, JULY 14,** MARY KENT  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15,** WILLIAM STANDARD +  
**THURSDAY, JULY 16,** HARRY & SEVIA MONTEIRO +  
**FRIDAY, JULY 17,** CAROLYN EHLMAN +  
**SATURDAY, JULY 18,** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Please join in our heartfelt gratitude to God for the gift of New Life bestowed through the Sacrament of Baptism upon **Phoebe Anne Schoonover** Sunday July 5th. May God who has begun his great work through those who have been baptized, bring it, one day, to complete fulfillment.



## SAN DIEGO ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Our Parish is having our annual Blood Drive on **Sunday, July 19, 2020** from **8:00am to 1:00pm** in the parish parking lot. You can register and schedule your appointment time online by visiting:  
[https://www.mysdbb.org/donor/auth/signin/signed\\_out](https://www.mysdbb.org/donor/auth/signin/signed_out)

## NEW MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at **6pm**  
Tuesday and Thursday at **8am**  
Saturday at **6pm**

Sunday **7:30am (Latin), 9:30am, 11:30am**

**CONFESSIONS WILL BEGIN 30 MINS BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS**  
Saturday 5:15pm

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

## THIS WEEKS GOSPEL MEDITATION

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23



There are millions of men and women today who are like the seed sown on the unplowed path. They refuse to accept the message, they have no thought for their future, they are content to end in the grave after their few years of misery and hardship on this planet. There are others who see the truth and the consolation of the Christian gospel, but when it comes to making sacrifices for it, they give up. The message did not sink into their hearts and minds. They are like the seed which fell on rocky ground because the faith had no deep roots in their lives. Others are like the seed that fell among the briars and thorns. They accepted the faith and it took root in them, but later on, "the cares of the world and the delight in riches chokes the word and it proves unfruitful,"—these are our Lord's own words. The last class of Christians, are like the seed sown on good soil. They not only accept Christ and his teaching, but they live up to it, and, come what may, they are faithful to it. These will produce fruit and will earn for themselves eternal happiness

## Pastor's Message for the Week of July 12th 2020

*"On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he had to get into a boat and sit down while the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables". Matthew 13:1*

Even though we find ourselves, more than ever, under lockdown or quarantined, Our Blessed Lord never allowed Himself to be held involuntarily under house arrest. During His time on this earth, He was more of an outdoors-type rather than a stay-at-home guy!

Often, we read of the many times Our Lord went down to the harbor, the shoreline, the crowded marketplaces and town squares where the crowds had gathered. He didn't stand on the shore and look into the vastness of the ocean. Instead He gets into a boat (which is often used as a symbol of the Church), and from there, He looks at the whole crowd of humanity, upon the faces of everyone – yours and mine. Even though we may be wearing coverings over our mouth and nose, Christ's look focuses on eyes. And what does He see?

Each face in the crowd, covered or uncovered, tells a story, a life. Christ does not speak to a crowd. He speaks to the individual, to one's soul. For that reason, He often speaks in parables – coded language because not one of our lives is really the same.

His parables can sometimes go over our head. Sometimes they appear to be just nice stories, like storybook illustrations. But if we ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds and our souls to the Word of God, taking time to listen, to read His parables again and again, slowly, and carefully we will often see our lives somehow reflected in the images Christ creates in His illustrations. His parables can reach those unique moments in our lives when we know that He is speaking to me, individually, personally in the uniqueness of my life and circumstances. Christ is looking into my eyes, into my life!

Go back to that first line – "Jesus went out of the house". How did He get in the house to begin with? Was He escaping a "stay-at-home order". The final verses of the previous chapter of this portion of the Gospel (take a look at it) tells us that Our Blessed Mother came to visit Him at that time. He had just completed a preaching mission. Maybe, after He had finished, Our Lord took His mother to a private house to spend some time with her. And then the portion of the Gospel we read for this week picks up what happened next. "On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around... And he spoke to them at length in parables"

Having spent some quiet time with His Mother, which parable did He go on to speak to the crowd about? Open up your Bible and read Matthew 13: 1-23. It's the Parable of the Sower and the Seeds. God is the sower and the Word of God as the seed! Could our Lord have been thinking of His Mother when He told the crowd that "But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit"? For what do we say concerning Our Blessed Mother, "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus".

While we are at home, read this portion of the Gospel and allow it to unmask the circumstances of your life right now. How does the Seed of God find you? What type of soil do you find your life rooted in right now? The Lord's parable allows us to test our soil, the garden of our souls.

If we are to hear God's Word speaking to us in the secret of our lives, let us aim to do so by imitating Mary, who not only received and understood that Word, but who in turn gave that Word to the world so that we might hear Him speaking into the depths of and circumstances of our lives. He does so by first looking into our eyes, the windows of our soul, and addresses this parable to us. Sometimes, stay-at-home is not a bad thing after all, if we do so looking after our garden.

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