



## The Sower and the Seed

It's amazing to witness the life of a farmer and gardener. In today's gospel, Jesus uses parables of a farmer to teach us about the kingdom of heaven. He treats of the seeds they plant representing the word of God; the weeds choking the seed's harvest, the heat of the sun, stony ground, the birds eating the seeds and on and on. What faith they must have to continue in spite of all they had going against them at times. What a bountiful harvest they had when the seeds finally took solid root.

It is easy to be committed to our faith and follow in his word when not much is demanded from us. But how strong is our faith when the heat of temptation, the unchristian or unsavory influences surrounding our lives whether by social media/company or simply just taking the easy road when we know better. Only God can protect us from the weeds choking our Christian commitment or from the pests and birds which seek to destroy the ability to remain faithful to his word. Let's not allow ourselves to get choked up by all our daily worries. We have the freedom to push him away or shut him out of our lives completely.

We are encouraged by today's gospel, where such is God's word. As the numbers of the COVID-19 continue to rise and we may feel overwhelmed and depressed by so many threats to the growth of the seed of the Gospel, we must place our trust in God, the Lord of the harvest.

Let's seek his kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 13:1-23*



## Come, Pray for our Youth Thursday, 7/16/2020 after the 6pm Mass at OLS

Fr. Jacob would like to offer this time of prayer for the youth of our parish community and for guidance in meeting the needs of our youth. Please join us as we reach out to our youth. We will live stream on Facebook. Come spend time with Jesus, he is waiting.



## A Message from our Bishop



As in all things, we turn to prayer, asking Our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf: Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. May God bless you and your families with His peace, hope and perseverance. Let's keep each other in prayer, +Brendan



**CATHOLICISM 101**  
 Wednesday July 15, 2020  
 after the 6 PM Mass at  
 Trinity Hall

All are invited to join us, especially those who need their sacraments or would like to become Catholic. Come nurture your faith and grow in your discipleship to Jesus Christ in His Holy Catholic Church.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Benitez and Juan Manuel Padierna May they rest in peace and their families be comforted.

*Favor de rezar por a las almas de Maria Benitez y Juan Manuel Padierna. Que sus almas descañen en paz y que sus familias reciben Consuelo.*



*In memory of Carlota/David/Peter Jr. Ordonez  
 By : Family*



**Sunday July 12, 2020 Readings**

Reading I: Isiah 55:10-11  
 Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14  
 Roman 8:18-23  
 Matthew 13:1-23 or Matthew 13:1-9

Mass intentions are now being booked for July through December 2020. Please call the office for further information on availability.



**Mass Intentions**

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**FOR THE WEEK**

Sábado	5:00 p.m	Carlota/David/Peter Jr. Ordonez
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Sylvia Vasquez
	10:00 a.m.	Norma Guerra
	2:00 p.m.	Martin Henry Villarreal
	9:00 a.m.	David Perez Moreno
	11:00 a.m.	Julissa/Mary Jane/Johnny Quesada
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Marcelo Pena Jr.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m	Genobeba Sanchez
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Eva Olguin & Family
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Sergio Mendez
Jueves	7:00 p.m.	Ralph Ramirez Jr.
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Luciana Lopez
Sábado	5:00 p.m	Maria Herrera
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mauricio R. Andrade
	10:00 a.m.	Steven Quiroz
	2:00 p.m.	Raul Martinez Mendez
	9:00 a.m.	Hortensia Chapa
	11:00 a.m.	Eva Paz



Safe Environment Class  
 Tuesday July 14, 2020  
 Trinity Hall at 6:30 pm

**PLEASE GIVE ONLINE!**

Thank you everyone who has signed up for online giving. We understand that many people are struggling right now, and we are grateful for your contribution. If you have not signed up for online giving yet, there is always time. To give online, you can do so by clicking on this link at our website, under Giving: <https://pushpay.com/g/olsvictoria> or you can text the keyword “olsvictoria” to 77977 and get started right from your smartphone!



*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

If you have not yet signed up for Flocknote please do so by going to Our Lady of Sorrows website (<https://olsvictoria.org/>) and look for the Flocknote Sign-up box.

Thank you all! God Bless you! Be Safe!



*We accept Major Credit Cards. Feel free to pay for weddings, quinces, Masses, Candles etc....or make a donation with your credit card.*

**OUR WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT  
For Week Ending June 21, 2020**

	<b>OLS</b>	<b>ST</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$5,305.80	\$619.00
DSA	\$421.00	\$301.20
Debt Reduction	\$1,712.00	\$90.00
Online Giving	\$1673.00	\$-0-
Candles	\$48.00	\$16.00
Masses	\$120.00	-0-
Sub-Total	\$	\$
Catholic Education	\$120.00	-0-
Wedding	\$75.00	-0-
Peter Pence	\$70.00	-0-
Retired Priests	-0-	-0-
Initial Offering	-0-	-0-
Ed. of Seminarians	\$	-0-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$9,544.80</b>	<b>\$1,026.20</b>

In this time of social distancing, the ministers of the diocese are being discouraged from doing regular visits to the home.



But if you have a loved one who is in need of prayer, confession, communion, or anointing of the sick, we still want them to feel connected to the parish and to know that there are people who will try to help them.

Contact: Minnie Castillo with the Shut-In Ministry at 361-550-7217



**WEDDING BANNS**

José de Jesus Huerta M.,  
son of José Jesus Huerta Ramírez and Ma. Rosario  
Macias

will validate his marriage to  
Areli Alvarez Garcia, daughter of  
Raul Alvarez and Angelica Garcia on  
July 10, 2020 at 3 p.m. If you know of any reason why  
they should not be married,  
please contact the office during regular business hours.  
(Third Notice)

Daniel Gómez,  
son of Gonzalo Gómez Ramirez and Rosa Mary Pérez  
will validate his marriage to  
Consuelo Lopez, daughter of  
Luciano Lopez and San Juana Sanchez on  
July 15, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Santisma Trinidad Catholic  
Church.

If you know of any reason why they should not be  
married,  
please contact the office during regular business  
hours.  
(Second Notice)



Catholic Daughters Scholarship Applications  
Please contact Janie M. Rubio for further information  
Email [janie.mrubio@yahoo.com](mailto:janie.mrubio@yahoo.com) or call  
(361) 571-7319

*As the summer days get hotter, please  
remember to dress appropriately for Mass.*

Thank you for your patience and co-operation  
during this time of transition in our Mass  
Schedule. This is our Mass Schedule;

Saturday: OLS – 5 pm vigil Mass  
Sunday: OLS – 8:00 am, 10 am &  
2pm  
ST – 9 am & 11 am Sunday  
Masses



- The Sacrament of Reconciliation at  
4:00pm – 4:45 pm.  
We will be Streaming on Facebook the  
10 am Mass on Sundays, 6 pm  
Tuesdays in English and 7 pm  
Thursdays in Spanish.
- Weekday Masses:  
OLS – Monday – Friday at 6 pm in  
English. Streaming Tuesday on FB.  
S.T. – Thursday 7 pm in Spanish.  
Streaming on Facebook.

We hope the evening mass will provide an  
opportunity for you to attend with your  
family at the church or from home.

As COVID-19 continues to impact our church  
and communities around the world, people are  
coming together to help one another now  
more than ever.

You must wear your mask, sanitize your  
hands and practice social distancing.



*Baptismal classes will be held on  
Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the  
CCD. There will be one class in  
English and one in Spanish.*

The sacrament of Baptism will be on July  
19<sup>th</sup> in Spanish and July 26<sup>th</sup> in English.

*The Dispensation of the Sunday Mass has  
been extended through the Month of July.*

Spiritual Communion

When unable to receive Holy Communion, it is a pious practice to make a Spiritual Communion. Say the following prayer of St. Frances:

I believe that You, O Jesus, are in the most Holy Sacrament. I Love You and desire You. Come into my heart. I embrace you. Oh, never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of your love, O Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech You, absorb my mind that I may die through love of Your love, who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love. Amen

Now, more than ever we need the spiritual nourishment of our souls to remain steadfast in our relationship with Jesus. With COVID-19 still very much a threat to our health, families, communities and our parish, we must continue to follow the guideline set forth by our local/state authorities and keep our faith, trusting that God will not abandon us and he is in control.

We will continue to keep you posted.

The Chancery is closed to the public due to COVID-19, however, the staff will still be working to answer calls and the needs of the Diocese.



We would love to visit with you! Nazareth Academy is currently enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like information regarding the school, visit our school website. For

a tour, please call 361.573.6651 or email [dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org](mailto:dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org).



**The Award Winning Our Lady of Sorrows Ballet Folklorico:**

**Due to the increase of confirmed cases with the COVID-19 this past week and for the safety of everyone, we made a very difficult decision to cancel the Showcase as planned. We appreciate all the effort and dedication our dancers and parents have displayed. We appreciate everyone following the guidelines through all the practices and meetings, however, the showcase was going to bring a bigger unfamiliar gathering potentially exposing everyone to the possibility of health risk. Thank you for your unwavering support and we will keep you posted. Please keep the Ballet Ministry in your prayers.**

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**Please call or text**

**Janie M. Rubio at 361 571-7319 or Judge Beatriz Gonzalez at 361 212-1252**



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