



Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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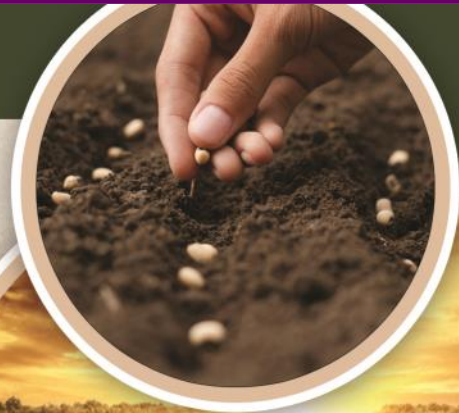
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL

is the one who hears the word of the kingdom and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

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July 12, 2020

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturdays—4PM or by appointment

Baptism

Class required for parents and godparents held the last Friday of month. Call the parish office two weeks prior to schedule. Baptismal sacrament given the last Saturday of the month at 11AM or by arrangement.

Marriage

Please contact Fr. Basile Sede at least 6 months before the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which a person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of serious or prolonged illness. Please call and email the parish office to request anointing.

Mass Schedule

OUTDOOR MASS
9:00 AM
FAMILY LIFE PARKING LOT

Please sign up on our website for Mass

Parish Office Hours—Wednesday 9:00-12:00

During the Covid-19 Outbreak, please send an email to olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org with any questions.

You must call for an appointment if you wish to visit the Parish Office. Face-coverings and masks are mandatory.

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede

Secretary: Colleen Kudela

Maintenance: Joseph McGuire

Music: Erick Massey & Michelle Wylie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

PARISH NEWS

July 12, 2020

Bible Study 11:00 am - Zoom

July 13, 2020

Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm - Remote

July 14, 2020

Parish/Finance Council Meeting - Zoom

July 15, 2020

ROC Meeting - Zoom

July 15, 2020

RCIA 7:15 pm - Virtual

July 16, 2020

Liturgical Commission - Zoom

Ministry leaders should utilize Zoom platform for video conference for meetings. Please email the office with any questions.

Please contact your Ministry Leaders with any questions or to see if you will meet with an online streaming platform or conference call.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020

For an end of racism and the healing of its effects requested by Stan Fri

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

For the Repose of the Soul of Bill Fri requested by Stan Fri

Mass Intentions - Please contact the office or email olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org to offer Masses for your loved ones: praying for the deceased, birthdays, anniversaries and other events. Every Mass should have an intention.

Please check out our website if you are interested in our new "Prayer Line"

Don't forget to sign-up for 9:00 Outdoor Mass - weekly on our website using the SignUp-Genius platform.

Please note our Food Pantry is in need of donations, see our website for more information.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools is hiring After School Assistants for several locations. (Charlotte and Huntersville)

Job Description

Oversee elementary school age children

Hours

2:30-6:00

Days

Monday-Friday

Must be 16 years old to apply. No weekends!

If interested contact:

Ellen Buening

704-370-3268

ehbuening@charlottediocese.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

GOOD SEEDS

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Let us think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus’ interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today’s believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today’s Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Henry

Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wednesday: St. Bonaventure

Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary



PRAYER LIST

Larry Bass
Deborah Bond
Mr. Joseph Castro
Mrs. A. Connors
Florine Dennis
Robert Douglas
Fr. Jim Goode
Theresa Greenley
The House Family
Alan W. Jones
Cassandra Lambert
Sammuel Lambert
George Lewis
Vilma Males



Edward Marsh Jr.
John McDowell
Sr. Bessie McCarth
Patricia North
Robin Plummer
Julius Rose, Sr.
Janice Rucker
Lee Anne Rucker
Angela Smith
Jake Suggs
Diane Taylor
Jacqueline W
OLC Parishioners

Please notify the Parish Office to have yourself or a family member placed on the Prayer List for the New Year. Names will appear through the calendar year. You can email your request to olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org or call the parish office.



St Martin de Porres Outreach Ministry

The food pantry operates one day per week giving food to those in need. If you need assistance with food, or know someone who does, please call 704-817-8813. We are open on Tuesday from 10:00AM - 12:00PM for appointments only.

Interested in joining the food pantry team? Please contact Deborah Wadsworth at 704-231-7956.

A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path . . .
some fell on rocky ground.
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.
. . . But some fell on rich soil,
and produced fruit.

MATTHEW 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8



NATURE'S BEAUTY

Our responsorial psalm today is a beautiful song of the joy of the Earth, putting forth its bounty and rejoicing in its fruitfulness. We are filled with joy when we see images of the earth blooming. So many people describe their experience of God's presence in their appreciation of nature's beauty. This alone is good reason to protect the beauty and wholeness of nature. "You have visited the land and watered it, / greatly have you enriched it. / God's watercourses are filled; / you have prepared the grain" (Psalm 65:10). Sadly, we do many things to destroy nature, even though it belongs ultimately to God and to all people: "[A]ll creation is groaning in labor pains even until now" (Romans 8:22).

YOU HAVE CROWNED THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY

"My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Nature and people rejoice at these words, for they not only describe the beauty and fruitfulness of nature's gifts, which "shout and sing for joy" (Psalm 65:14), but profess a profound truth. This truth is that God's word is living and effective; that is, it accomplishes what it says. When God speaks a word of comfort or correction, what is said is done in its fullness.

THE SOWER SOWS THE SEED

Haven't we all wondered sometimes which kind of ground we are as the seed falls? Do we spring up with joy, but then wither because the word has not taken root in us? Are we so tied up in worry and concern for material wellbeing that the word is choked off in us with cares? Or are we the rich soil on which the word of God falls, bearing rich fruit in our lives and making the lives of others better? We are probably all of these at one time or another in our lives. As we concern ourselves with these thoughts, we can hope that we are or are becoming the rich soil of open souls, open to God's effective word in us. If we are devoted to God, we ask God for help to be the souls who are receptive to God's word every day.

There are those who "shall indeed hear but not understand . . . look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people" (Matthew 13:14–15). They shall not be converted and healed. But those who concern themselves with the things of God "see what you see" and "hear what you hear" (Matthew 13:16) and rejoice in God's wonderful gifts on this Earth. Blessed are those who are the good soil who hear the word of God and keep it.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:10–11
Psalm 65:10–14
Romans 8:18–23
Matthew 13:1–23 [1–9]

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