

**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
Inspiration for the week

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?

**SCRIPTURE NOTE**

On the face of it, it might seem from today's Gospel that Jesus taught in parables in order to prevent his hearers from understanding. But such a purpose is completely alien to the character of Jesus. Jesus used parables as an effective way of teaching. Those who were open to him received more. Those who had closed their minds against him received less. The fault lay not with Jesus but with the receiver. The early Church adapted the parables to the new situation in which they found themselves. The shorter form is most likely the original form of the parable. The explanation reflects the missionary experience of the early Church. It accounts for the relative failure of the message of Jesus. The shallow mind, the hard heart, worldly preoccupations, persecution – these are precisely the obstacles that have frustrated the growth of faith. As the First Reading suggests, the rain always produces positive results; eventually somewhere the earth responds and becomes fruitful. So God persists with his word until he gets a response.

**Pray for Vocations**



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration**



**The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed through July 17<sup>th</sup> for inventory and repairs and will reopen July 18<sup>th</sup>.**



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. July 18<sup>th</sup>).** The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Gloria and Patrick Mooney and in Memory of Clark Mooney**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 13</b>
Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34—11:1	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Marian and Alfred Sullivan
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 14</b>
Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Verdalee Catchot
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Ron Fournier
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 15</b>
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard Callaway
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 16</b>
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Janet Munger
8:15 a.m.	Int. 25 <sup>th</sup> Vow Anniv. Lay Carmelite Order MDH
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 17</b>
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edgar P. Guice
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Georgia Mansfield
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 18</b>
Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Tim Foor
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Randy Trahan
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 19</b>
Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Sabrina Crain
11:30 a.m.	Dr. & Mrs. Leon (Orpha) Striegel
5:30 p.m.	Int. Nguyen Family

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,850.10
Online Collection.....	\$4,685.00
Poor Collection.....	\$3,243.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Walter Bolton, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sarah Broussard, Ellen Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Nettie Cirlot, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Henry & Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Loretta Foster, Carmen Gaethe, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, Sarah Robinson, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

**Altar Society Members for next week  
Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart & Mark Aultman**

**\*School Subsidy Policy\***

**Registration for the 2020/2021 School Year Going on Now**

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School.

In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family MUST attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.



**Parishioner Registration:** When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained on the Parish Website, in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



**If you have a loved one who is homebound and not able to come to Mass or is sick and temporarily homebound – please call the Rectory with the information.**



**Attention Graduating Seniors:** There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at [bsanderson@cardinalgroupplc.com](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgroupplc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: August 15, 2020**



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Virginia Thompson,** a member of our parish family, who passed away July 8<sup>th</sup>.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

- Reverend Denis J. Harlow, July 1, 2010
- Reverend Francis J. Scott, July 19, 2007
- Reverend Msgr. Gregory M. Johnson, July 20, 2004
- Reverend Joseph Tung Duc Nguyen, July 25, 2002

**HURRICANE PRAYER**

**O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Save and pray frequently)**



If you appreciate the ease of online banking and bill pay, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer a regular tithe with support to the Church through Direct Debit through our bank, Hancock Whitney (forms may be printed off on our website under "Forms and Applications" or by calling the Rectory Office) or by making one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website by clicking the "Online Donation" box. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes – you can turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you would like. Have questions? Call the Rectory Office during regular business hours and we will be happy to help you in any way.



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**A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.**

If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00

**REFLECTION**

**Receiving the word**

The word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth. However, just as a seed needs soil, so the word needs a receptive heart. The earth responds to the rain and sun so that even the desert blooms. But the arid human heart has the power to resist so that it remains barren. Lord, soften our hearts with your grace, open them with your gentle love, so that the precious seed of your word may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit in our lives.



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