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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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Welcome!

PRAYER MOMENTS

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday | 9AM

Tuesday - Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus after the 9AM Mass

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4PM

Sunday | 8:30AM, 11AM

Cameroon | 1PM (2nd/4th Sun)

Congolese | 4PM (Sunday)

First Saturday Devotion

7-9AM

Confession

Saturday | 3:15-3:45PM or by appointment

Adoration (with Rosary & Benediction @ 6PM)

Thursday | 9:30AM-6:45PM

Rosary

Weekdays | 8:30AM | Sat | 3:30PM

Sunday | 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Tuesday | 6-8PM

Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Group

Thursday | 6:30-8:30PM

Church is Open

9AM-5PM M, Tu, W, F |

Sat & Sun, open for Mass only

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SAINTE ANNE PARISH, SALEM, MA

Our Mission

Sainte Anne Parish is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We see ourselves as a local expression of the universal Church, the People of God, the Body of Christ. Through God's grace we seek to be welcoming and loving. Our life centers on the daily celebration of the Eucharist. We meet Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and are then challenged to bring His love to others.

Welcome to New Parishioners

We pray that you find warmth, encouragement, and spiritual growth in our Parish. We're glad you're here and we look forward to getting to know you. Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register, contact the Parish Office at 978.744.1930 or send an email to: info@stannesalem.org.

Our Parish Story

Sainte Anne Roman Catholic Church is located in the Castle Hill neighborhood of South Salem, Massachusetts. Ste. Anne's was established as a French parish in 1901 to serve the large French-Canadian population living in Salem at the time. An increasing number of families from the Cameroon, Congolese, and Filipino communities now call Ste. Anne's their spiritual home.

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PASTOR'S NOTE

July 16 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings present the image of the Word of God being sown as seeds upon field. "A sower went out to sow...." Listen to these readings with the mind and heart of an evangelizer. Is the soil of your soul receptive to the word of God that you hear? Do you believe that with God's grace, your words and actions can bear fruit and bring someone closer to Jesus? Try to find ten minutes each day to read some Scripture. As you do that, pray that the seed of God's word will bear fruit within you.

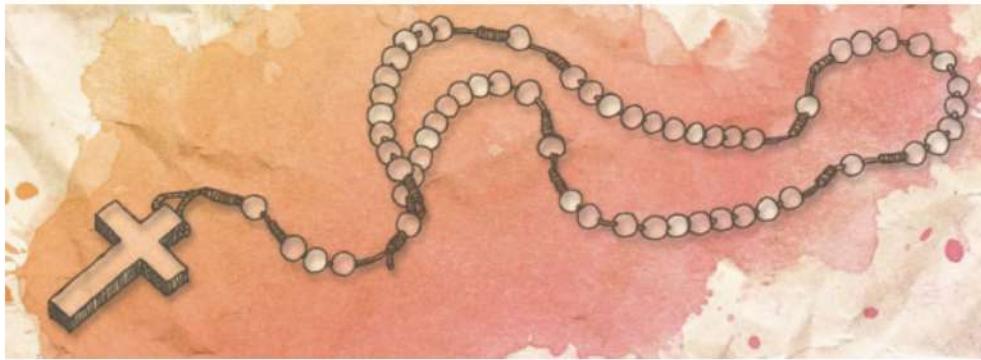
The parable of the sower in today's gospel is a clear example for us of how God works in our midst, and it invites us to patience while doing our best. God's ways are not our way; often we want things to happen as quickly as possible, as may be the case with our personal spiritual growth or community improvement. Today's gospel reminds us that God is at work in the midst of his people even if we do not see an apparent or dramatic change. This message applies to our parish family as well.

Challenges are part of life and are sometimes necessary for growth; they are not signs of failure; at least we Christians should not see them as such. At the same time, challenges should be a call to do more and better. Let us keep praying for our parish and for one another. I wish to thank the entire parish community for the slight progress we have started making on improving our finances. The call I made about increasing our weekend collection is still relevant; let's get in that direction and keep it up. I also wish to thank you once again for helping us reach the goal of our assessed Catholic Appeal collection. Seventy-eight people from our parish donated and we reached 103% of our goal. Thank you for your generosity; may the Lord reward you a hundredfold.

Now, I wish to come back to some unfinished business. We can remember that in December 2022, we launched our Grand Annual, late though. Because the Catholic Appeal was also launched shortly thereafter, we had to interrupt our Grand Annual to pick up the Catholic Appeal. Now that we successfully completed it, it is about time we resume with our Grand Annual. This collection is for our parish. On the day the Grand Annual was launched, a number of parish projects were read, which the collection would take care of. Charity begins at home; I would like to earnestly plead that we resume with our Grand Annual collection and close it as soon as possible. Per the archdiocese's recommendation, the Grand Annual shouldn't take so long; it should be completed within 3 months. For this year, as we started late, then interrupted it for the Catholic Appeal, we will just try to round it up as soon as possible. The finance committee will be meeting soon, and they will determine a deadline for the collection. **Our goal is to raise \$35,000** and so far, we have raised **\$7,555**. We are still to raise **\$27,445**. This is possible. Please, prayerfully consider donating to the Grand Annual to keep our parish materially healthy.

Thanks for the love you have for the Lord and his Church; thanks for your support to Saint Anne, our beloved parish.

Blessings,
Fr. Augustin



MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

Saturday, July 15

**Memorial of Saint Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

4:00 pm

Roger Lavoie, by Lucille Lavoie
Boulanger & Family

Sunday, July 16

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:30 am

Deacon Lewis Warren, 22nd
Anniversary, by Mary Warren

11:00 am

Parish Family

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

Monday, July 17

9:00 am

Tuesday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

9:00 am

Wednesday, July 19

9:00 am

Thursday, July 20

St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 am

Friday, July 21

**St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest
and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 am

Saturday, July 22

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

4:00 pm

Lydia Thibodeau, 18th Anniversary,
by Bob & Susan Quinn

Rita Castonguay, Birthday

Remembrance, by Bob & Susan
Quinn

Sunday, July 23

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:30 am

Suzanne Levesque, 1st Anniversary,
by her Family

11:00 am

Parish Family

1:00 pm

Cameroon Community

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

Weekly Readings

Sunday

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke
8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt
10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt
11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt
11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26
-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and
16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

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

Next Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
(5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-
30



Please Pray for Those in Need

For the Sick:

Maria Abramo
John Akatyszewski
Jason Alexander
Laurie Babbin
Pauline Bellomo
Joan Driscoll Bick
Larry Blanchard
Marion Blanchette
Carson Borden
Ron & Leona Budka
Joe C.
Kayla Campagna
Steven Conner
Patricia Davern
Apolinar Dinglasan
Susan Engel
Karen Friedrich
Nancy Gavenda
Rob Holloran

Pat John
Veronica Kelley
Steve L.
Lila LaMalfa
Kathleen Levy
Peter and Ben
Ann Michaud
Ronelia Najito
Leanne P.
Donald J. Pelletier, Sr.
Donald Provost
Al Robidoux
Madeline St. Pierre
Armen Sarafian
Dorothy Sherry
J. Sylvain
Vicente Taguiam
Raymond Thompson
Susana Topacio
Denise Wells

Shawn Welsh
Stephen White

For the Military:

Michael Angers
Nicholas Budka
Jason Boyle
Keith Lovely
K. Ryan McKinley
Sean Patrick Mautone

For the ongoing war in the DRC, we pray for those seeking refuge and for peace to return to the Congo.

For all those caught up in violence, remembering especially the people of Ukraine; that in this time of fear and conflict, they may know God's presence and peace.

For the deceased members of our parish, especially **Anne (Femino) Volpe**, whose funeral Mass was celebrated last week, that the peace and happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

For our parish family, that the Holy Spirit will inflame our hearts to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we encounter.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit your requests to the parish office at info@stannesalem.org.

Parish Financial Information

We wish to thank everyone who supports our parish financially. Your contributions pay for utilities, staff and clergy salaries, property maintenance, supplies, and supports our parish ministries. Everything we do as a parish relies on the offertory collections and other donations. Your continuing generous and sacrificial giving will assist your parish to provide for your spiritual needs and to serve the wider community. Merci and Thank You!

COLLECTION	Collection 7/9/23	Online 7/2/23	Online 7/9/23
Offertory	\$2,820.00	\$235.00	\$150.00
Sacramentals	\$625.00		
Maintenance & Repair	\$35.00		
Grand Annual		\$5.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$589.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,855.00	\$235.00	\$150.00
Total Deposit:	\$4,069.00	\$245.00	\$175.00
Grand Annual Total:	\$7,555.00		



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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday: Fr. Vincent Daily and Fritz Anacreon
Sunday: All Carmelites
Monday: Fr. Leo Martel and Aaron Arbizo
Tuesday: Fr. Carlos Suarez and Giovanni Argote
Wednesday: Fr. Timothy Harrison and Giris Azize

Thursday: Fr. Thomas Stanton and Luca Azzani
Friday: Fr. Laurence Tocci and Chris Barton
Saturday: Fr. Joseph Keville and Steve Baruffi

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Sunday, July 16, 2023
3:00-4:00 PM
Reception to follow

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Memorial Mass to Remember and Honor Fr. George

Plans are underway for a special Mass to remember Fr. George Dufour, former Ste. Anne's Pastor, on the 10th anniversary of his death. Fr. George was Pastor of Ste. Anne's from 1993 to 2013. The Mass is scheduled for **Saturday, September 16th at 11AM.**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for **Monday, July 17th at 6:30PM** in the chapel. If you would like to be part of the Committee, please reach out to stannesbulletin@gmail.com. Thank you!

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 16, 2023 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

~ Father John Muir

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PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Each year, the Office for the Propagation of the Faith assigns a missionary to parishes of the archdiocese. This year, our own Fr. Gabriel will be speaking at all the masses the weekend of **August 19-20** on behalf of the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. There will be a second collection for the Propagation of the Faith that weekend. Thanks for preparing to support the mission of Bamenda archdiocese.



On **Tuesday, August 1st** at 6PM, the charismatic renewal movement of Ste. Anne will be having a meeting/welcoming and revival session with the archdiocesan charismatic coordinator. Old and new members are all welcome to this important gathering.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday ~ 9:30 AM to 6:45 PM
Rosary & Benediction begins at 6PM

We encourage everyone to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord. A sign-up sheet is located at the Church entrance. Each time slot must be covered to ensure that the exposed Sacrament is never left alone. Visiting with Jesus is a great way to grow in friendship with Him.



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