

But the seed sown on
rich soil
is the one who hears
the word and
understands it.

Matthew 13:1-23

**Sacred Heart Parish
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023**

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The Mass is our supreme act of worship! Whether we are 8 years old or 80 years old, at some point in our life, we probably have asked ourselves the question, "Why do we have to go to Mass?"

We may not like the music or the homilies; we may just not feel like going; we may think that the Mass is boring; or we may feel that the parish community is not welcoming. We may even try to convince ourselves that we can pray just as well at home or outdoors!

Even though we know that going to Mass is a good thing. We can justify our decision by convincing ourselves that we are too busy, too tired, too bored, or even too frustrated. When that happens, we miss the great gift that God gives us in the Eucharist. We need to change our attitude about going to Mass.

Why not think of Mass as the time in the day when you connect with God and with other people in a very, very special way. Why not make the Mass a priority!

Here are 5 good reasons why we should go to Mass:

- 1) God asks us to make one day holy. Going to Mass can help us to see everything from a different perspective. We can let go of our own agenda and allow God to inspire, guide and strengthen us for the week ahead.
- 2) Jesus gives us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of Himself. Jesus offers Himself to us in the Word of God that we hear. In His Real Presence, He offers to us the Blessed Sacrament at Communion.
- 3) We need to be part of a community that gives us support, affirmation, and encouragement in our attempt to live the Gospel message. They help us to see that we are not alone. They remind us that we are part of the Body of Christ.
- 4) God has a special message for us. When we listen to the readings, the homily, and the prayers of the Mass, God speaks to us in a special way. We need to be open to what God is trying to tell us.
- 5) We need to talk to God. We speak to God during the Mass through our singing, our communal responses and prayers and our personal prayers that come from the depths of our heart.

Have a blessed Sunday and a wonderful week.

Rev. Tadeusz Gorka



Saint Devotions

July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis



Let us pray: Jesus Christ, our Lord, you have given St. Camillus a singular spirit of mercy and love in serving the poor and the sick and in leading the dying into your Kingdom of Peace and Love. Grant that, being filled with his spirit and following his example, we may merit, on the day of our judgment, to hear these words of the Gospel: "Come you blessed of my Father for I was sick and you visited me." This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

July 20 - St. Apollinaris

God, You made St. Apollinaris an outstanding exemplar of Divine love and the Faith that conquers the world, and added him to the roll of saintly Pastors. Grant by his intercession that we may persevere in Faith and love and become sharers of his glory. Amen.

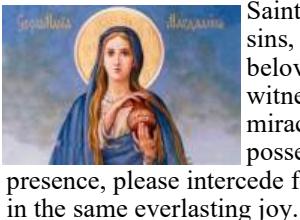


July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

God, for the glory of Your Name and the salvation of souls, You favored St. Lawrence, Your Priest, with the spirit of wisdom and fortitude. Grant us that in the same spirit we may know our obligations, and through his intercession fulfill them. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene



Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy.

Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.

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We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand.

When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!

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Holy Hour for Pope Francis and the National Eucharistic Revival and Congress

If you haven't prayed a Holy Hour for Pope Francis and the Revival yet, it is not too late. Register your Holy Hour today! Learn more about why we are sponsoring this special Holy Hour. <https://sacredheartroyersford.org/revival>

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July

Decade-A-Day Rosary Group
Prayer Intentions

For the month of July we pray for
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volunteer at and attend our
Parish Fair.

We also pray for progress towards
peace in Ukraine.



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July's prayer intentions are for
Father Christopher Cooke.



*A candle burns this week next to the
Blessed Virgin Mary statue*
**In Memory of
Our Beloved Daughter, Charmagne**

Requested by Mom and Dad

*A candle burns this week next to the
Saint Joseph statue*

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The Café will be closed July 16th.

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Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

Written by
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At Mass with my family recently, my five-year-old daughter caught the last four words of the mystery of faith as if she was hearing them for the first time. She was bursting with excitement as we finished saying, "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again." She turned to me and said, "Mom! We said, 'until you come again.' Does that mean Jesus is coming back? He's coming HERE?" What a lovely, emotion-filled response to learning that truth. She has heard those words countless times, but this time she heard the truth behind them. Her soul has been made for relationship with God from her time in the womb. The Holy Spirit has been preparing her to receive those words when she was ready to hear them in their fullness, and as the responsorial psalm proclaimed: "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." For those in the young, challenging years when it may seem easier to leave the little ones at home rather than take them to Mass, let's remember what we are told in the first reading from Isaiah. "Thus says the Lord: ... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

PRAY Lord, Jesus Christ, prepare my heart and my soul so that your words and your desires for my life will not fall on rocky soil. Give me the strength to be a Godly sower to all I encounter, especially my family, so your glory will be revealed. Amen.

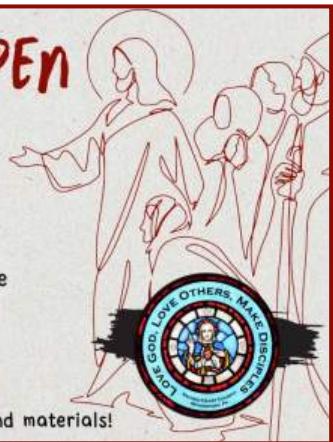
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Register now to help us plan for classes and materials!



Join Us For a Hero's Welcome.

Please join Honor Flight Philadelphia on September 9, 2023, at Saints Simon and Jude to thank our aging veterans as we return home with over 170 veterans from their day of honor and recognition in Washington, D.C. We invite you, your family, and neighbors to join us on this great day, to thank the men and women who served during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam upon their arrival as they walk the red carpet.

SS Simon and Jude: 8 Cavanaugh Ct, West Chester, PA

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PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How often do you find yourself listening to a friend or family member not to really hear what they are saying, but to plan your response? Do we do that while we pray as well? Sometimes I catch myself praying with an inner monologue behind it, deciding how I want that prayer to be answered. Now all of this may not be exactly what Jesus meant when he said, "This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand," but it is worth exploring. When we are so anxious to get our words in – either to another person, or to God, we're not really being the rich soil that the other's words deserve. We're not even the rocky ground or the thorny path of which the Lord speaks; we're more like a giant rubber wall off of which the words bounce! Let's take some time to consider how our practice of listening and receiving others, including the Lord, is preparing us (or not) for the return of Jesus. And if there is room to improve, now is a good time to do it.

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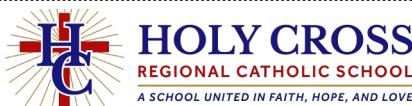
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Other News and Events

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- **Volunteer with Christ in the City.** Christ in the City is an apostolate that seeks to bring Christ's love to men and women experiencing homelessness. Join us as we serve over 50+ men and women; building relationships while enjoying lunch. Registration is required and all new volunteers must attend a training prior to the event. Full details and registration available at: christinthecity.org/philadelphia-lunch-in-the-park/
- **Youth Retreat for High School Teens,** August 1-3, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM @ Saints Peter and Paul Church, 1325 East Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380. This event is free and is for rising 9th graders through graduating high school seniors. Praise and worship, Mass, speakers, Adoration, games, food and more! Prior registration is necessary. Contact Michele D'Alessandro, mdalessandro@sspeterandpaulrc.org for more info or to register.
- **Mass and Healing Service.** August 4th. 7:00 pm @ the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. All welcome!
- **2023 Catholic Women's Conference.** Saturday, October 28, 2023. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration and Info at: catholicwomensconference.org



Holy Cross Congratulates Sacred Heart Parish for a Great Fair!

It's great to have the Sacred Heart Fair back in our community! Holy Cross Regional Catholic School was proud to support the Cornhole tournament this year.

We hope our school and parish families continue to enjoy a relaxing and safe summer. Share your summer memories with Holy Cross Regional Catholic School by sending your photos and some highlights of your family's summer adventures to hcrcposts@hcrc.school. We will share them to our social media pages.

Our primary office hours during the summer are from 9:00 am -2:00 pm daily.



Our uniform exchange closet is also available. Flocco's Shoes will be at Holy Cross gym on Monday, August 7th. They will measure and have shoes available for purchase that afternoon. You can check under Resource Documents for flyers on this event.



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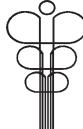
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