Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 12, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 55:10–11
Rom 8:18–23
Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

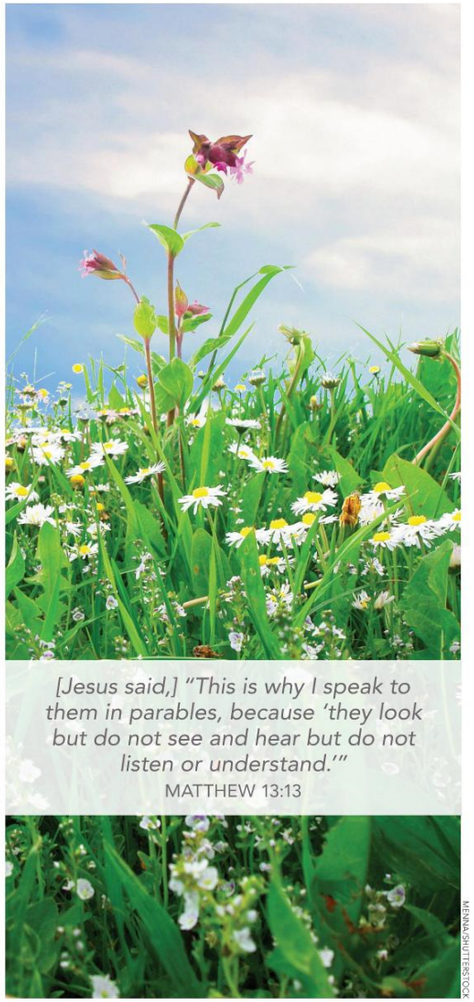
So, What's Your Point?

Have you ever explained something so carefully and at length, and yet the other person misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think: Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through.

We are now ready to ask: What's the real point of the story? The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us: What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or do the allure and riches of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA


[Jesus 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.'"
MATTHEW 13:13

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FOR *Reflection*

- *How has the word of the kingdom taken root in your family?*
- *What yield of goodness do you bring forth in your workplace?*

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

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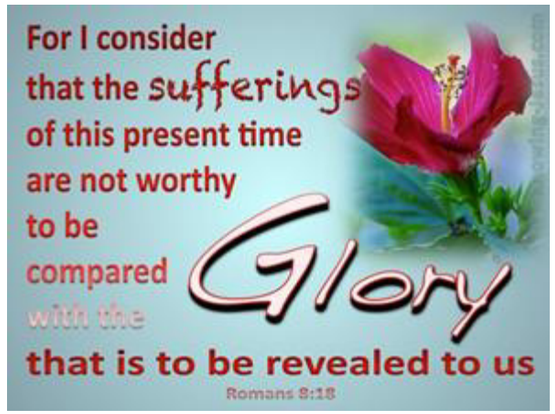


E-MAIL: olgoodcoun@shaw.ca
WEBSITE: olgoodcounselssm.com

Reconciliation
(At this time by appointment only)

Sacrament of Initiation
(Baptism) *REGISTRATION FORMS* are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

Marriage
Please contact the parish office.
*A MINIMUM OF **SIX MONTHS** NOTICE IS REQUIRED.*

Anointing of the Sick
If you are sick and go to the hospital, please call the parish office 705-942-8546. This will allow us to arrange that you have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit.

"On Call" Priest
A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7.
You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL.

Office Hours:
Tuesday & Wednesday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday—9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies
none

Parish Staff
Pastor: Rev. Paul Conway
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Walter Morrow (retired)
Diocesan Order of Women: Raymonde Brant
Secretary: Sue Solomon

Parish Pastoral Council
Dan Drazenovich
Vincent LaRue
Outreach Member
Christian Formation Member
Randy Johnson
Finance Member
Liturgy Member

Adoration Chapel
Closed until further notice

Prayer Line Requests
to place a prayer request, please phone:
Laverne…….. 942-7630 (ans. machine)
Betty……..649-3611 (ans. machine)

Church Envelopes
If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

REOPENING

Our Lady of Good Counsel has resumed Masses

The church will be open 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass is set to begin.

Attendance **must** be reserved by **Thursday 12PM** by **phone**

before the service

Please call the following contacts for the mass you would like to attend

For **Saturday's at 7:00PM** please contact: **Raffaela 705-206-3968**

For **Sunday at 9:00AM** please contact: **Shelly 705-942-3551**

For **Sunday at 11:30AM** please contact: Rose-Marie **705-253-8797**

50 people being the ***maximum*** number who can attend including 10 ministers

All people must wear a mask in order to enter the church.

If you are experiencing:
a cough
a fever
a sore throat
headache
shortness of breath

please **DO NOT** attend.

FOOD FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Society is accepting food donations.
Parishioners who still want to donate, can drop food items off on Albert St
between 10am and 3pm Monday to Friday.
The doors are locked but there is a buzzer beside the door that you can ring.
If no one appears within a five minutes, you can either leave the food there,

Tips of the Month for July for our Common Home

1. Do not purchase produce with plastic coverings where possible
2. Use a bamboo toothbrush instead of a plastic one
3. Have a plastic free or reduced plastic day

Brought to you by Our Lady of Good Counsel Green Church Committee

Financial Report

Monthly Financial Statement - June 2020			
INCOME:		**EXPENSE:**	
**Sunday Envelopes	$20,005.00	Church	$17,890.73
Sunday Loose	175.00	Rectory	751.13
Other	7,270.58	Office & Salary	$10,357.16
Donations to the Poor	95.00		
Development & Peace/Share Lent	320.00		
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	20.00	Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	10.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	5.00	Needs of the Canadian Church	5.00
**Ministry Formation	85.00	Ministry Formation	50.00
**Pope's Pastoral Works	71.00	**Pope's Pastoral Works	36.00
Easter Collection	50.00		
**Memorial Donations-Building	929.00		
Room & Board	878.60		
Total Income	**$29, 904.18**	**Total Expense**	**$29,100.02**

*includes Pre-Authorized

Thank you for your weekly financial contributions

This Week's recap of parish activities:

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES — YEAR A

Sat., July 11th 7:00 p.m. **Celebration of Eucharist –**Church
Sun., July 12th 9:00 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church
11:30 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church

"**When you are going through hard times and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during the test"**

Rosary by the Grotto

Sunday to Friday – 7PM - Rosary by the Grotto in the Church parking lot
Saturday – 7PM – Rosary by the Cross on the Hill – St. Basil's School

Great News…we are now set-up to receive ***e-transfers*** for donations **.**
Please check with your bank on setting this up and ***please note*** that some banks do **charge a fee** for this service .

This is the information needed to set up the church as a Recipient:
Name: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
Contact Method: (Email only) - olgoodcoun@shaw.ca

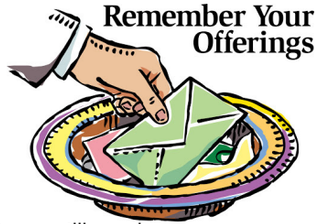
Temporary Office Hours

Please note that the office will ***only*** be open on

Tuesday & Wednesday

for church business at this time.
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & ***1:00 PM to 5:00 PM***

Envelopes can still be dropped off on other days



Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21

My Offering
Name _____
Address _____
Amount _____

As we still need to pay expenses, we thank those you have been dropping off donations to the church office and thank you to our pre-authorized donation program (PADP) donors. If you would like to change over to our PADP plan please call the office and we will mail a form out to you or you can go to our website **www.olgoodcounselssm.com**, and under documents you will see a form called Fillable Pre-Authorized Donation Program (PADP). Complete, print, sign it and send to us with a void cheque by mail or drop it off at the office.

We are taking orders for the 2020-2021
Sunday Missal & Sunday Missal for Young Catholics (Ages 7 & up)

(Living with Christ) The missal has all prayers and readings for Sunday Mass and Holy days (does not include weekdays).

Please ***call the office*** to put your name on the list by **July 15, 2020.**

ORDER NOW & PAY WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN OCTOBER.

Sunday Missal ___copies;
Sunday Missal for Young Catholics ___copies
Name _____
Phone number_____
Sunday Missal $5.00 **Sunday Missal for Young Catholics $9.00.**

CHURCH OPENING

There will be social distancing, hand sanitizing, no hymn books or singing, **assigned seating** (for social distancing) and special protocols for communion.

The Church will ***need to be sanitized after each service***.

To facilitate our masses, we will need ***non-vulnerable volunteers*** to perform a number of functions so we can gather in safety.

If you are ***non-vulnerable*** and able to assist, please email the parish with your name, phone number and which mass you are attending so we can compile a volunteer lists

Thank you for your assistance

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF..... Monday, July 13th to July 19th

Date & Time	Mass Intention	Readings	Readers	Adult Altar Servers	Ushers	Cleaners
Mon., July 13		Isaiah 1.10-17; Ps 50:8-23 Matthew 10.34-11.1				
Tues., July 14		Isaiah 7.1-9 Ps 48.1-7 Matthew 11.20-24				
Wed., July 15		Isaiah 10.5-16 Ps 94.5-15 Matthew 11.25-27				
Thurs., July 16		Isaiah 26.7-19 Ps 102.12-20 Matthew 11.28-30				
Fri., July 17		Isaiah 38.1-22 Is 38.10-16 Matthew 12.1-8				
Saturday July 18 **7:00 p.m.**	**7:00 p.m.** **Peter Chant** by wife Alicia & daughters **Dr. Nicola Muia** by Lombardo Family **Ernest Huykman** by Dianne Burns	**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A** Wisdom 12.13-19 Ps 86.5-16 Romans 8.26-27 Matthew 13.24-43	7:00 p.m. John Komhyr	7:00 p.m. Tony Fera	7:00 p.m. Carol McFarlane Gerry Yeo	7:00 p.m. Betty Kirkpatrick Fran Yarduk Joe LaBlance Shelly Punch
Sunday July 19 9:00 a.m.	**9:00 a.m.** **Helen Durica** by Joseph Durica **Jeannine Cronk** by Theresa Atkins		9:00 a.m. Yvan Besner	9:00 a.m. Marg Twentyman	9:00 a.m. Roland Pigeau Richard Luciani	9:00 a.m. Cathy LaBlance Eva LaBlance Sherry Stanghetta Jamie Yarduk
11:30 a.m.	**Ralph Russell** by Gisele & Marcel Rochon **11:30 a.m.** **Intentions of all parishioners** by Pro Populo Mass		11:30 a.m. Joe Ruscio	11:30 a.m. Randy Johnson	11:30 a.m. Andrew Deluney Norman Cardiff	11:30 a.m. Andrew Deluney Lynda Drazenovich Mary Anne Nakamura Rose-Marie Valade

Note: If you see a **TBA** in your ministry posted in this bulletin and you are available to volunteer for that date, please contact the PARISH OFFICE. Thank you.

"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His Hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
especially for
Lindsay Ann Watkins, daughter of Brian & Laurie
and
ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS.

Please remember to pray for: all the **sick & Shut-ins** in our parish Community.