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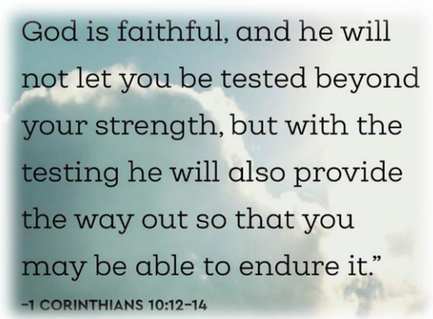
Our Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish is a diverse, rural, family oriented, growing Catholic faith community. Centered in Christ, this community strives to provide for the spiritual growth and faith development of all of its members within a warm and welcoming atmosphere. All parishioners are invited to actively participate by sharing their gifts and talents in selfless service for others, and by being respectful, forgiving and honest in their relationships. Parishioners strive to make everyone feel valued, especially newcomers, families, the elderly and the youth.



Please inform the office if you know of a St. Joseph parishioner in the hospital or homebound for Father Barnabas to visit.

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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

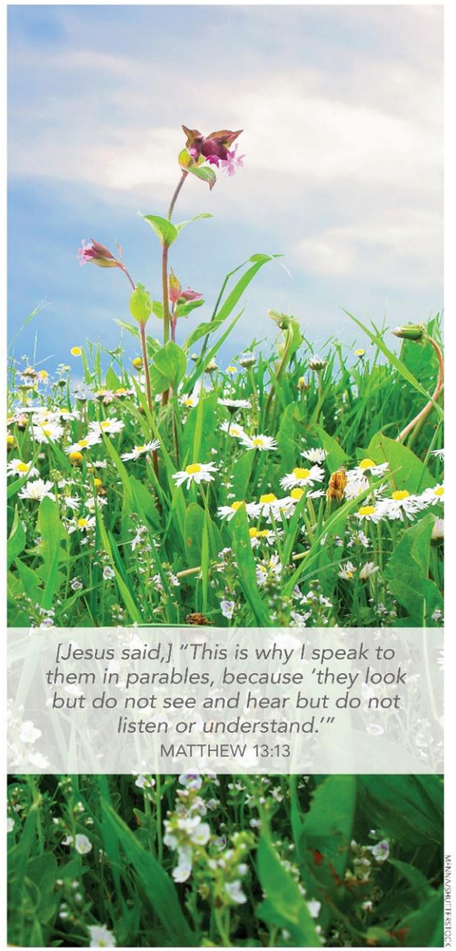
So, What's Your Point?

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



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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Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Inez, Texas
We invite you to join us in celebrating the Eucharist & participating in the activities of our parish. We want everyone to feel welcome to share in the Inez Catholic Community and to grow with us.

Father would like to invite you to join him for Wednesday Worship Hour from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday in the Church. It includes Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary, Divine Mercy and a time for silent prayer. Prayers are also said for any individual intentions. This is a perfect time to come together for prayer & reflection.

Dear Padre,

Recently my husband's union was involved in a messy strike that nearly turned violent. Does the Catholic Church support strikes like this?

I grew up in Detroit. Most of my family and extended family worked in the automobile plants there. I clearly remember long strikes when my father was out of work and our family would struggle along, sometimes wondering where we would get money for the necessities of life.

In the past hundred years, many of the writings of the popes and the bishops' conferences have centered on the issues of work, including the issue of receiving a just wage. The Church spoke in support of child-labor laws, eight-hour workdays, organized unions, collective bargaining, and a just wage. Because of this, at times the Church has been labeled unpatriotic, socialistic, and even communist. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All," which outlines the six moral principles drawn from Scripture that form the basis of the Church's social teaching. In this letter, the Church fully supports the rights of workers to form unions to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions. Unions may also legitimately resort to strikes when this is the only available means to the justice owed the workers (EJA 104–105). The Church draws the line at violence. The strike becomes morally unacceptable when accompanied by violence (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2435).

SHELA FITZGERALD/SHUTTERSTOCK

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Every worker...should have the right to decent remuneration, to social security, and to a pension. Among you here are... workers in grassroots jobs who are excluded from labor rights, who are denied the possibility of unionizing, whose income is neither adequate nor stable. Today I...join my voice to yours and support you in your struggle.

—WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER 28, 2014

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A Redemptorist Ministry

Calendar

Monday
JULY 13
Weekday
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday
JULY 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

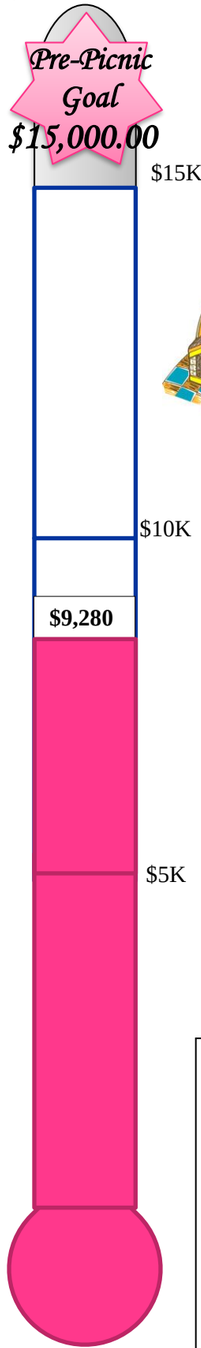
Wednesday
JULY 15
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday
JULY 16
Weekday
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday
JULY 17
Weekday
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday
JULY 18
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday
JULY 19
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–43
or 13:24–30



Adult Confirmation Course: ***The Power of Christian Witness*** **–** The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory will be offering an **Adult Confirmation Course** this **August - September, 2020**. This is a class for adult Catholics in the Victoria Deanery who have received religious education, either in a Catholic school or through CCD classes, but need the final preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Course is a 5-week commitment.
The class dates are: Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, & Sept. 1, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the **Cathedral Center.** Reg forms are in the OLV parish office or contact Jenny at jvincent@olvcathedral.org. The **Confirmation Mass** will be held on **Tues., Sept. 8th**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral. Deadline for registration: Tues., July 28th. ***If you are not a member of The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, you will need a letter of permission to attend this course from your parish's pastor.**

4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass is for 65 and older parishioners and their spouse or caregiver if younger than 65.
6:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Masses are for all ages.

Due to the high increase in local COVID 19 cases I am asking for everyone attending Mass at St. Joseph to please wear a mask or face covering until notified differently. I am continuing to pray for each of you. Please keep praying for all countries to work together to find a cure/treatment for this. Thank you! Blessings and prayers to you. Father Barnabas

♫ If you play an instrument and would like to accompany the choir members at ANY Mass PLEASE contact Father ♫

Knights of Columbus Meeting this Sunday, July 12th, after 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Pavilion

Sept 13, 2020 Picnic plans are a guarded full speed ahead! Our Pre-Picnic Goal is $15,000.
Raffle tickets are available! Please pick up some raffle books in the church and SELL, SELL, SELL!
We would like to thank everyone for your very generous response!
Raffle prizes are over $8,000.00 and our pre-picnic goal is over ½ way there with $9,280 to date.
Placemat Ads: If you had a placemat ad in previous years or would like to have one this year, Please contact: the office or Lindsey Bowers; lindseybowers2006@gmail.com.
Placemat ad orders and money are due July 15th. Monies must be received prior to printing.
The Bucket Drawing donor sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 3 items that are not sponsored yet.
Once again… Thank You!!!!

Mass Intentions for the Week/ Symbols
† - In honor of deceased ♥ - Anniversary/Marriage
♫ - Birthday/Thanksgiving SI – Special Intentions

Sat. 4:00 p.m. Kathy Prukop (†) Bible Study Group
Sat. 6:00 p.m. Todd Easley (†) Jimmy & Angie Easley
Sun. 7:30 a.m. Kathy Davis (†) Bill & Mary Lea Kloesel
Sun. 9:00 a.m. John (†) & Donna DeBault (SI) Mike & Milissa Zamora
Tues. – Eli Hartman (†) Ken & Doe Richter
Wed.– Kathy Davis (†) Halpin & Davis Families
Thurs. – Joyce Warzecha (†) David & Norma John
Fri. – Frankie, Tonja & Sonja Miori (†) Michael & Kathy Kuchler
Sat. 4:00 p.m. Bill Kloesel (♫) Kloesel, Roznovsky, Wilkerson families
Sat. 6:00 p.m. Margarita Bardo (†) Elida & Dale Zuck
Sun. 7:30 a.m. Joyce Warzecha (†) Chris & Mary Kolodziejczyk
Sun. 9:00 a.m. Decease Members of Charbula Family (†) G&J Charbula

This Weekend Lectors	Next Weekend Lectors
6:00 p.m. Elida Zuck	6:00 p.m. Anne Marek
7:30 a.m. John Zacek	7:30 a.m. Mary Kolodziejczyk
9:00 a.m. Robert Kovar	9:00 a.m. Janet Charbula

Thank You from some of our St. Joseph Scholarship Recipients!
I want to personally thank you for choosing me for your generous scholarship. I was happy to hear I was a recipient. I will be attending UHV in the fall majoring in Business. Thank you again and I will make you proud. ***Payton G.***
I want to take the time to say thank you for rewarding me the $500 scholarship. It's generous people like y'all who make it easier for me to fulfill my goals by assisting in payment in the next step I've chosen to take in life. I look forward to serving our community in the near future. Sincerely, ***Waylon B.***
I am honored to be the recipient of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Scholarship of $500. Thanks to your generous contribution, I am able to pursue my dream of going to college. My plan is to attend Texas A&M University-Kingsville, then transfer Texas A&M University-College Station to earn my degree as a Veterinary Pharmacist. By receiving this scholarship, my financial burden has ben lightened, which will help me to focus on my studies and maintain a high GPA. Thank you for your continued support of the youth! Kindest regards, ***Carlyssa B.***

Last Week's Church Giving Report

CCD Program	$20.00
Prayer Garden	$0.00
2020 Picnic(eGiving & sub groups $400)	$695.00
Scholarship (Memorial $)	$0.00
Weekly Building/Memorials	$115.00
Weekly Offering (eGiving $665)	$1,720.00
Weekly Loose Offering	$255.00
Total	**$2,805.00**
2020 DSA St. Joseph Goal	**$32,323.00**
2020 DSA 2nd Collection (total)	**($4,963.00)**
Our 2020 DSA St. Joseph Goal balance	**$27,360.00**

♫ Happy Birthday & Anniversary ♥
We wish you many blessings!

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Maritssa Vanegas	David John
Donna Veselka	Abigail Kovar

♫ Birthdays & Anniversaries ♥ are published for the current weekend & upcoming weekdays.

There are 40 gift card prizes worth over $8000 on the Raffle tickets! This year, more than ever, we will be relying on the raffle for income for our picnic. PLEASE pick up some raffle books in the church and SELL, SELL, SELL!
Gift cards are for: Amazon, Walmart, Lowes, HEB, Academy, TSC, Home Depot, Best Buy, Target, Palm Tree, Cavender's, Kohls, Dillard's, Woodhouse, Pump House, Hobby Lobby, 5D Steakhouse, Francis Marie's, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Chili's, Texas Roadhouse, Courtesy Car Wash, Chick Fil-A, Tropical Smoothie