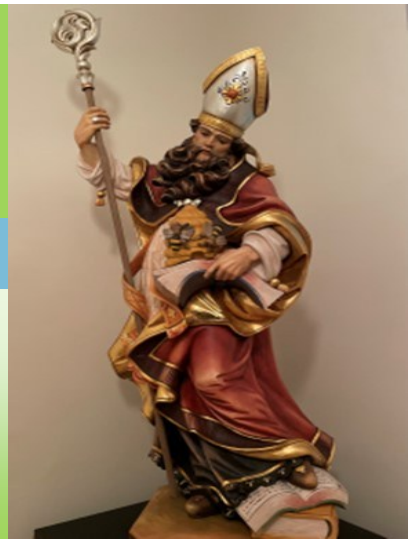


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Scripture Insights

Parables feature prominently in the Gospel readings of the next several Sundays. These short, concrete stories use images from daily life to help explain the deeper realities of the good news. This Sunday, Jesus compares God's Word to seeds—tiny things that grow into something greater than themselves. Under the right conditions, a small beginning yields a rich harvest. The first reading from Isaiah and the responsorial psalm both describe God's Word as if it were a living thing. It can move and act on its own: "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

The psalm compares God's Word to Israel's wet season. With the yearly return of rain, scorched hills bloom, fields as hard as concrete soften to receive the plow, sluggish animals grow fat, and hungry people dream again of abundance. In the mind of the psalmist, every Word of God contains within it such transformative power.

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026*



*The Parable
of the Sower*

Jesus likely considered these images when he offered his parable. He perhaps recognized that his Israelite ancestors had been too optimistic. God's Word might have immediate and dramatic effect in many places, but in the human heart it can encounter resistance. Jesus saw the vast crowds and knew that many people had been transformed; many others, he knew, were not. In his parable, Jesus offers a reason. Individuals are free to receive God's Word, but they must first prepare the "soil" of their hearts. For those whose hearts are ready, a great harvest follows.

For many Christians, this change has already begun. In the second reading, St. Paul calls this the "firstfruits of the Spirit." A heart ready for God's Word will quicken and flower like dry country after the rain. Such new life is but the beginning of eternal glory.

-Sourcebook 2026

MASS TIMES:

Sunday 10:00 a.m. (Livestreamed)
& 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m.

ADORATION: Every
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.



CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

By Appointment

MARRIAGE

Arrangements 6 months in
advance

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERAL

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July 12, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 65: 10, 11, 12-13, 14**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 18-23**Gospel:** Matthew 13: 1-23**DID YOU KNOW?****Summer and water safety at home**

While parents are often hypervigilant around pools and lakes, drowning can happen at home in an instant, especially with very young children. This summer, watch children around water at home, including buckets, containers, and kiddie pools. Children and babies can drown in as little as an inch of water, so constant supervision is necessary. It's also important to empty water containers as soon as play is done. For more tips about home water safety, visit:

<https://www.safekids.org/watersafety>.

LA FAMILY HOUSING

**Faith & Community Resource Fair**

This resource fair will serve as a one-stop shop for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Participants will have access to housing resources, benefits enrollment, employment resources, documentation assistance, and other supportive services. This event is open to all individuals and families experiencing housing instability, regardless of faith background.

Friday, July 24, 2026—10.00 AM - 1.00 PM
7806 Reseda Blvd.
Reseda, Ca 917335

Everyone is welcomed! For more information call:
 (747) 295-2512

SCRIPTURE SHARING

Join us every Wednesday for
 Scripture Sharing via Zoom
 7pm-8:15 p.m. as we reflect on the
 upcoming readings and explore how
 these ancient texts continue to speak to our lives today.

All are welcome!

Contact the Parish Office at 323-656-4433 for more
 information.



After the 10:00 a.m. Mass, coffee and donuts are provided by the Hospitality Ministry and served on the church patio. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and build new friendships.

Have You Remembered Your Parish or School in Your WILL or TRUST? For information, please contact the Planned Giving Office 213-637-7504
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PRAY FOR YOUR PARISH FINANCES

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back sevenfold. (Sirach 35)"



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OFFERTORY

07/05/26 Offertory \$ 805.00
 07/05/26 Online \$ 2,567.00

Total: \$3,734.00

Thank You!

Whether you donate in person at mass or at the parish office, by mail or online, we would like to thank you all for your continued financial support and prayers.

Our parish remains alive because of your generosity of time, talent and treasure.

Catholic Bible Institute: Summer Bible 2026**"The Spirit of the Lord Upon Me" - Luke 4:18-19**

Jesus announces himself as fulfillment of the promise of true freedom offered to us by a life lived according to God.

Join this **free** weeklong retreat in which we reflect on the Word of God and how we may live a life inspired by Spirit.

July 13-16, 2026: Evening Talks: 7pm - 8:30pm

July 18, 2026: Day Retreat: 9am - 3:30pm

Online via Zoom

Meeting ID: 969 4430 5081, Passcode: 120645

For schedule and more information, **visit**
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NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Thank you for joining us today!