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15th SUNDAY — IN ORDINARY TIME —

*The seed that falls
on good ground
will yield a
fruitful harvest.*

PSALM 65:10



Mass Schedule

Daily Mass ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,
preceded by **Daily Rosary** at 8:30am

Weekend Masses ~ Saturdays 4:00pm
Sundays 8:00am 10:00am* 12:00pm & 5:00pm
*Family Mass

~ **Church Open for Prayer** ~
Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

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Marriage ~ Arrangements should be made six months
in advance. Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm
Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via a zoom link
option. Email jptir2@gmail.com for more information.



*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate our annual *Kids' Camp Kick-off Mass*. The camp itself begins on Monday and runs through the week. We are in a new location this summer because of the Galvin Middle School reconstruction project. We are grateful to the Irish Cultural Center for making their facilities available to us. They have been exceptionally helpful, patient, and accommodating.

As veterans of this enterprise know, the event succeeds because of the dedication and hard work of a committed team of adult volunteers and teen counselors. Please keep them, as well as all campers, in your prayers this week.



Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



The wait is over... **Kids' Camp begins this week!**

Campers are ready for a week filled with fun, friendship, and unforgettable summer memories. From sports and water games to arts and crafts, each day is packed with activities that give kids the chance to laugh, play, create, and enjoy time together.

The fun continues into the evenings with special family activities that have become a favorite part of the Kids' Camp tradition — bringing campers, families, and friends together to celebrate summer.

We can't wait to see all the smiles, laughter, and memories made throughout the week!



Follow us on Facebook for photos and highlights from all the Kids' Camp fun!



LIVING *the* GOSPEL

A WEEKLY REFLECTION INSPIRED BY THE SUNDAY GOSPEL



MATTHEW 13:1-23

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

Summer is a season when we notice things growing all around us — flowers blooming, gardens producing, and trees offering shade. Growth doesn't happen all at once. It takes time, care, patience, and attention.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the **Parable of the Sower**. A farmer scatters seeds, but not all of them grow in the same way. Some struggle because of rocks, weeds, or shallow roots, while others fall on good soil and produce an abundant harvest.

Jesus is not only talking about seeds — He is talking about our hearts. God's Word is always being shared with us, but we need to create space

to receive it. When our lives become crowded with distractions, worries, or busyness, it can be harder to notice God's presence.

Every day gives us a new opportunity to prepare the "soil" of our hearts. We do this through simple moments — a quiet prayer, a kind word, forgiving someone, helping another person, or spending time with those we love.

Families especially know that growth takes patience. Children grow little by little, friendships deepen over time, and faith grows through small choices made each day. Jesus reminds us that even the smallest seeds of faith can become something beautiful when they are cared for with love.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

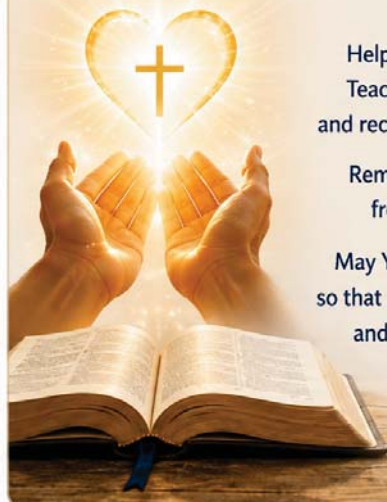
Loving God,

Help my heart become good soil.
Teach me to listen for Your voice
and recognize Your presence each day.

Remove anything that keeps me
from growing closer to You.

May Your Word take root in my life
so that I may share kindness, patience,
and love with everyone I meet.

Amen.



THIS WEEK'S *Summer Challenge*

Plant Seeds of Kindness

This week, choose one small way each day
to help God's love grow:



Encourage someone
with kind words.



Spend a few quiet moments
listening to God.



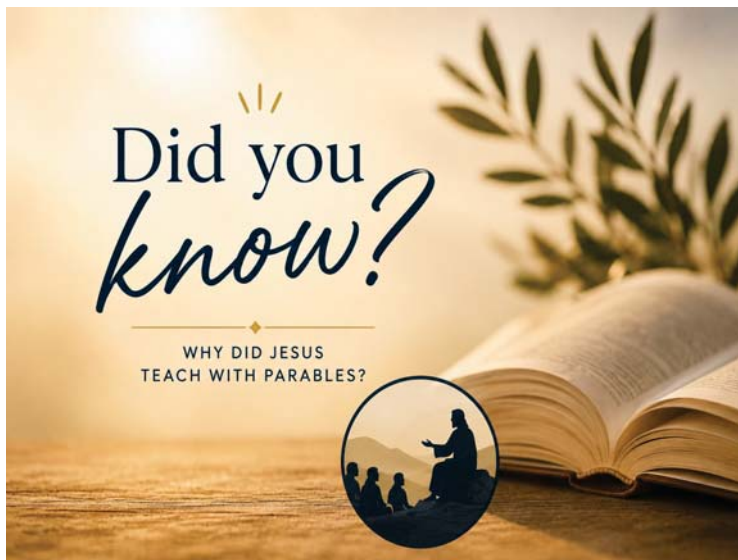
Put away distractions and
be present with family.



Do one unexpected
act of kindness.

*Small acts of love can grow
into a beautiful harvest.*





Did You Know?

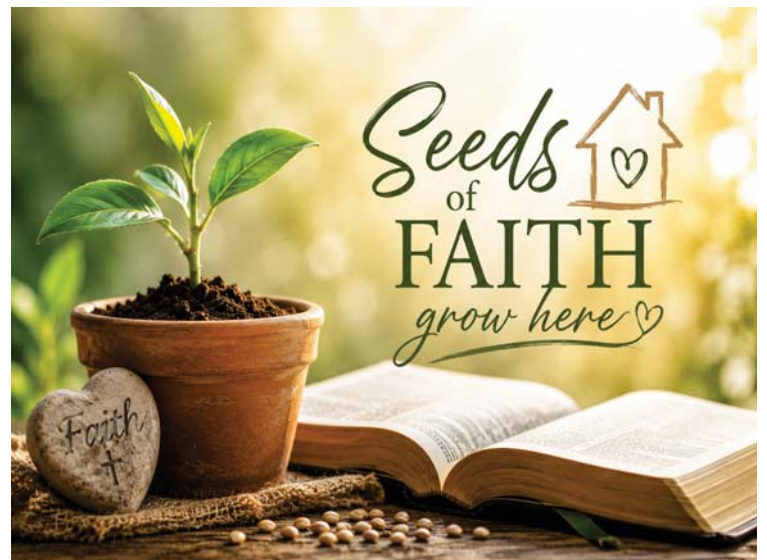
Why did Jesus teach with parables?

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus often used parables to share His message. A parable is a simple story that uses familiar experiences from everyday life to reveal a deeper spiritual truth.

Jesus spoke about things people knew well — families, farming, celebrations, forgiveness, kindness, and relationships — to help them understand God's love and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Parables invite us to do more than simply listen to a story. They encourage us to reflect, ask questions, and discover how God may be speaking to our own lives.

Even today, the parables of Jesus continue to teach, challenge, and inspire us as we grow in faith.



Seeds of Faith at Home

Helping God's Word Grow in Everyday Life

Jesus reminds us that the seed planted in good soil can produce a fruitful harvest. In the same way, our faith grows when we make room for God in the ordinary moments of each day.

This week, plant a few simple seeds of faith:

- Begin or end the day with a short prayer.
- Share something you are grateful for.
- Offer a kind word or helping hand to someone who needs it.
- Take a quiet moment to notice God's presence around you.
- Small acts of faith and love, planted each day, can grow into something beautiful.





Thank You for Your Generosity Missionary Co-Operative Appeal

Thank you to all who generously supported this year's Missionary Co-Operative Appeal. Through your kindness, our parish raised \$4,737 to support the work of **Raise Up the Roof** and the missions served through **The Society for the Propagation of the Faith**.

We are grateful to **Father Joseph Akilo** for sharing the stories of the missions and helping us recognize the many ways we are connected as one family of faith.

Your generosity helps support the missionary work of the Church and brings hope, compassion, and the love of Christ to communities throughout the world. Please continue to keep all missionaries and the people they serve in your prayers.



Second Collection for the People of Venezuela

As requested by Archbishop Henning, a second collection will be taken at all Masses the weekend of **July 18/19** to support the people of Venezuela during this time of need.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and continued prayers for our brothers and sisters in Venezuela.



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Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, July 11

9:00am~

4:00pm~Mario Falcione, Memorial

Sunday, July 12

8:00am~Maria Franca Berardi, Memorial

10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial

12:00pm~Kids' Camp and all who are participating

5:00pm~

Monday, July 13

9:00am~Ronald Guiry, Memorial

Tuesday, July 14

9:00am~

Wednesday, July 15

9:00am~

Thursday, July 16

9:00am~

Friday, July 17

9:00am~

Saturday, July 18

9:00am~

4:00pm~Helen McFadyen, Memorial

Sunday, July 19

8:00am~

10:00am~Angelo Rocco, Memorial

12:00pm~Sante Poles, Memorial

5:00pm~

Prayers and Sympathy

Patricia Quinn

Joyce Cafasso



Please remember in your prayers all those who have entered into eternal life.

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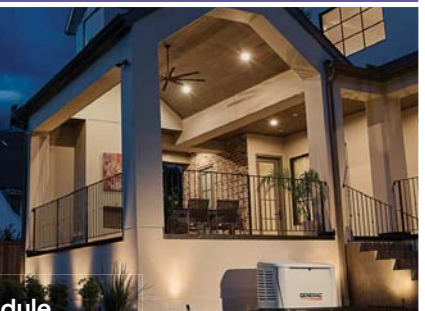
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