

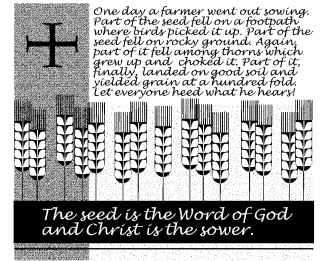
PARISH CALENDAR

Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

Remain in me, says the Lord!

Saturday, July 11	 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 12	 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 13	 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday, July 14	 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, July 15	 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	... 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 16	 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, July 17	 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, July 18	 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
	 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Wis:12:13, 16-19: Though powerful, the Lord judges with mercy and governs with care. God teaches people kindness, hope, and repentance.

Rm:8:26-27: Paul reminded the Romans that the Spirit helps God's people in their weakness and intercedes for them.

Mt:13:24-43: Jesus told the crowd the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. Through parables, he encouraged his disciples, assuring them that God's saints would shine like the sun in the heavenly reign.

THE GENEROUS SOWER

In today's Gospel, the Parable of the Sower is delivered from a boat, as Jesus addresses a large crowd along the shoreline. Jesus uses the natural acoustics of the water to carry His voice to the eager multitude who came to hear Him. Their earnestness offers us an opportunity for self-examination: Am I among that crowd, attentively listening as God speaks to me today? Do I go out of my way to seek, listen, and respond to the Word of God?

The Sower is Christ. The seed is the Word of God, and the soil represents the human heart, in all its various conditions of readiness and receptivity. Some souls await God's Word like freshly tilled, moist, and fertilized soil. As soon as the seed enters, it begins to grow rapidly—until fully grown and producing good fruit.

Other souls are less receptive. Like the path, some hearts are hardened, stubborn, refusing to receive divine truth. The Word is heard, but not truly received. The enemy snatches it away before it can penetrate.

Hearts that are like rocky ground are those who initially receive the Word with joy but lack perseverance. When trials come, they fall away. They may attend Mass, read Scripture, or begin with fervor, but without deep interior conversion rooted in prayer, they cannot endure the heat of testing.

The thorny heart is the divided heart, where the Word of God is mixed with anxieties, riches, and pleasures. The Gospel is heard—perhaps even cherished—but it is suffocated by worldly attachments, ambition, or fear. Earthly anxieties and the fascination of riches are thorns that smother the soul and prevent it from growing.

The good news is that God, the Divine Sower, is not passive. He sows the seed Himself—personally, directly, and abundantly. He is not like a remote monarch seated on a distant throne, waiting for us to come to Him. No—God always takes the initiative. He goes forth like the sower, casting His seed upon us even before we ask.

The seed comes to us in two essential ways: truth and grace. As truth, God's Word enlightens the intellect to know His eternal mysteries. As grace, God's Word strengthens the will to embrace and live those truths with faith and charity.

The Divine Sower sows lavishly. He casts the seed everywhere—on the path, among the rocks, amidst thorns, and upon rich earth. This is not careless, but the work of Divine Mercy. God desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Even where the ground seems hardened, shallow, or choked with thorns, He still sows. He never ceases to speak, to reach out, to invite. He sows even in places we might deem hopeless—until the final moment, when the time for sowing is ended.

Reflect today on God's generous and continuous sowing in your soul. He never ceases speaking to you, calling to you, and planting His Word within you. How receptive are you? Which soil best describes your soul? It's never too late to respond in this life. God's Word can grow rapidly within us when our souls are fertile and receptive. Remove the rocks, cut down the thorns, and till the hardened path, so that the abundant seed will make its way into your heart. (My Catholic Life)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

recognized by the Vatican as an International Private Association of the Faithful, invites married couples to plan ahead for the next experience. The upcoming WWME Hawaii weekend will be Feb 12-14, 2027, at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, Oahu. To apply or for more information visit www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808)276-571 or email brian.claudine.perry@wwme.org Space is limited.

WORD OF LIFE: "I greet you with affection, dear parents and children! . . . To adopt a child is a great work of love. When it is done, much is given, but much is also received. It is a true exchange of gifts. . . you have put yourselves with Christ on the side of children. May the Lord fill you with every consolation and sustain you in difficulties of our journey." Pope John Paul II, Address to the Meeting of Adoptive Families, September 5, 2000 © 2026 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with Permission. All rights reserved.

WEEKLY READINGS

Jul 12 Sun: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is:55:10-11; Ps:65; Rms:8:18-23; Mt:13:1-23

Jul 13 : Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Is:1:10-17; Ps:50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt:10:34-11:1

Jul 14 : Tue: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Is:7:1-9; Ps:48: 2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt:11:20-24

Jul 15: Wed: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is:10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps:94; 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt:11:25-27

Jul 16 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Is:26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps:102: 13-14ab, & 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt:11:28-30

Jul 17 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Is:38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is:38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt:12:1-8

Jul 18 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Mi:2:1-5; Ps:10: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt:12:14-21

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, Saint Paul gives us reason to hope for a wondrous future beyond our imagination. He preaches this hope amidst the suffering of the early Christian communities. "Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). Good stewards realize that by remaining faithful to the Gospel with persistence, fervor and endurance, our hope in the promises of Christ Jesus will be rewarded. Reflect this week on concrete ways you can remain faithful to the Gospel during these challenging times.

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