

# 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

## IN ORDINARY TIME

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down ... so shall my word be  
that goes forth from my mouth. Isaiah 55:10, 11



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July 12, 2026

*"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."*

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

In Today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil. This parable is about the Word of God, i.e. Sacred Scripture. When you look at this parable, you wonder whether to approach it from the point of view of the seed (which represents the Word of God), or from the point of view of the different kinds of soil (which represent us who receive the Word of God). So I will share a little about both. A seed is something that has life in it. Jesus reveals that the Word of God is alive. It isn't simply information. It isn't simply instruction. It is God speaking to us today. We are not listening to or reading something God once said a long time ago - God is speaking to us right here and right now. We pray that we will be able to hear Him speak to us today. And now the soil: the footpath, rocky ground, thorny ground, and fertile ground. We usually think of that as representing different kinds of people. True enough. But could it also represent different parts of our personal lives - our private life, our family life, our business life, our church life, our social life, and so on??? The word of God can take root in one aspect of our life, but not so much in another part of our life. Think about that. How can we let the word of God touch ALL aspects of our personal life? There is a lot of food for thought in our readings today to help us be His Disciples In Mission.

The Summer Vacation Season is upon us. All of us at St. Veronica Parish hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation wherever you may find yourself. As you head off from Burlington and the surrounding towns, please be sure to remember St. Veronica Parish during the summer months. Thank you for remembering our parish while you are away! This may be the perfect time for you to sign up for online giving.

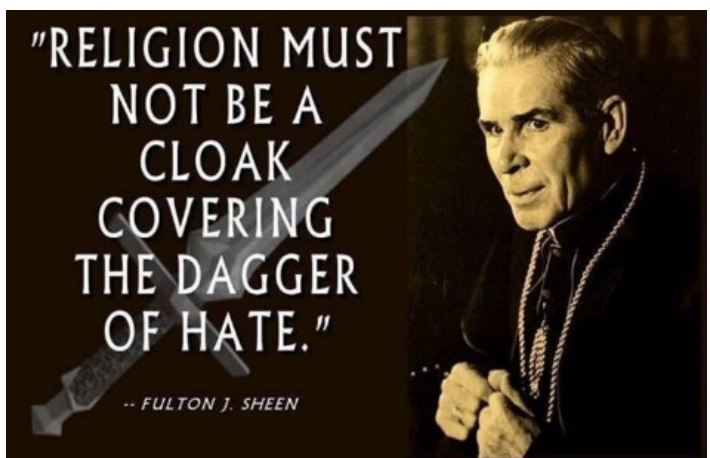
### **Today, July 12 is the Feast of Saint Veronica, our Patron Saint.**

As Jesus struggled under the weight of the Cross on the way to Golgotha (the Via Dolorosa), Veronica bravely stepped forward from the crowd to wipe the sweat and blood from His face with her veil. According to tradition, Jesus' image was left imprinted on the cloth—a miraculous "true icon," which became a sacred relic. This event is commemorated in the Sixth Station of the Cross: "Veronica wipes the face of Jesus."

### **St. Veronica Prayer to the Sacred Image of Jesus Christ: What a great prayer to say after Mass and at home with your families.**

"O My Jesus, Saint Veronica served You on the way to Calvary by wiping Your beloved face with a towel on which Your sacred image then appeared. She protected this treasure, and whenever people touched it, they were miraculously healed. I ask her to pray for the growth of my ability to see Your sacred image in others, to recognize their hurts, to stop and join them on their difficult journeys, and to feel the same compassion for them as she did for You. Show me how to wipe their faces, serve their needs, and heal their wounds, reminding me that as I do this for them, I also do this for You. Saint Veronica, pray for me. Amen.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,  
Father Mahoney



*"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."*

## MASS Intentions

### Saturday, July 11

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Ed MacPhail Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
James Doyle 5th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Kathryn Gulla Anniversary

### Sunday, July 12

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Dorothy, Maryellen & Henry Gorman  
and Brady Ellis Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Robert & Mary Laffin  
and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Bernard J. Eldridge Memorial

### Monday, July 13

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Diane Cortese 1st Anniversary

### Tuesday, July 14

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Mary, Clarence, Dick & Christine Westberg  
and Dick, Grace & Santo Patti Memorial

### Wednesday, July 15

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Nimmy George Memorial

### Thursday, July 16

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**  
Vita Reagan Memorial

### Friday, July 17

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**  
Vilma Winn Month's Mind

### Saturday, July 18

9:00 am **St. Margaret**

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
Janice McDermott 5th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
George & Alma Desrosiers Memorial

### Sunday, July 19

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Herman, Olga & Paulo Sousa Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Mary & Andrew Hartigan Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Joseph & Camille Presti Memorial



A Funeral Mass was celebrated recently for  
**Marjorie Cappadona**  
Kindly include her and her family  
in your prayers.  
Thank you.

### READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>July 12    | <b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9        |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>July 13    | <b>Saint Henry</b><br>Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34—11:1                                               |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>July 14   | <b>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</b><br>Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24                               |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>July 15 | <b>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b><br>Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>July 16  | <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b><br>Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab+15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30                     |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>July 17    | Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8                                                                |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>July 18  | <b>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</b><br>Mi 2:1-5/Psalm 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21                              |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>July 19    | <b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 |

## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Weekend of July 5, 2026**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$8,272**  
**Online: \$5,538**  
**TOTAL: \$13,810**

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| <b>Weekly Budget</b> | <b>\$16,153</b>        |
| <b>Income</b>        | <b><u>\$13,810</u></b> |
| <b>Deficit</b>       | <b><u>-\$2,343</u></b> |

**Month to Date: \$13,810**

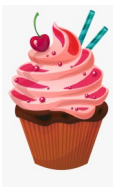
**Building Fund**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$205**  
**Online: \$418**  
**TOTAL: \$623**

## BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **July 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a second collection for the Building Fund. This fund is vital in keeping our buildings and surrounding grounds clean and up to date. Please consider either donating in church or go to our web site [www.stveronicama.org](http://www.stveronicama.org) and donate online. Thank you in advance.

**Please make your checks out to  
St Veronica Parish.**

## LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **July 15<sup>th</sup>** we will be supplying meals at the Lowell Transitional Center. Bakers are needed to bring homemade desserts to St. Malachy Church by 12:00pm. on Wednesday.

## CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

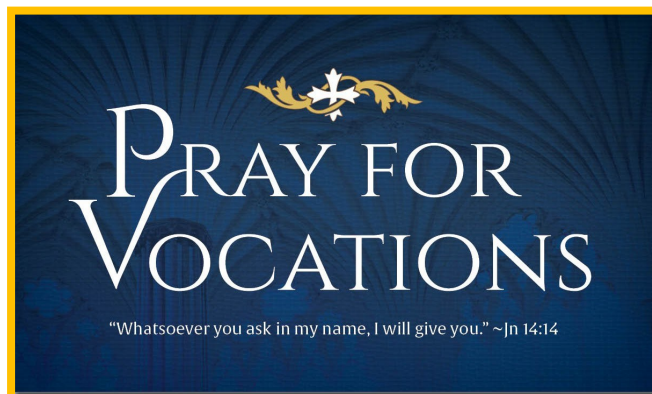


All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the Archdiocese of Boston. The training consists of videos and discussions about how to recognize indicators

of abuse or grooming, how to create safe spaces for children and youth, and how to address concerns. It is a three-hour training session held in person at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and take place on various days and times throughout the year, including evenings and weekends. Most weeks there are between 5 and 15 sessions scheduled around the Archdiocese. With minor exceptions, sessions are open to everyone.

Go to [www.VIRTUSonline.org](http://www.VIRTUSonline.org). On the left of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Click on "Begin Registration." Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)" when asked to select your diocese. When asked if you have ever registered before, click "no". (If you have previously registered, call 617-746-5985 for help.) Complete the registration process. When asked for your specific location, select your specific parish or school. You can enter more than one. Once you have completed the registration process the system will guide you to a list of all the upcoming training sessions. Select the one that works for you. If the training is in a language other than English, it will be noted. Be careful not to select a training session that is in a language you cannot understand. All training sessions are 3 hours long, even if the registration website states otherwise.

***St. Veronica Parish will be having a training on Sunday, July 26 at 1:30. Please go to [www.VIRTUSonline.org](http://www.VIRTUSonline.org) to register.***



## TASTE AND SEE PROGRAM



Kids in Grades 1-8 can fill out a bright raffle card and put it in the white box (located near the scanners) for a chance to win a \$20 School House Ice Cream gift card. In this raffle everyone truly is a winner, because those at Mass have received the *sweetest* gift of all: Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2026-2027 Religious Education

### Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Please see our website to register.

[www.stveronicama.org](http://www.stveronicama.org)

**Congratulations to Carli Ganley, who is  
our Taste and See winner for June!!  
Enjoy your ice cream!**

**With regard to the Supreme Court issuing a decision that terminates the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program**, which has provided Haitians and Syrians protections to live and work legally in the United States, Archbishop Henning issued the following statement.

“Haitian Catholics are an important part of the family of the Archdiocese of Boston. Many of them benefit from Temporary Protected Status, a program established by Congress to give refuge to those who are fleeing natural disasters or violence. The Administration has decided to terminate that protected status for more than 6,100 Syrians and more than 300,000 Haitians in the United States despite the ongoing instability and dangerous conditions facing many in their home countries. Here in the Boston region, Haitian immigrants have made lives, raised families, and have taken critical roles in health care and in other industries. I respectfully ask that we urge the administration and Congress to prevent this disaster by providing a secure and lasting basis for these refugees. Please see the link below where you can learn more about this matter and consider raising your voice on behalf of the vulnerable. Please visit the Catholic Charities website where additional information can be found,

<https://www.ccab.org/refugee-immigrant-services/immigrant-legal-services/>”

**ONE NATION  
UNDER GOD**

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**  
*for Our Nation*

The *Our Lady of Hope Praesidium* of the Legion of Mary invites you to spend an hour in prayer for our nation by reciting the **Patriotic Rosary** together.

★ Prayer guides will be provided, and all are welcome. ★

**WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 22, 2026**

**6:00–7:00 PM**

**ST. THERESA CHURCH  
BILLERICA, MA**

*“Blessed is the  
nation whose  
God is the Lord.”*  
— Psalm 33:12

Join us as we entrust our country, its leaders, and all its people to the loving care of our Blessed Mother through the power of the Holy Rosary.

**DID YOU KNOW  
“GOD BLESS AMERICA” WAS  
WRITTEN BY A JEWISH  
IMMIGRANT?**

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR VENEZUELA

On June 24<sup>th</sup> two large earth quakes, both with a magnitude registering over 7.0, hit Venezuela. Archbishop Henning issued the following statement on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

"Today, our hearts and prayers are with the people of Venezuela following yesterday's devastating earthquakes. We especially hold close our Venezuelan brothers and sisters here in Boston who may be anxiously awaiting news of family and friends back home. May all affected by the earthquake's aftermath find comfort in knowing that the local Church stands with them in prayer and solidarity. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, may God grant strength, comfort, healing, peace and hope to all during this difficult time."

**A Second Collection to assist our brothers and sisters in Venezuela will be taken here at St. Veronica on the weekend of July 18/19.**

Please make your checks out to **ST VERONICA PARISH** and in the memo section either write **Earthquake** or **Venezuela**.

## THE PRAYER HOPE LINE: 781-273-HOPE (4673)

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the **Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673**.

When you call, listen to the prayer and then state your personal request, for example: 'Kindly pray for John who has cancer' or 'Pray for Mary who is having surgery', etc. Please do not leave full names or phone numbers on the Prayer Hope Line. Members of the Catholic parish communities in Burlington will be honored to include your intentions in their prayers.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)*

*The Hope Line team is in need of more helpers. Your commitment would about 1/2 hour per day for 1 week per month and could be done from your home. If you are interested please call 781-272-3111.*

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AT OUR HOSPICE HOUSE

Sawtelle Family Hospice House provides compassionate care and support in a warm, comfortable residential setting for individuals at the end of life. Volunteers play an invaluable role by assisting our staff and offering a comforting presence to patients and their families during a deeply meaningful time.

From the moment loved ones arrive, volunteers help create a welcoming environment by greeting visitors, offering refreshments, and providing a listening ear or friendly conversation. Behind the scenes, volunteers also support the home by baking, stocking groceries, watering plants, and helping with other tasks that make the house feel warm and inviting.

Whether offering a kind smile, a helping hand, or simply your presence, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

**Join our volunteer team and help make a difference! Please call or email Maureen Burge at (781)901-6561 or [maureen.burge@athome.bilh.org](mailto:maureen.burge@athome.bilh.org) for more information.**



## SAINT VERONICA (JULY 12)

According to legend, Veronica was the woman who took pity on Jesus as he carried his cross, wiped his face with a cloth and was left with an image of the suffering Christ. Her story was included in the Stations of the Cross in the 19th century.

St. Veronica, pray for us!



## TRUE or FALSE ?

- God's word returns to him void; empty.
- Seed that falls on good ground yields a good harvest.
- The sufferings of the present are as nothing compared to our future glory.
- Creation was made subject to futility.
- We do not care about the redemption of our bodies.
- Jesus walked along by the lakeshore.
- He spoke to the people in parables.
- He told a parable about a farmer sowing seed.
- None of the seed was any good.
- Some of the seed failed to flourish.

ANSWERS: 1 false, 2 true, 3 true, 4 true, 5 false, 6 false, 7 true, 8 true, 9 false, 10 true.

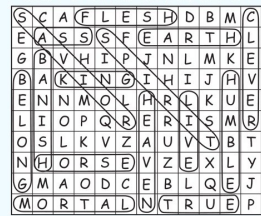
## CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

### CLUES ACROSS

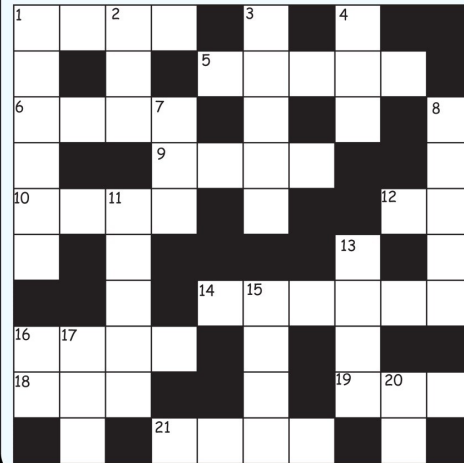
- Carries people across water
- It is ground into flour
- Ceased to live
- Not close, distant; far
- Not hard
- A refusal
- A reward; also a ship famous for mutiny
- Care, notice. Take
- The finish
- are you?
- It is sown

Last week's wordsearch



### CLUES DOWN

- Our physical parts
- Consumed food
- Made from flour
- Disobedience to God
- Follows night
- Intense pain
- Put into the soil
- White, cold, falls from the sky
- One time only
- Same as 18 across
- Masculine of she



## PICTURE PUZZLE

THE READING: MT 13, 1-23 or 13, 1-9

CAN YOU FIND THESE HIDDEN ITEMS?



Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

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| <b>Rev. Paul Sullivan</b>       | <b>Weekend Assistant</b>   |
| <b>Rev. John Rowan</b>          | <b>Weekend Assistant</b>   |
| <b>James Silva</b>              | <b>Seminary Student</b>    |
| <b>Father Stanislaus Ogu</b>    | <b>Priest in Residence</b> |

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
(CONFESSIONS)**

Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

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Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

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