



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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Gospel Meditation A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 16, 2023: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2023 SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow." (Mt 13:3)

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We are pleased to introduce our new Parochial Vicar Fr. Timothy Dogo!

Father Tim was born in 1968 and ordained a priest in Nigeria for the Diocese of Kafanchan. He has served

in several parishes both as a pastor and as a parochial vicar. He was the rector of Christ the King Preparatory Seminary, and most recently the rector of the major seminary of the diocese, where he became rector in 2015. He comes to us after serving two years at St. Anne Roman Catholic Parish in Gilbert, AZ.

- Father John Muir ©LPi

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St. Gabriel Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection and FaithDirect E-Giving reported once a month.

Thank you for your ongoing support of *St. Gabriel.*

Regular Mass Times

Mon - Sat | 8:15 am In Chapel Saturday | 4:30 pm In Church

Rosary and Divine Chaplet prior to Daily Mass at 7:30 am Sunday 7:00 am 8:30 am

10:30 am

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Reconciliation in Church

Tuesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 pm Saturdays | 9:00 - 10:00 am & 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Adoration in Chapel Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Benediction at 7:45 pm

Communion to the Homebound:

Please notify the office with the name and contact information of the individual requesting communion.

Infant Baptism: Parents need to register at the parish and attend a baptismal preparation class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please contact the office.

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New Parishioners Welcome! *Register online at stgacc.org or at the parish office.*

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, July 17 Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am

Tuesday, July 18 Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am Adoration | Chapel | 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (Benediction at 7:45 pm) Confession | Church | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, July 19 Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am | ACS K-8 students in attendance Adoration | Chapel | 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (Benediction at 7:45 pm) St. Vincent de Paul | St. Gabriel Room | 3:30 pm

Thursday, July 20 Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am K of C - 4th Degree Meeting | Mary, Mother of God Room | 6:00 pm K of C - General Council Meeting | Mary, Mother of God Room | 7:00 pm

Friday, July 21 Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am

Saturday, July 22 Feast Day of Mary Magdalene Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am Confession | Church | 9:00 - 10:00 am Confession | Church | 3:00 - 4:00 pm Vigil Mass | Church | 4:30 pm

Sunday, July 23 Mass | Church | 7:00 am | 8:30 am | 10:30 am



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 16
7:00 am ● Parishioners
8:30 am ♥ Carmelo DiPasquale by Stella DiPasquale
10:30 am ♥ Matthew & Lucy Trybuskiewicz by Barbara & Joseph Wiechec

Monday, July 17 8:15 am ♥ Jim Keane by Sue & Dean Pierce

Tuesday, July 18 8:15 am ♥ Mary Sue Boerner by Mary Helen Sotelo

Wednesday, July 19 8:15 am ✤ Paul Rubi by David Rubi

Thursday, July 20 8:15 am ♥ Franciszek Gzyra by Daughter

Friday, July 21 8:15 am ♥ Carmen Ulibarri by Renee Shamrock

Saturday, July 22 8:15 am ♥ Charles Connett by Stella DiPasquale 4:30 pm ♥ Christian Arboleda by Vanessa



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

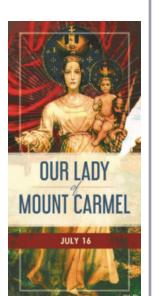
Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it's all about the soil*.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

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Do you love your Faith and desire to share that love with the youngest in the Kingdom? We invite you to attend formation and become a catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!

CGS Catechist Formation begins in August 2023 (CGS Level One: 3-6 year olds)



Please contact the Child Faith Formation Coordinator, Kira Mello for further information at *childfaith@stgacc.org* | #480-595-0883, ex: 8220

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Why Use Incense?

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi



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MISSION STATEMENT

Within our strong Catholic community, we develop children to their fullest God-given potential – spiritually, intellectually, morally, socially, and physically.



ACS Alumni Bring the Fun while Serving at Camp Invention

Seventy-nine curious kids entering grades K-6 attended the annual Camp Invention on June 19 through June 23, 2023. The camp is a confidence-boosting STEM summer camp where kids build creative inventions and lasting friendships. The program was led by Mrs. Jennie Cullen who teaches religious education in the middle school here at ACS, along with a team of qualified teachers, which included Mrs. Maryann Miley (Kindergarten teacher), Mrs. Ribadeneira (Spanish teacher), Mrs. Christina Shen (7th grade teacher), and Elijah Morford (IT).

In addition to this dynamite team of educators, a few ACS alumni from the Class of 2021 returned as team leaders to assist with clean-up and oversight of the participants. Having the alumni back on campus with their desire to serve as team leaders allowed them to not only fulfill their high school service requirement, but is a testimony to their Catholic education that encouraged service while they attended ACS.

Now entering their junior year at Notre Dame Preparatory, which is one of five Catholic high schools our graduates attend, the alumni from the Class of 2021 are beginning to think about where they will attend college. With a desire to become a doctor, Emma Wicker is considering colleges in and out of Arizona as options for her undergraduate degree.

Catholic education at ACS includes teaching students how to serve others and becomes a requirement at all Catholic high schools in order to develop well-rounded individuals. The hope for educators is that the desire to serve continues on into their adult lives. Our alumni are successfully furthering their education beyond high school and soon will become strong Catholic leaders in many industries after high school and college graduation. We are proud of all of our alumni and are very thankful to our generous donors who provide financial support to help us fulfil our mission.



Emma Wicker and Nathan Schlarb (Class of 2021)



Ashley Kohls (Class of 2024), Faith Cunningham and Charlotte Wicker (Class of 2023), and a Junior student volunteer from Notre Dame Prep.

