

ST. D PRAYER LIST:

Coronavirus Pandemic, World Peace, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Kyle Logsdon, Melvin Graves, Ralph Blandford, Katie Haydon, Edwin Thompson, Jane Rudd Volz, Dennis Newton, Lucille Spalding, Marcie Abell, Mary Devine, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Frank Peters, Lisa Hill (of Loretto), John Arnold, Corbin Noel, Geraldine Spalding, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.

Tithing Contributions for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$25,551.02

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Weekend Masses: Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of the two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Please state your mass preference, along with the names of the people in your household that will be attending. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons. Peace to you all!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (July 13-19)

Monday – Friday: NO MASS

Saturday 8:30 AM: Edgar, Teresa & Terry Mattingly

4:30 PM: Maurice Begley

Sunday 8:30 AM: Stephen Downs

10:30 AM: Foster Smith, Boyce Carter

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): For the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors:

(Monday – Friday) No Lectors Needed

(Sat.) Julee Jones

Weekend Liturgical Roles for July were sent via email.

A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path . . .
some fell on rocky ground.
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.
. . . But some fell on rich soil,
and produced fruit.

MATTHEW 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8



NATURE'S BEAUTY

Our responsorial psalm today is a beautiful song of the joy of the Earth, putting forth its bounty and rejoicing in its fruitfulness. We are filled with joy when we see images of the earth blooming. So many people describe their experience of God's presence in their appreciation of nature's beauty. This alone is good reason to protect the beauty and wholeness of nature. "You have visited the land and watered it, / greatly have you enriched it. / God's watercourses are filled; / you have prepared the grain" (Psalm 65:10). Sadly, we do many things to destroy nature, even though it belongs ultimately to God and to all people: "[A]ll creation is groaning in labor pains even until now" (Romans 8:22).

YOU HAVE CROWNED THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY

"My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Nature and people rejoice at these words, for they not only describe the beauty and fruitfulness of nature's gifts, which "shout and sing for joy" (Psalm 65:14), but profess a profound truth. This truth is that God's word is living and effective; that is, it accomplishes what it says. When God speaks a word of comfort or correction, what is said is done in its fullness.

THE SOWER SOWS THE SEED

Haven't we all wondered sometimes which kind of ground we are as the seed falls? Do we spring up with joy, but then wither because the word has not taken root in us? Are we so tied up in worry and concern for material wellbeing that the word is choked off in us with cares? Or are we the rich soil on which the word of God falls, bearing rich fruit in our lives and making the lives of others better? We are probably all of these at one time or another in our lives. As we concern ourselves with these thoughts, we can hope that we are or are becoming the rich soil of open souls, open to God's effective word in us. If we are devoted to God, we ask God for help to be the souls who are receptive to God's word every day.

There are those who "shall indeed hear but not understand . . . look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people" (Matthew 13:14-15). They shall not be converted and healed. But those who concern themselves with the things of God "see what you see" and "hear what you hear" (Matthew 13:16) and rejoice in God's wonderful gifts on this Earth. Blessed are those who are the good soil who hear the word of God and keep it.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10-14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]

FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

JULY 12
2020

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Liturgy

First Reading Is 55:10–11

Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:10, 11, 12–13, 14

R. (Lk 8:8) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

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

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

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

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

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

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain.

They shout and sing for joy. R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading Rom 8:18–23

Brothers and sisters: 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; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Mt 13:1–23 or Mt 13:1–9

(In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

[The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.

Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But 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.”]

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LIVE TODAY

**LIVE TODAY THE WAY YOU WILL WISH YOU HAD LIVED
WHEN YOU STAND IN JUDGMENT BEFORE GOD. —ANONYMOUS**