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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel's from St. Matthew 13:1-23. Christ's description of His audience, that day in Galilee, is unfortunately as true to-day as it was then.



His message of salvation has been preached to a great part of the world's population, but the proportion of those who accept it and live up to it, is about the same today as it was then. There are millions of men and women today, in what was once Christian Europe, who are like the seed sown on the unplowed path. They refuse to accept the message, they have no thought for their future, they are content to end in the grave after their few years of misery and hardship on this planet.

There are others who see the truth and the consolation of the Christian gospel, but when it comes to making sacrifices for it, they give up. The message did not sink into their hearts and minds. They are like the seed which fell on rocky ground because the faith had no deep roots in their lives. Others again, and they are legion, are like the seed that fell among the briars and thorns. They accepted the faith and it took root in them, but later on, "the cares of the world and the delight in riches chokes the word and it proves unfruitful,"—these are our Lord's owns.

The last class of Christians, are like the seed sown on good soil. They not only accept Christ and his teaching, but they live up to it, and, come what may, they are faithful to it. These will produce fruit and will earn for themselves eternal happiness.

Each one of us can look into his own conscience today and discover to which class he or she belongs. Are some of us perhaps, like the seed that fell on the rocky ground? While Christianity makes no very difficult demand we are all for it, but when it demands mortification, the curbing of passion, real sacrifices for our neighbor, do we forget our Christian calling then and ignore its precepts? And how does our type of Christianity stand up to the temptations of the world—the desire to get all the enjoyment we can out of this life, licit or illicit, breaking God's commandments weekly or maybe daily? Are we chasing after wealth and power, using all our energies to rise in the world to be above our neighbor by fair or foul means? If the above are our aims in life, our Christianity has been or is being choked out of us.

There are millions of saints in heaven today, enjoying eternal happiness, who had some, if not all, of our present failings. We too, can be with them one day, provided we do what they did. They repented sincerely and remained God's close friends, until he called them to himself. May the merciful God give us the grace to imitate them while we yet have time.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin

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Saturday—8 a.m.

Saturday—5 p.m.

Sunday—10 a.m.

Holy Day—see bulletin

Reconciliation (Confession):

Friday & Saturday Confessions
9:00 a.m. noon

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Mon, Wed, & Fri
10 a.m.—3 p.m.

FATHER BART'S CORNER**My sisters and brothers:**

I would like to share with you this wonderful prayer used by Mother Teresa of Calcutta on a daily basis:

“Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.”



With prayers and love,
Fr. Bart, S.V.D.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, July 13

Live Stream on
our church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Tuesday, July 14

Live Stream on our
church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Wednesday, July 15

Live Stream on our
church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Thursday, July 16

Live Stream on our
church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Friday, July 17

Live Stream on our
church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

Adoration: 8:00 a.m. — noon

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Saturday, July 18

Live Stream on our
church Website
Mass: 8 a.m.

Mass: 5 p.m.

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Sunday, July 19

Live Stream on our
church Website
Mass: 10 a.m.

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Isaiah 55:10-11

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Weekly Readings

07/13— ISA 1:10-17; MAT 10:34-42,11:1

07/14— ISA 7:1-9; MAT 11:20-24

07/15—WIS 8:2-7, 16-18; MAT 5:13-19

07/16—ISA 26:7-9,12,16-19;
MAT 11:28-30

07/17—ISA 38:1-8, 21-22; MAT 12:1-8

07/18— MIC 12:1-5; MAT 12:14-21

07/19 —WIS 12:13-19; ROM 8:26-27; MAT 13:24-43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Catholic Church in USA is celebrating this **coming Tuesday a memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin.**

Who is she?

“The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf were Tortured to death by Huron and Iroquois Native American nations, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York. She was to be the first person born in North America to be beatified. Her mother was a Christian Algonquian, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Kateri lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes (missionaries), but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. She refused to marry a Mohawk man and at nineteen finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri (Catherine)

on Easter Sunday. Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, she received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God’s love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, she stole away one night and began a two hundred mile walking journey to a Christian Native American village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity and in strenuous penance. At twenty three she took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for a Native American woman, whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day and was accused of meeting a man there! Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: She did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal.

Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an “ordinary” life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. She died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980.”

Excerpted from Saint of Day, Leonard Foley, O.F.M.

She was canonized on October 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI



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