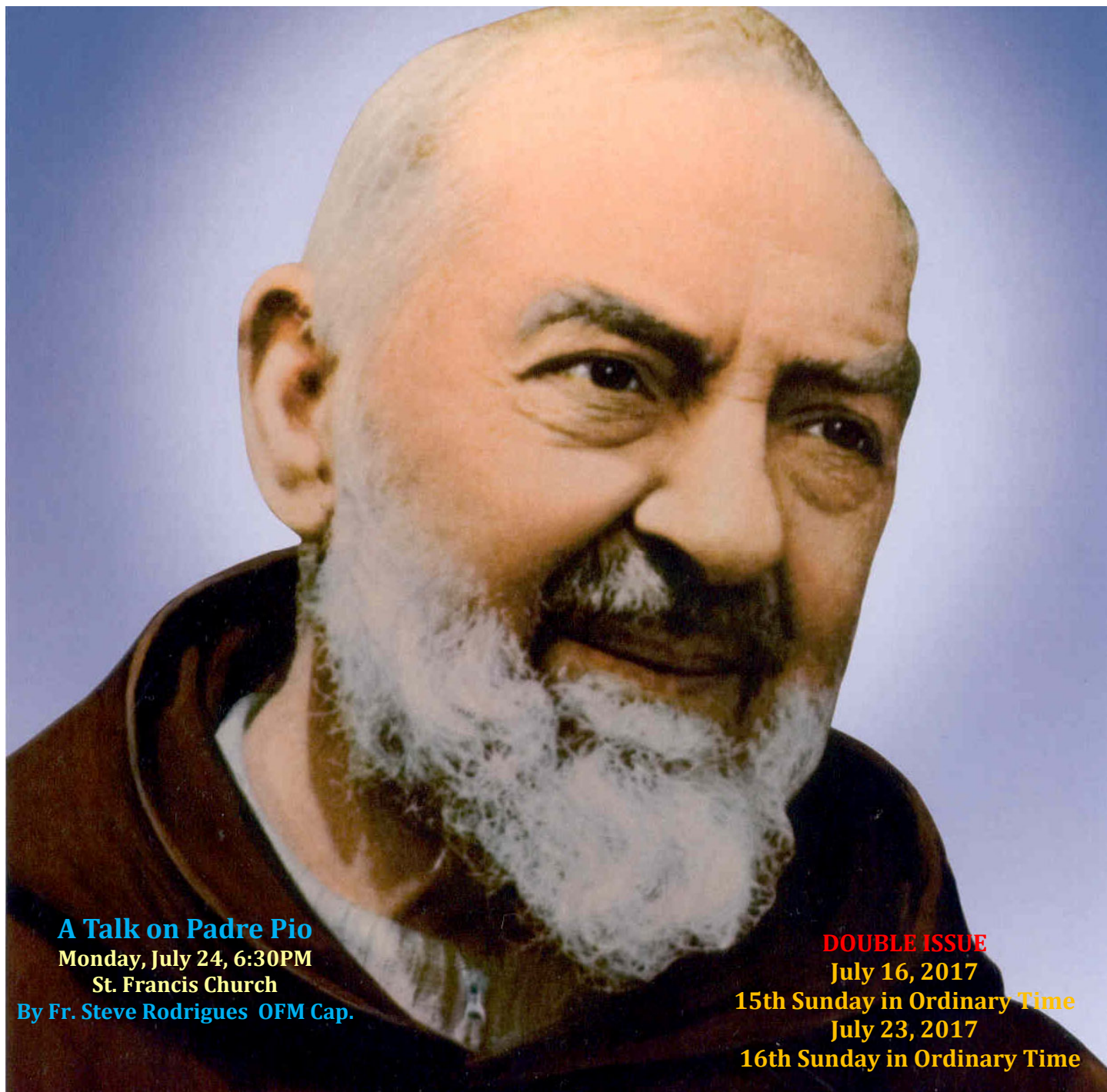




A Talk on Padre Pio
Monday, July 24, 6:30PM
St. Francis Church
By Fr. Steve Rodrigues OFM Cap.

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July 16, 2017
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Monday - 12:00 noon Ascension
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Saturday Reconciliation: 3-3:40PM
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM - Ascension
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8:00 AM - Ascension
10:30 AM - St. Francis

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MASS INTENTIONS

July 15, 2017 4:00 pm Vigil mass AOL Anabel Torres, Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Marianne Webre, Emile Spano, Vernon Speck Pfister, David Speck Pfister, Shane Pfister, M/M Frank Forte, Gloria Peltier, Alvin & BB Richard, Teresa Cushmann, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Loretta Pizzolato, Mary Soroka, Robert Schexnayder, Mercedes Mistretta, George Arceneaux, Marjorie Griffin, Dr. Percy H. LeBlanc, Lois deBessonnet, Harry Millien, Leo Poirrier, Janet Capone, Sr. Rogastine

July 16, 2017 8:00 am AOL Emile Spano, Nolan Guillot, Danny Barry, Robert Miglicco, Roland Ourso, Norbert & Laura Schexnayder, Joe & Helen Cavalier

10:30 am SFA Sherry Ourso, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Myrtle Ourso, Cory Oubre, Aimee Ourso Webb, John & Dot Richard, Gwen Boudreaux, Hilda Landaiche, Gerald Alexander, Stella Levins, Francis & Clare Dubis, Charlie Doescher, Anthony Trepagnier, Joan Repp

July 18, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano

July 19, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano

July 20, 2017 7:00 am SFA Odette H. Kastner

July 21, 2017 7:00 am Emile Spano

July 22, 2017 4:00 pm Vigil mass AOL Anabel Torres, James Schexnayder, Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Concetta Dinino, Marianne Webre, Emile Spano, Salvador & Annette Grisaffe, Eddie Esneault, Jr., Paul & Heloise Grisaffe, Amelica & Leah Gravois, Eddie & Lilly Esneault, Camille & Josephine Esneault, Leroy, Lydia & Edward LeBlanc, Alvin & BB Richard, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Louis Preacher Schexnayder, George Arceneaux, Marjorie Griffin, Lois deBessonnet, Harry Millien, Roy Latino, Marie Ninie Pizzolato, Leo Poirrier, Janet Capone, Sr. Moira Worth, Mary Soroka, Jackie Mistretta, Matthew Weil, Rachel Morris, Kent & Margaret Morris

July 23, 2017 8:00 am AOL Emile Spano, Lois Graffeo, Sam Graffeo, Irene Bergeron, Guy Bergeron, Robert Schexnayder, Danny Barry, Bobby Miglicco, Roland Ourso, Norbert & Laura Schexnayder, Bruno & Lena Spano

10:30 am SFA Sherry L. Ourso, Kathleen Gomez Garrene, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Myrtle Ourso, Cory Oubre, Hilda Landaiche, Joseph Grezaffi, Johnny Bourgeois, Gerald Alexander, Stella Levins, Joan Repp, Mercedes Mistretta, Aimee Ourso Webb, John & Dot Richard, Gwen Boudreaux, M/M Lynn Simoneaux, Lynn Simoneaux, Jr., Stanley Simoneaux, Anthony Trepagnier

July 25, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano, Gerald Alexander

July 26, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano, Virges LeBlanc

July 27, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano, Virges LeBlanc

July 28, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano

July 29, 2017 4:00 pm Vigil mass SFA Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Leo & Martha Poirrier, Marianne Webre, Cedric Usey, Emile Spano, Alvin & BB Richard, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Robert Schexnayder, Anabel Torres, Mercedes Mistretta, George Arceneaux, Teddy LeBoeuf, Marjorie Griffin, Roy Latino, Lois deBessonnet, Leo Poirrier, Janet Capone, M/M Wyaye Lee, Mary Soroka, Virges LeBlanc, Matthew Weil

July 30, 2017 8:00 am SFA James Schexnayder, Emile Spano, Danny Barry, Bobby Miglicco, Roland Ourso, Norbert & Laura Schexnayder, Joe & Helen Cavalier, Helen Michel, Kay H. LeBlanc, Vernon Coon Schexnayder

August 1, 2017 7:00 am SFA Jordan Brignac fly, Chris Matassa, Emile Spano

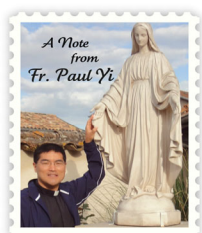
August 2, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano, Virges LeBlanc

August 3, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano, Virges LeBlanc

August 4, 2017 7:00 am SFA Emile Spano

Liturgical Minister Schedule for July 15-30, 2017

July 15, 2017 4:00 pm vigil mass	S. Mitchell L M. Turner C	E. Abadie B1 J. Abadie B2 N. Mitchell B3	G. Robert W S. Bessonnet W	Lemann
July 16, 2017 8:00 am AOL	S. Sotile C J. Mistretta L	C. Savoia B1 J. Savoia B2 B. Arboneaux B3	T. Ewen W M. Thibodeaux W	T. Thibodeaux
10:30 am SFA	S. Jumonville L P. Jarreau C	R. Bouchereau W A. Capone W	J. Maher B C. LeBlanc B	T. Bourg W. Bellina
July 22, 2017 4:00 pm vigil mass AOL	P. Guillot L B. LeBlanc C	D. Weil B1 G. Mistretta B2 J. Templet B3	T. LeBlanc W L. Shaheen W	C. Mistretta B. Gautreaux
July 23, 2017 8:00 am AOL	B. Landry L K. Brown C	M. Lemann B1 T. Brown B2 K. Landry B3	H. Michel W H. Poirier W	J. Laiche M/T Landry
10:30 am SFA	K. LeBlanc C D. Zeringue L	B. Oubre W L. Zeringue W	R. Medine B R. Acosta B	Denham E. Lemann
July 29, 2017 4:00 pm vigil mass SFA	E. Abadie L F. Aucoin C	J. Abadie B1 E. Burns B2 S. Bessonnet B3	J. Marchand W J. Burns W	A. Landry J. Landry
July 30, 2017 8:00 am SFA	L. Boudreaux L B. Boudreaux C	J. Hidalgo B1 D. Sagona B2 M. Bergeron B3	G. Landry W G. Landry W	A. Charlet
10:30 am SFA	B. Bonadona L S. Theriot C	A. Chiquet B A. Capone B	S. Bourg W L. Pfister W	G. Diez Schexnayder



What are the Obstacles Between Us and Christ?

By Randy Hain, "Journey to Heaven: A Road Map for Catholic Men"

Isn't it tough to go it alone? Seriously, how effective are we if we only rely on ourselves for the answers?

I recall a conversation with a Catholic friend over lunch some time ago about the obstacles between men and Christ. After the usual story swapping and a discussion about bad cultural influences, my friend left the table saying, "I need to get back to the office. Next time we get together we should brainstorm a handy checklist for Catholic men so we won't forget what we are supposed to be doing!" The conversation stuck with me and the checklist idea eventually became this chapter. As I pondered the obstacles keeping me from Christ, and those shared by other Catholic men I have encountered over the years since my conversion into the Church, it was very convicting and challenging as I was reminded of where I continually fall short. Yet, reflecting on this list has also inspired me and I try to reflect on how to overcome these obstacles during my daily prayer time. I have a long way to go, but I believe that greater awareness of these obstacles and a determined focus on overcoming them will bring me closer to Christ and my desire to attain heaven.

Before I share some of the common obstacles between us and Christ, let's consider what we know for certain. We have a goal (to get to heaven and to avoid hell), a road map (Scripture and Tradition), examples to follow (the saints, particularly St. Joseph), leadership (the pope, bishops, priests, and deacons), clear teaching authority (the magisterium of the Church), help along the way (the sacraments) and divine guidance (the Holy Spirit). It is clear that we are well equipped and have the tools and resources we need, but are we willing to make the necessary changes?

PRIDE We have to surrender on an ongoing basis to Christ for His will to be done in our lives. He is not looking for a copilot. He is the pilot. Guys, we simply have to recognize that we are not in charge—as much as we want to be! The next chapter deals with pride and surrender in greater detail.

WE DON'T FULLY APPRECIATE THE EUCHARIST All of us have an opportunity every single day to have the most personal relationship possible with Christ by partaking of the Eucharist during Mass, yet we may not truly understand or appreciate this great gift He has given us. Many parishes offer Eucharistic Adoration, which provides an opportunity to kneel and pray before the True Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We will never know Him if we don't spend time with Him.

LACK OF A PRAYER LIFE

We can't have a relationship with Jesus if we never talk to Him. Work on developing a daily prayer routine with the goal of at least an hour a day devoted to prayer. Sound difficult? Think about how much TV we watch a day.

Consider how much time we spend in our cars each day and how much time we devote to exercise. We have more than enough time for prayer if we plan for it, schedule it, and commit to it. Pray the Morning Offering or other prayers before you leave home (ten minutes), five decades of the Rosary in your car or while exercising (twenty minutes), the Daily Jesuit Examen (fifteen minutes), Grace with all meals (five minutes), and with your children and spouse (ten minutes). Add it up, and we just did an hour of prayer.

MISUNDERSTANDING OUR TRUE VOCATION

For those of us blessed to be married and have children, we must recognize that helping our families get to heaven and being good husbands and fathers (and not our business careers) is our real vocation. It is so easy to allow our family to serve our work (my issue many years ago) instead of having our work serve our family, and, in turn, our family to serve the Lord.

LACK OF COURAGE If we don't acknowledge Christ, defend Him in public, and tell others about Him, we will find it challenging to be close to Him. Christians are meant to stand out, not blend in. We live in difficult, trying times. Families are under attack, our children are at risk, many people are blind to the need to respect and value all life, and atheists are one of the fastest growing groups in the world. We have an opportunity to be beacons of light and good examples of Christ's redeeming love. We will be judged one day on the fruits of our apostolate, and hope one day to hear Jesus say the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

LACK OF DETACHMENT

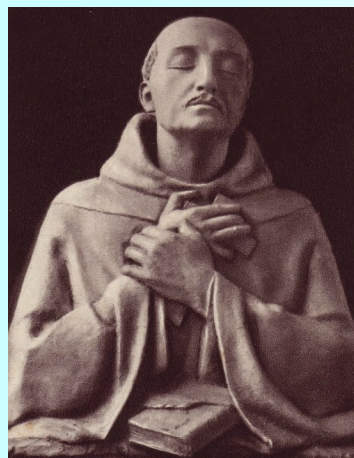
Guys, let's ask ourselves if we need "it," whatever "it" is. Does "my team" losing a game ruin my day? Do I treat playing golf, going to the gym, detailing my car as though they were more important than my family or my relationship with God who loves and created me and who is my ultimate end? If I already have a 50-inch flat screen TV, do I really need a 60-inch? If I already have a \$40,000 car, do I really need a \$50,000 car? Am I "majoring in the minors"? Let go of the things that are in the way of our prayer lives, Mass attendance, charitable giving, volunteering, time with our families, and certainly our relationships with Christ. "An effective detachment from everything we have and are is necessary if we are to follow Jesus, if we are to open our hearts to our Lord, who is passing by and calls out to us. On the other hand, attachment to earthly things closes our doors to Christ and closes the doors to love and to any possibility of understanding what is most essential in our lives" (Francis Fernandez, In Conversation with God, 7-volume set, Scepter Pubs, 1993). Healthy detachment includes letting go of the opinions of others and doing what we know to be right in the face of criticism and judgment from our peers.

PORNOGRAPHY

Men have to guard against the increasing danger and addictive allure of pornography. What may start out as the "lust of the eyes" may turn to more dangerous forms of this epidemic. This sinful and harmful addiction is increasingly separating our men from the love of Christ. "Deep within yourself, listen to your conscience which calls you to be pure ...a home is not warmed by the fire of pleasure which burns quickly like a pile of withered grass. Passing encounters are only a caricature of love; they injure hearts and mock God's plan" (St. Pope John Paul II).



VBS begins this Monday, July 17th at the St. Francis church hall. Any student who volunteered to work, please report to the St. Francis hall at 9:00 am for a short meeting. All parents: drop off at 9:30 am and pick up at 12:00 noon.



St. John of the Cross and Mother Mercy: Gentle Guide in the Dark Night
A Talk by Fr. Paul Yi
Sunday, July 16, 2017
6PM
Ascension Activity Center

Come learn about how your trials and difficulties in life have a meaning, that it is precisely during those experiences you encounter

God and outpouring of His love. St. John of the Cross will help us point out the signs of God's presence even in our most dark times of our lives.

Pew and Flooring Fundraiser for AOL

There will be an organizational meeting for the Ascension Church fundraiser for the pews and floors on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to



help, but cannot make this meeting, please contact Marvin Gros at 225-717-3280 or call the church office at 225-473-3176.

The fundraiser is scheduled for October 28, 2017 at Ascension Catholic High school gym.

When are we moving our masses to St. Francis for Pew and Flooring Project?

Starting Saturday, July 29, 4PM Vigil, all the masses will be held at St. Francis Church until our pew project is completed at the end of September. We will most likely resume celebrating mass at Ascension Church on Saturday, **Oct. 1**

Sheriff officers will be directing traffic on Highway 1 at all masses: 4PM (Saturday), 8AM (Sunday), 10:30AM (Sunday)



Ascension Catholic Open House

Open House for Pre K 3 and 4 and for Kindergarten will be on **August 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Primary School.**

First day of school will be **Wednesday, August 3, 2017**

Welcome to Online Giving Website for Ascension of Our Lord

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HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

Go to www.donaldsonvillecatholics.com

1. Click the link to either Online Giving for Ascension Church or Online Giving for St. Francis Church
2. Sign up for a New Account
3. Set up My Payment Method
4. Click Give a New Gift

Will you spend an hour with Jesus?

Please contact Brenda Richard if you are interested in spending an hour at the Adoration Chapel. Brenda @ 717-0466.



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD/ ST FRANCIS

Prayer Line

Please pray for the sick of our parish: *Carey Andermann, Will Ray Berot, Allen Bellina, Cynthia Blanchard, Maryella Bradford, the family of Cade Michael Brown, Russell Bujol, Brent Burgess, Yvonne Caballero, Martin Cancienne, Janet Capone, John Capone, Margaret Carbo, Charles Cassard, Calvin & Frankie Casteigne, Joseph Cavalier, Meggie Clifton, Alton Daigle, Beth Daigle, David Daigle, Sr., Penny Dearman, Lois De Bessonnet, Betty Defiore, Andy Diez, Chasely Diez, Bobby Esneault, Barbara Ghiradi, Harvey Giroir, Roberta Giroir, Debbie Gomez, the fly of Courtney Guidry, Landry Guillot, Tommy Guillot, Carol Hernandez, Heath Hernandez, Natalie Hill, Tommy Hood, Jr., Brenda Landry, Diana Landry, Kathleen Landry, Amelia Lanoix, Brooks Ory LeBlanc, Jessica Madere, Chris Martinez, Jennifer Martinez, Joe Matassa, Kayla McLaughlin, Tripp Miglicco, Rosalie Mistretta, Bishop Robert Muench, Natalie, Aline Doll Oschwald, Mabel Ourso, Nicole Owers, Betty & Nolan Poirrier, Frances Poirrier, Hazel Poirrier, Edie Rodrigue, Lorraine & Phillip Rodrigue, Dennis Rome, Phil Rome, Ronnie Rome, Jr., Eula Rugreiro, Annie LeBlanc Russo, Maria Russo, Brandy & Brenda Sanchez, Jackie Schexnayder, George Shaheen, Cliff Sherman, Earline Simoneau, Sue Solar, Lucy Belle Sotile, Bonnie Templet, Brandt Theriot, Allie Zeringue*

If you have family or friends who need prayer, please call Sandra Mistretta at 473-4341 or Becky Bellina at 473-6654 or 717-1734. Please also call when you would like their name taken off of the prayer line.

Bingo!

SFA Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Stewardship of your Finances

Ascension of Our Lord

July 1-2, 2017
Church Support \$ 4,236.75
Maintenance \$ 1,790.00

June Online giving
Church Support \$ 4,426.00
Maintenance \$ 2,035.00

July 8-9, 2017
Church Support \$4,236.75
Maintenance 1,790.00

St. Francis of Assisi

July 2, 2017
Church Support \$ 2,261.00
Maintenance \$ 388.00

June Online giving
Church Support \$1,748.00
Maintenance \$ 179.00

July 9, 2017
Church Support \$1,671.25
Maintenance \$ 733.00

First Eucharist and First Reconciliation

Registration

Registration for First Eucharist will be on Sunday September 10, 2017 at Ascension of Our Lord Activity center at 6:00

pm. At least one parent must attend the meeting. Any children who were not baptized at Ascension or St. Francis, please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

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

Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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