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Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30 PM Congregational Singing

Sunday Masses:
7:30 AM
9:00 AM Congregational Singing
11:00 AM Cathedral Choir
5:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble

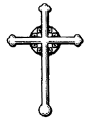
Daily Masses:
7:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturday 4:00 PM-5:15 PM
Other times by appointment.



JULY 16, 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 7:30am & 5:30pm

- 17 Edward Jones, dec
Rosemary Van Engel, dec
- 18 Jackie Bernards
Virginia H. Chiles, dec
- 19 Holy Souls in Purgatory
Kathleen Taylor, dec
- 20 James Chasse, dec
Frances Nichols Swigert, dec
- 21 Robert Brady, dec
Lois Lucey, dec
- 22 Blanchet House



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

I am on vacation and will be back in the office on July 25th. In the meanwhile, here are some reflections on today's Gospel, the "sower and the seed."

Matthew tells us that Jesus spoke in parables—stories that contain more than meets the eye. Today's parable is the sower and the seed. We usually focus on the "seed" and "the ground" when we talk about this parable, but let's look first at the sower. We can picture in our minds a man taking a handful of seeds from a sack over his shoulder and spreading seeds in every direction. What's interesting about this sower is that he casts seeds with abandon, on the path, among the rocks, over the thorns, and in the field itself. This is "the prodigal" sower who sows seed generously and abundantly—almost recklessly, without any concern for the cost or whether the seed will take root.

The sower, of course, is God. The seed represents God's graciousness and love, given to all—and not just a little, but extravagantly. To the good and the bad. Without any expectation of return. "If you love those who love you, what good is that? Do not the pagans do the same?"

That's the sower. So what about the seed? Matthew tells us first that some seed fell upon the path, and birds came and ate it up. This is the person who hears the word but does not understand it. Such an experience is becoming more and more common in our secularized society. The word is preached, but we don't know the language, the concepts, the history, the traditions. That is the seed that falls on the hard path.

Second, the seed falls on rocky ground. This is the person who hears the word, receives it at first with joy, but then falls away because the word does not take root. This is a common experience. For example, we go on retreat, and we are filled with the Spirit. Then we come home, and we experience the usual difficulties in life. Our joy and enthusiasm quickly wane. The word never took root—like the seed on rocky ground.

Third, the seed falls among thorns. This is the person who hears the word, but then is overcome by needless worry or the temptations of this world. These choke the word, and the seed does not bear fruit. In our weakness, we are tempted by many things: power and money and pleasure and fame. All of these choke the word—like seed sown among thorns.

Finally, there is the good soil, where the seed is planted, grows, and produces a hundred-fold. Did you find yourself in this parable? I think all of us can find ourselves in each example: the hard soil, the rocky soil, the thorny soil, and the good soil. May God give us the grace to produce good fruit: hearing the Word, and keeping it.

Msgr. Patrick S. Brennan

Week of July 16

Wednesday: Adult Small Faith Group 7:30pm

Financial Report for July 9

Regular Households: 800 Envelopes used: 168
E-Giving: 40

	<u>Actual</u>
Sunday Envelope:	\$10,921
E-Giving:	\$ 2,005
<u>Loose Collection:</u>	<u>\$ 3,404</u>
TOTAL PARISH:	\$16,330

Social Services: \$20	School: \$210
Sun. School of Rel.: \$6	Adult Faith Form: \$5
Peter's Pence: \$3,399	

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CELEBRATIONS IN OUR PARISH THIS PAST WEEK

Baptism:

Mary Joan Gassert

Wedding:

Patrick Hashiguchi & Taylor Rowland

WELCOME!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting St. Mary's Cathedral. Whether you are from a nearby parish, a traveler from out of state, or not a Catholic, we are pleased to have you celebrate with us.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

At Cathedral School academic excellence meets Catholic tradition. Cathedral is accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association, and has been named an Apple Distinguished School. We are currently accepting applications for all grades for the 2017-2018 school year. For additional information or to schedule a tour please call (shatley@cathedral-or.org)

WORSHIP ✱ PRAYER ✱ FAITH FORMATION

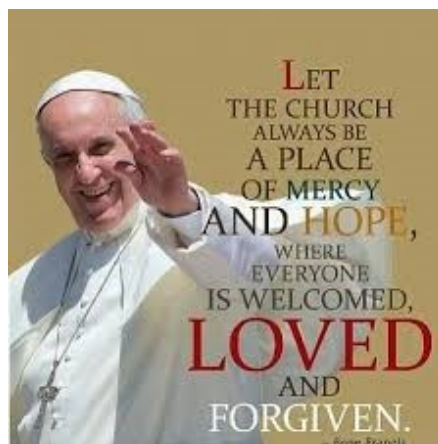
Feast of St. James: We will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. James on Tuesday, July 25 at the 5:30pm Mass. All are welcome, especially those who have walked, or are planning to walk the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), the ancient 500 mile pilgrimage from the French Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela in the NW corner of Spain.

Adult Small Community Faith Group: You are invited to join our ministry. Make friends and share faith through scripture study on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30 pm in St. Joseph Hall. Pray, socialize and discuss a faith based book.

Baptismal Preparation for Parents of Infants: There will be no Preparation class in July or August. The next session will be Thursday, September 21 at 7pm in the Upper Cathedral Center. Enter from 17th Street.



Parish Picnic! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27, after the 11am Mass in the courtyard. The picnic will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Young Adult Ministry for the entire parish to enjoy. Free to all!



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 23
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19;
Romans 8:26-27;
Matthew 13:24-43

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Traveling this Summer? Please save your complimentary hotel bath items for those in need. Please drop them off at the parish office when you return rested and relaxed from your vacation.



St. André Bessette Hospitality: Six days a week St. André's welcomes our poor and homeless neighbors. We offer compassionate hospitality and basic services (food, clothing and other essentials) to more than 500 guests a week. Volunteers are essential to our work, with shifts on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Monday through Thursday mornings. If you would like to volunteer (individuals or groups welcome) or get more information, please call 503.228.0746 X119 or go to volunteer@saintandrewchurch.org.

A Note of Caution: Please do not leave anything of value visible in your car while attending Mass.

Financial Report for July 2

Regular Households: 800	Envelopes used: 77		
	E-Giving: 45		
	Actual	Budget	%Difference
Sunday Envelope:	\$ 8,903		
E-Giving:	\$ 2,920		
Loose Collection:	\$ 2,918		
TOTAL PARISH:	\$14,741	\$16,394	-10%
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$14,741	\$16,394	-10%
Social Services: \$630	School: \$1,263		
Sunday School of Rel.: \$5			

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS - JUL 22 & 23

Presiders:

Vigil	Fr. Jon Buffington	11:00	Fr. Timothy Furlow
7:30	Fr. Timothy Furlow		
9:00	Fr. Timothy Furlow	5:30	Fr. Jon Buffington

Lectors:

Vigil	Thomas Mannix, Suzie Santilli
7:30	Jim Peck
9:00	XXX, Greg Carich
11:00	Anne Yoo, John Pigott
5:30	Frank Normandin, Michele Mariana

Greeters & Ushers:

Vigil	Ed Geisler
9:00	Sara Carlson
11:00	Thomas Brook, Kara Kristiansen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Vigil	Betty Donnelly, Henry Arriaga, XXX XXX, Barbara Brainard
7:30	Jim Peck, Jim Larkins, Mary White
9:00	Mike McKelligon, Anna Graham, Patsy McKelligon Eileen Boyd, Sally Doerfler, John Doerfler
11:00	Dohky J-Karchaei, Sue O'Donnell, Sandy Simmons Mary Ganji, XXX, XXX, Joan Townsend
5:30	Amy Brown, Barbara Brown, Kelsey McGinnis Dorene Kemp, Jim Peck, XXX

Altar Servers:

Vigil	Carter O'Sullivan, Clare O'Sullivan, XXX XXX, XXX
7:30	Claudie Mutati, Abby Graham, XXX
9:00	Rohan Gutbezahl, XXX, XXX
11:00	XXX, XXX, XXX
5:30	XXX, XXX, XXX

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