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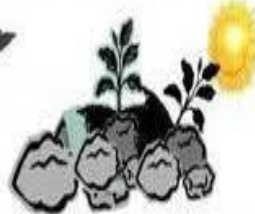
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15th Ordinary Sunday - July 12, 2020

Parable of the Sower Faith Types



Faith Blinders	Faith Rocky	Faith Rebel	Remaining Faith
Value of God's Message not understood, and is disregarded.	Contentment in surface faith in God, skips dedication to depth needed to stand firm.	Destructively allows worldly priorities to compete with faith in God as primary.	Enduring faith in Jesus, fruitfully understands and practices God's Word.

Welcome Back!

We are happy to have you with us.

The parishioners are strongly advised to attend their own Parish due to the seating capacity of the Church.

You can reach the Office by Phone only

Tuesday to Thursday - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Thank you!

Parish Priest :

Rev. Father Arulkumar

D. O. S : **Ethel Fraser**
Whitefish Lake First Nation

Parish Secretary :

Faye Wafer

Office Hours :

Tuesday to Friday
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses :

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday : 4:30 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish

Sunday : 9:00 AM

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff

Sunday : 11:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff

Friday : 9:00 AM to 9:15 AM

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday : 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish

Sunday : 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM

Baptism :

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
Please make arrangements one month in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages :

Please make marriage arrangements 9 months in advance by contacting the Parish office. Saturday weddings are scheduled at 1:00 PM.

Other Sacraments :

Contact Parish Office

Bulletin Announcements :

Email yours to

ststans@eastlink.ca

Before 12:00 PM Wednesday

Prayer line :

St. Stanislaus : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207
or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596

St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
or Denise Stewart 705-6924883

St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre
705-866-2235

Mission Statement :

By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and a joyous family of God.



Tuesday, July 14

09:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, July 15

09:30 AM Mass

† Theresa Seguin By Naykalyk Family

Thursday, July 16

09:30 A:M Mass

Friday, July 17

09:30 AM Mass

† Elena Calvano By Anne Schijns

16th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, July 18

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Carol Fink By Stewart Family

Sunday, July 19

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Ray Bennett By John & Frances Chenard

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
For the People entrusted to the Pastor

The Rosary is recited before
Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests
is held each Tuesday at 9:15 AM
at St. Christopher's Church, Whitefish.

A Prayer Line is available for parishioners.
Anyone wishing to pray for a
special Intention, for someone who is ill,
having surgery, for the deceased, or
any other intention may contact
the Prayer Line.

Mass Intentions

Offering Masses is a long standing
tradition in the Catholic Church.

An Individual may ask a priest to offer a
Mass for several reasons.

For example, in Thanksgiving, for the
intentions of another person (such as on a
Birthday or an Anniversary), for someone
who is sick or for the repose of the soul of
someone who has died.

Call the Parish Office: 705-682-4683

15th Ordinary Sunday
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 65
The seed that fell on good soil
produced a hundredfold.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: July 13 to July 19, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 1:10-17	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Isaiah 7:1-9	Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16	Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	Matthew 11:28-30
Friday	Isaiah 38:1-8, 21-22	Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	Micah 2:1-5	Matthew 12:14-21
Sunday	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27	Matthew 13:24-43

What to do with the seed? (Matthew 13:1-23) - By Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino

St. Francis of Assisi was leading a prosperous life as a cloth merchant in the Province of Umbria, Italy. As a young man, he loved every sort of pleasure. At one moment of his life, *he decided to radically change his way of life. He wanted to focus on serving God and only serving God.* He gave up his possessions and his future as a merchant and embraced poverty. *He begged for food in his native Assisi and spent his days in prayer.*

Francis attracted a few like-minded companions who joined him in courting what he called Lady Poverty. **One day Francis went to pray at a rundown old chapel** just outside of the city, the chapel of San Damiano. **As he was praying before the icon of the crucified Jesus, he heard a voice calling to him three times: 'Francis, rebuild my Church. Francis, rebuild my Church. Francis, rebuild my Church'.** Initially, Francis thought that he and his friends should rebuild the chapel of San Damiano, but as time went on, **he realized that he was being called to rebuild Christ's Church on earth.**

The message that St. Francis heard is as relevant now as it ever was, **'Rebuild my Church'.** **The message is addressed to us. Can we do this?** Can we build the Kingdom of God on earth? Building God's Kingdom is nothing but doing His will.

St. Paul says in the second reading from the *Letter to the Romans*, that we groan within ourselves with *the desire to have God in our lives and with the desire to make God real in the lives of others.* Everyone who is serious about her or his Christianity longs to give birth to the Kingdom. St. Paul uses the image of labor pains. A woman in labor experiences her whole being concentrated on giving birth. Our whole being focuses on giving birth, birth to the Kingdom. And so, we groan from our inner depths. **We want to make God's Kingdom a reality in the world.**

We long to make His Kingdom a reality, but longing is not enough. It is not enough to come off a religious experience and say, 'I want to be an integral part of Jesus Christ's solution to the world'. It is not enough to say, 'I want to be united with Christ'. It is not enough to say, 'I want others to be united to Christ'. Rather we want to make God's Kingdom a reality in the world. But sometimes **we construct roadblocks to our embrace of the Word.** The parable in the Gospel says that sometimes the Divine Sower's **seed falls on the pathways through the fields.** There is **no union with the Word,** it is simply there and **it is lost to the birds of the sky.**

Sometimes **we refuse to make God's Word the guide of our lives.** We refuse to examine into what God is calling us to. We know we can learn about the Lord by studying the Bible, by praying over the scripture, by keeping a union with God, but sometimes we are just too lazy to pray. We don't make time for Him, the Love of our lives and then we become shocked that His Presence has been stolen from us by the birds of the air. There is a war being waged for the Kingdom of God. We need to prepare for battle. We need to pray every day in our homes as well as unite together in the Eucharist at least every week.

The parable says that **sometimes the seed falls on rocky ground.** It does not develop roots. This part of the parable really cuts us to the core, because it says that the enthusiasm for the Lord is not good enough. All those good feelings will die out with time, unless it is far more than feelings we search for.

St. Teresa of Calcutta wrote that *she felt completely dry and abandoned by Christ throughout her life, but she never stopped proclaiming Him with her life. It is not the feelings that matter. What matters are the actions* we take when we are exposed to the Word of God! **If we do not change our lives** after our continual encounters with Christ, **then our spiritual experiences are merely feelings and momentary joy.**

Sometimes **the seed falls among the thickets and thorns.** God's word takes root, **but other things take priority in our lives.** All of us have many activities and obligations. Often, we forget that our primary responsibility is to Jesus Christ. We have been given the Word. We cannot allow the concerns around us choke off his Presence within us. We cannot allow ourselves to become deaf to His Call to rebuild His Church.

Sometimes the thickets and thorns are the vices of immoral society. Drugs, alcohol, porn, other areas of immorality are all thorns that choke our grasp of the Word of God. When we fight immorality, we are not just avoiding sin, we are allowing God's Word to grow in the world.

But there are times, many times, that **God's seed falls on good soil.** There are many people who care for the Presence of the Lord, who are more concerned with His Kingdom than their own emotional feelings of His Presence. **There are many people who refuse to let anything the world throws at them destroy the mission** they have been entrusted with by the Divine Sower.

We can be these people, you and I. We can be the people who are dedicated to the Kingdom of God. **We can rebuild His Church. We need to be good soil.** We have to cultivate the Presence of the Lord in our lives, and serve God no matter whether we feel His Presence today as we did last week, last month, last year, or whenever we were given the gift of a spiritual high. **We can fight off anything that tries to destroy our determination to live in union with Jesus Christ. We can be the good soil that returns to the Lord more fruit** than we could ever imagine.

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