

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2020

Readings

First Reading: Is 55:10 - 11

Second Reading: Rom 8:18 - 23

Gospel: Mt 10:34 - 11:1

Reflection

You shall indeed hear but not understand. (Matthew 13:14)

Any parent can tell you what it's like to be heard but not understood: "In one ear and out the other" or "It's like talking to a brick wall." This is how it feels when they can't seem to connect with their children.

Jesus had a similar experience. Despite all his time teaching and performing miracles in Galilee, he had little to show for it. Of course, disciples like Peter and Mary Magdalene and the others had left everything to follow him. They were trying to listen closely and put his teachings into practice. But what about the "large crowds" that he always attracted (Matthew 13:2)? They had seen the same miracles, but many of them didn't see his compassion as something worth imitating. They had heard him talk about his Father's mercy, but many didn't seem to hear his words about loving their enemies.

Jesus' words make it clear that discipleship involves both receiving his miracles and following his teachings. It involves the excitement of experiencing his power and love, and it involves choosing to love him back by trying to become more like him. It involves making sure that our hearts are like the good soil in today's parable—listening intently and prayerfully to his words so that they can change our hearts.

Try to do just that today. Either before or after Mass, carve out fifteen minutes and focus on hearing Jesus speak to you. Find a quiet spot, choose one of the readings from today's Mass, and read it. Really read it. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you and help you understand what God is saying. When a word or phrase leaps out at you, let it sink into your heart like seed in good soil. Ask Jesus what he wants you to do about it. Then do it. Let his word bear fruit in your life.

"Thank you, Jesus, for sowing your word into my heart. Help me to nurture it so that I can become more like you."



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Felicity Bell, Jake Liebert & Sophia Shearer on receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 5th!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020

Sunday, July 12

8:30am @ St. Theresa: COMMUNION SERVICE

9am Baccalaureate Mass: Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Theresa & Our Lady of the Valley

10:30am: †Father Joseph Fraher by St. Anthony Clergy

11am @ Our Lady of the Valley: †Joe Boydston by Jerry & Donna Carpenter

5pm: Intention of Celebrant

Monday, July 13

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of Knox & McClellan Families

Tuesday, July 14

8:30am: †Gary Troxel by St. Anthony Ushers

12:15pm: †Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion by Jerry & Deb Bank

Wednesday, July 15

8:30am: †Stuart Allen Hauer by Richard Ranc

12:15pm: †Ron Spomer by Kirk & Teresa Blackford

Thursday, July 16

8:30am: †Agnes Hynes by Jerry & Deb Bank

12:15pm: †Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion

Friday, July 17

8:30am: †Gary Troxel by Bill & Phyllis McCormick

12:15pm: Chris & Trish Maslak by The Sitz Family

Saturday, July 18

8:30am: †Warren Willson by Family

5pm: †David Bank by Family

5pm at Our Lady of the Valley: Intention of Celebrant

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation continues to be by appointment only. Please call the Office, 587-3388.

Marriage: Requires six months preparation. Please call the Office.

Anointing: is available by calling the Office.

Baptism: Requires meeting with a priest. Please call the Office.

COLLECTION FROM JULY 5, 2020

Cody	\$4,376.00
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Family Fund	\$ 471.50
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Our Lady of the Valley \$ 112.00
St. Theresa \$ 540.00

Thank you to everyone who has contributed! If you are interested in tithing, there is a collection basket in the vestibule available at weekend Masses. You may also use the U.S. Mail, dropping off your donation to the Office, sign up for online giving or setting up bill pay with your financial institution. For information on online giving, please visit our website, www.stanthonycody.org.

“Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

This summer, Fr. Rick Malloy, S.J., will offer talks on Thursday nights on movies and songs that elucidate the themes of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. 7:00 PM in the church on July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6. Each talk will be 30-40 mins followed by Q&A. Zoom access will be available for those who cannot attend in person. See how we can search for and find God in all things. Grace can be discerned and learned in experiences of movies like *Gran Torino*, *Places in the Heart*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*, and in songs like "The Sounds of Silence," "Christmas in the Trenches," and "What a Wonderful World." For those wanting to participate via zoom, here's the link.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79414620018?pwd=MURmdlhPdGordFZiMktPUFU2MzZrZz09>



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

“In an ever changing world, the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God’s changeless love.” St. Mother Teresa

Please consider accepting one of the following Holy Hours: **Mondays @ 11am; Tuesdays @ 5 pm & 6pm; Thursdays @ 10am, 1pm & 2pm; Fridays @ 10am.** Also, we are in

need of subs to fill gaps. The Office will provide you with additional information, 587-3388.

If you need lawn care, consider using Chuck’s Lawn Care!! They have been providing the grounds here at St. Anthony Church with free service for many years. If you don’t need lawn care, next time you see them, tell them thanks!!!!

A FISHERMAN’S PRAYER: God grant that I may live to fish until my dying day, and when my final cast is made and life has slipped away, I pray that God’s great landing net will catch me in its sweep and in His mercy, God will judge me big enough to keep. (Author unknown)

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