

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 11/12, 2020

### **SEEDS SOWN IN GOOD SOIL**

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

MON. 13 at 7:30am:	+Repose Tony Calamo & family by Alexis de Freitas
9:00am:	+Repose Maria Aida Aguillardo by Gerlie & Christina Aguillardo
TUES. 14 at 7:30am:	+Repose Serafino Fiorvento by Rosa Cusano
9:00am:	+Repose Horst Seliger by Hildegarde Fercho
WED. 15 at 7:30am:	+Repose Prudencio Ragma by Calindas family
9:00am:	+Repose Holy Souls
THURS. 16 at 7:30am:	No Mass
9:00am:	Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel/+Cristino Maglieri by sister Pasqualina
4:30pm:	Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
7:00pm:	Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
FRI. 17 at 7:30am:	Spec. Intention Mary John by family
9:00am:	+Repose Geronima Tatal by daughter Ellen Matic
SAT. 18 at 9:00am:	Spec. Intention Carolyn & Peter Stano by Mom & Dad
4:30pm:	+Repose Alfredo & Cristina Cusano by family
6:00pm:	No Intention
SUN. 19 at 8:00am:	+Repose Giuseppe Pontillo by wife Maria Libera & family
at 9:30am:	+Repose Mariangelo Cusano by wife Pasqualina
at 11:00am:	+Repose Josefa, my Loved Ones & All Souls in Purgatory by Flory
12:30pm:	No Intention
6:00pm:	No Intention



“Our Lady of Mount Carmel” Novena Prayers continues to July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9am Mass

**The Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Eucharistic Celebration is on**

**July 16th, 9am (FULL) 4:30pm and 7pm (FULL)**

**If you haven't already registered, you MUST register to be able to attend the 4:30 pm Mass,**

**please email, phone the parish office, or sign up online –**

**<https://forms.gle/2Pt92ddPDA83QZ7DA>**

**please copy & paste the link above into your browser**

***Scapulars will be blessed & distributed.***



We are always grateful for the faithful work our **Volunteers, Sacristans and Music Ministry** do for our Parish, but particularly, now during this challenging time, we offer our heartfelt thanks. May God Bless you in hundred-fold. *Jesus Loves You.*

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PREP CO-ORDINATOR CRISTINA MIELE AND ALL THE TEACHERS AND HELPERS**

We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to our PREP students this past year especially Cristina and the Grade 2 and Grade 7 teachers for making sure the students were prepared and were able to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We thank Cristina for being PREP coordinator for the past 20+ years; her dedication & loyalty is very much appreciated and will surely be missed as she steps down from her position. We are looking for a new PREP coordinator – if you are interested please leave your name and number with parish office or see Father Steny. We thank all the teachers and helpers for this past year and hope you will continue with us again this coming year. May God Bless you for your Service. A special Thank You for Deacon Richard for assisting us.



Congratulations to *Sarah Ruggier and Stephen Ching* who were joined in Holy Matrimony. Best wishes on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together. May the Good Lord bless you and keep you.



**BAPTISMS:** Welcome to our Faith Community and congratulations to the parents and sponsors of *Claire Borgonia*.

## Parish Response to Covid 19



St. Edmund's will be collecting donations for our Parish community families who need assistance in this time of need. Our Community needs us now more than ever. It is Known as **"St. Edmund's Covid 19 Basket"**.

If you are interested in contributing to help them, you can write a cheque payable to St. Edmund's & note on it that it is for "St. Edmund's Covid 19 Basket".

You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. Thank you for your generosity – God bless you.

## Up-Coming Events

**Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Eucharistic Celebration  
@ 9am, 4:30pm & 7pm-July 16th**

**First Holy Communion: October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.30am, 2pm and 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm (School)**

**Confirmation: 26 September at 11.30am, 2pm and 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm (School)**

## Mass Wedding for Civilly Married Couples

If you were married civilly and would now like to have your marriage recognized by the Church, there will be a great opportunity to do so, this year on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Edmund's Church, North Vancouver BC. If both of you are Baptized Catholics, married only once, bring a copy of your marriage registration, a recent copy of your baptism certificate, and talk to Rev. Fr. Steny or email to him expressing your desire. To register or for more info, contact the parish office at 604 988 3211 or email [st.edmunds@shaw.ca](mailto:st.edmunds@shaw.ca).

Dear brothers and sisters, because of the greatly reduced capacity of church due to social distancing and health requirements, we need your help each Sunday to use our spaces safely and effectively... Therefore, if you have signed up for the weekend Masses, please follow these instructions:

### If you are sick and feel not safe please stay home.

1. Come 15 minutes **Early**
2. Maintain Social **Distance** (6ft.)
3. Wear your face **Mask** (Bring your own Mask)
4. Kindly **Cooperate** with the Volunteers
5. Families members that live in same household can **sit together** (consult volunteer)

### If you are planning to join weekday Masses

Please help us by following these instructions:

### If you are sick and feel not safe please stay home.

1. Come 15 minutes early
2. Must Check in at the back of the Church
3. Maintain Social Distance (6ft.)

4. Wear your face mask (Bring your own Mask)
5. Exit from the side door.
6. Washrooms available emergency only
7. Sanitize the place you were sitting before you leave the Church

Thank you for your support and cooperation. You and your family are always in our prayers.  
May God Bless you and Your family

**PARISH OFFICE SERVICES ONLY AVAILABLE BY EMAIL OR PHONE OR BY APPOINTMENT**

**Contact the office If you need any kind of help. We are here to assist you.**

## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY – (ANTICIPATED MASS) 4:30PM/6:00PM**

**SUNDAY – 8:00AM/9:30AM/11:00AM/12:30PM & 6:00PM**

**FOR INFORMATION - PHONE 604-988-3211 DURING OFFICE HOURS**

**(Mon-Fri 9-12:30 & 1:30-5) or EMAIL: [st.edmunds@shaw.ca](mailto:st.edmunds@shaw.ca)**

## **WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30AM & 9:00AM**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN IN ON THE SHEET FOR THE MASS YOU ATTEND**

**ALL ARE WELCOME BUT ALL MUST FOLLOW**

**THE 2-METRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING RULE & WEAR A MASK**

## **PROJECT ADVANCE**

### **Project advance appeal has been officially Launched.**

Archdiocesan funding priorities from this year's Appeal will be directed to a newly established Crisis Response Fund, to help vulnerable individuals and families during this time of pandemic, alongside other ministries of evangelization and outreach. **You can mail your donation directly to Project Advance or you can send to parish office. You can also pledge online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca)** Any donations over the \$18,000 will be kept aside towards paving of the parking lot of the Church. As you know and see the condition of the parking lot, which also has been used by the students of our school as playground needs to upgrade. So that our students are safe and protected. **Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**

**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan**  
**St. Edmund's Parish, 545 Mahon Avenue, North Vancouver, BC – V7M 2R7**  
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**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN**  
**For Monthly Offertory Contributions**

If you wish to make your Sunday offertory contribution through automatic monthly bank withdrawals, please complete the form below and note:

- the amount you authorize will be deducted from your bank account **on the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month**. This regular monthly amount covers Sunday Offertory donation only.
- To make changes at any time, please call the Parish Office at 604-988-3211

Follow the steps below to calculate and authorize your monthly donation:

**CALCULATING YOUR MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING**

To help determine the amount of one's monthly contribution, multiply your weekly offering by the 52 weeks in a year, then divide this annual contribution by 12. Examples are provided below:

Weekly Offering	Monthly Offering	Weekly Offering	Monthly Offering
\$10/week (\$520/year)	\$43 per month	\$40/week (\$2,080/year)	\$173 per month
\$20/week (\$1,040/year)	\$86 per month	\$50/week (\$2,600/year)	\$216 per month

Note that the amounts above are provided only as examples. Our hope is that Parishioners will contribute an offering that is meaningful, sacrificial, and that honours the abundance with which the Lord has blessed each of us.

**AUTHORIZATION FORM**

I/we hereby authorize St. Edmund's Parish to debit my/our account **each month on the 30<sup>th</sup>** as allocated below.

I/we hereby change my/our monthly donation as allocated below:

Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

➔ **Please note** that based on the fees associated with offering pre-authorized giving, a \$25 monthly offering is the minimum that can be processed through this method of giving

**ACCOUNT HOLDER/S INFORMATION:**

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFERTORY DONATION FOR NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE PARISH:**

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on a **monthly basis on the 30<sup>th</sup>** for normal operations of the Parish

**AUTHORIZATION:**

I/We acknowledge that the Authorization is provided for the benefit of the Parish and the "Processing Institution" and is provided in Consideration of Processing Institution agreeing to process debits ("PADs") against the Account with Processing Institution in accordance with the Rules of the Canadian Payments Association.

By signing this Authorization, the family acknowledges having received and having read a copy of this Agreement, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

I/We warrant and guarantee that the person/s whose signature/s are required to sign on the Account have signed the Authorization.

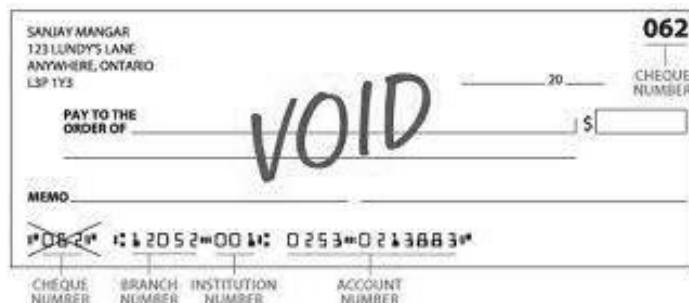
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Return this form to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket in a sealed envelope address to the "Parish Secretary – Confidential", plus attach a **blank VOID cheque and/or provide the following information:**

TRANSIT # \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTION # \_\_\_\_\_ ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

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