

July 12 – 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Some [seed] fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soul was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”
Matthew 13: 1-23

“A sower went out wearing a face mask . . .”

Jesus might have told this parable:

“A terrible sickness struck a village. The people were terrified of getting sick and wanted to know what to do.

“The doctor asked the people to wear face masks to protect one another. We will! they all said. Some did for a while, but they found the masks uncomfortable, and made it difficult to breathe, so they soon stopped wearing them.

“The rabbi asked the people to share their food with the poor and sick. We will! they all promised. But many became more and more concerned for their own needs and that of their families, so they kept their barns and larders full — and locked.

“The mayor asked the merchants to close their shops and innkeepers to close their taverns so people would not gather and spread the sickness. We will! they all agreed. They did so for a few days, but their profits dropped, and they could not pay their help, so, slowly, one by one, they quietly re-opened.

“Soon, the sickness took the lives of many in the poor village.

“But then there were the good folk who understood that wearing face masks protected others from the sickness, who kept their distance from one another so the sickness would not spread, (even though they missed one another terribly), who readily shared what they had with those who had little. Oh, it was very hard, and there were many days when they wanted to give up. But they persevered.

“Because of them, many people did not get sick and survived.

“Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear,” Jesus would have said.

The parable of the sower challenges us to check the “thinness” of the soil in our hearts that results in our faith withering in the noonday heat; the “rockiness” of self-centeredness and avarice that prevents God’s “seed” of generosity and peace from taking root in us; the “thorns” of bigotry and self-righteousness that “choke” the possibility of providing for the poor, healing the broken, lifting up the fallen. Our own response to the coronavirus is a good measure of the “richness” of our faith and its potential for the “seed” of God’s Word to take root and realize in our lives the harvest of justice and compassion that is the Kingdom of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

April 22, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1920.00
Parish Insurance	215.00
Building Fund	185.00
Lenten Folders	221.00
Votive Candles	133.00
Ladies Group Donations	200.00
In Memorium	100.00
Mass Stipends	20.00

May 21, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$2145.00
Building Fund	160.00
Lenten Folders	40.00
In Memorium	25.00
Mass Stipends	80.00

June 2, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$2365.00
Parish Insurance	5.00
Building Fund	45.00
Cemetery Fund	90.00
Lenten Folders	35.00

June 15, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1484.30
Building Fund	45.00
Cemetery Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	10.00
Garden Party	25.00

June 28, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$4135.85
Parish Insurance	20.00
Building Fund	65.00
Cemetery Fund	30.00
Lenten Folders	70.00
Garden Party Proceeds	30.00
Mass Stipends	30.00

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July 5, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$2171.00
Building Fund	45.00
Lenten Folders	20.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Parish Insurance	10.00
Cemetery Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	5.00
Garden Party	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Special Intention
Wed, 10 am	Special Intention
Thur, 7 pm	Late Mary and Percival Joyce
Fri, 10 am	Special Intention
Sat, 4:30 pm	
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

THANK YOU: A special thank you is extended to the many volunteers who have taken on extra rolls in dealing with Covid 19. We need more volunteers during this time to assist us in registration procedures, ushering, readers and clean up.

A special thank you is also extended to John Hancock for the beautiful work done on our flowers and gardens.

The work of these volunteers makes sacred heart a beautiful and welcoming place to celebrate.



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– sower and the seed



COVID 19: To protect yourselves and others we ask that you maintain physical distancing of 6 feet at all times. This does not apply to people within the same bubble. Hand sanitizer is provided in the church or you may bring your own. Facemasks are not required but you may wear one if you wish.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS: While dealing with the Covid 19 Pandemic we are required to keep a contact list of all persons attending all services and masses. You should call in Monday to Friday between 9 and 1pm to have your name registered. You will be asked to provide your telephone number and to answer some simple screening questions.

CHURCH PAINTING/STUCCO REPAIR:

for some time, our church has been in need of Stucco and concrete repairs. Once these repairs are done the church would need to be repainted. The Parish Council and Finance Committee has approved a major contract to have this facelift done as one project. Please be patient while this work is being done and please be vigilant to the work of our contractor. This work will commence on Monday, July 13, 2020.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the church meeting room.

E-TRANSFER: Now you also have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you."

HUMOR:

- Did you hear the joke about the germ? Never mind! Never mind, I don't want to spread it around.
- What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A donut in each hand.