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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Becoming the Good Soil

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.

~ Matthew 13:8-9 ~

This week's Gospel passage is the familiar parable of Sower and the Seed. Large crowds are following Jesus, so he steps out into a boat to speak to them gathered at the shore. He presents them with what must have been an evocative image for the many rural and farming peasants who were following him and listening. Why would this "sower" be so reckless with his seed, scattering it to rocky ground, among thorns, and on paths where birds could eat it? Why not sow all seed to good soil?

When pressed for an explanation of the parable, Jesus reflects that the "seed" is the Word of God and the examples are of how we receive it and bear fruit. How shall we hear this parable in our own times? I know and imagine we all can reflect on times in our lives when we have been "rocky ground" or "thin soil" or living a life "full of thorn bushes." During those moments we are less capable of yielding a rich harvest.

Yet the "Sower" continues to lavish us abundantly with his Word and mercy, encouraging us *to become the good soil* that yields a harvest of thirty, sixty or a hundredfold! Not easy in these Covid-19 times! Our current situation of limited gatherings has forced us to reconsider, replace or reimagine how we maintain spiritual and religious practices that strengthen our faith and discipleship. The novelty of experiencing Mass online has probably worn off for many, and the opportunity to physically receive the Eucharist is limited. What can be done?



Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

~ Romans 8:18 ~

St. Paul offers us a true perspective. In the midst of great suffering, we also experience great opportunity to test our faith and fortitude. Will our hearts be consumed by the sufferings of the present moment, or will we look with eyes of faith to God's grace? In one sense, we can think of these challenges as the "nourishment" to enrich the soil for future growth and harvest.

What small steps or simple actions can we take as individuals or as families to grow in faith and become good soil for God's Word to produce abundantly in our lives? Making time for daily reading of the Bible or spiritual reflection is a great starting point. (Check out our daily Bible resource at ollparish.com/read-the-bible.)

— Tom Tomaszek, Pastoral Associate

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WEEKDAY SERVICES AT OLL

Daily Homily by Fr. John Kerns available at www.ollparish.com or on Facebook

Prayer - Church open Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM for individual silent prayer. Please be mindful of social distancing.

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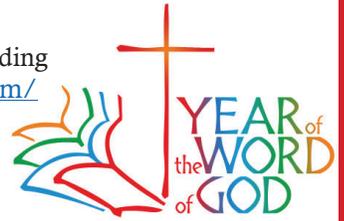
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YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD

This year we are encouraging you to read the Bible. Reading Plans available in the church and online at ollparish.com/read-the-bible. If you have questions, feel free and we'd be happy to help as well as offer encouragement!



Remember, don't worry about getting behind or starting at a later date. You can go at your own pace or begin where we are. Follow along with our journey of **Reading through the Bible** this year on social media, the weekly emails, and online at ollparish.com/read-the-bible.

This Week's Readings

Sunday, July 12 • Day 169: 2 Kings 12-13 (Reigns of Joash of Judah and Jehoahaz and Joash of Israel; Elisha's Deathbed Prophecy), **Proverbs 7** (The Seduction of the Adulterous Woman), and **1 Corinthians 16** (Conclusion: Paul's Travel Plans; Exhortation and Greeting). Visit us on Social Media to share what you are learning!

Bible Reading Encouragement

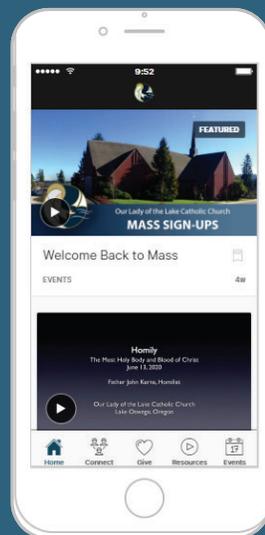
This last week, we started reading 2 Kings, which is about more of the reigns of the Israelite Kings and the Judean Kings. In 1 Kings, we follow Elijah, in 2 Kings we follow Elisha. In the first couple of chapters of 2 Kings, Elisha sees many fantastical acts of God. First, Elijah is taken up into heaven (he does not die!). Next, Elisha heals the water of a city by throwing salt into it. Later, Elisha makes a widow's oil multiply by filling as many jars as she has and it is not until a single jar is left that the oil stopped flowing.

There are many more fantastical and miraculous stories in 2 Kings. Do you have a favorite? How did reading 2 Kings this past week show you the amazing acts of God?

Visit us on Instagram or Facebook to share your thoughts, ask your questions, and tell us your favorite Psalm!

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, in Salem

Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on October 9-11, Salem, Oregon. To apply for YOUR WWME Weekend or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org.



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Tend the Ground

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers his disciples the parable of the Sower and the Seed. How do we attend to God's Word in the scriptures and present to us through God's creation? Here is a prayerful song inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'* that we will sing at Mass this weekend.

Tend the Ground

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

We till the earth, we tend the ground,
sowing hope and peace where none is found.
In selfless love God's life abounds.
We till the earth, we tend the ground.

1. As God provides our every need,
with grateful hearts, let us receive
these gifts of love, and make return
to bless the world, to bless the world.
2. All creatures share one common home,
one loving God, one song of hope.
The rocks cry out and praises ring,
rise up and sing, rise up and sing!
3. With open hand our Lord has giv'n
his life for all that we might live.
No greater love is there than this,
no greater love, no greater love.
4. Where hardened hearts have turned to greed,
trampling upon the fledgling seed,
help us to tend to others' needs,
open our eyes, open our eyes.
5. On rocky paths and trodden roads,
Lord, clear the ground where thorns have grown.
Give us the grace to follow you.
Make straight the way, make straight the way.
6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill.
Let tools of war be shaped to till
and break the hard and stony ground.
Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace.
7. Let mercy fall on us like rain
to clear the air and heal the pain.
Where sin has broken bonds of love
let mercy reign, let mercy reign

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Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or office@ollparish.com.

Offertory

We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30.

THIS YEAR:	<i>Week ending 7/5/2020</i>
Weekly Collection:	\$14,365
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$14,365
LAST YEAR:	
Weekly Collection:	\$29,238
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$29,238
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Fiscal Year to Date:	\$30,000

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Parish phones available
Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to
4:00 PM at 503-636-7687.

Visit our website for current
information on parish events,
closures, and Mass Sign Ups, at
www.ollparish.com.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 12, 2020

9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:30 AM Int. Theresa Welsch

Monday, July 13, 2020

8:30 AM Int. George and Phyllis
Vogelsang

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

8:30 AM +Sandy Nosler

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

8:30 AM +Joseph and Emilie
Tomaszek

Thursday, July 16, 2020

8:30 AM +Stephen Donati

Friday, July 17, 2020

8:30 AM +Marilyn Lieb

Saturday, July 18, 2020

8:30 AM +Emeril Say
5:00 PM +Norman Lieb

Sunday, July 19, 2020

9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:30 AM +Robert Goodwin

To view upcoming Intentions and
request an Intention online, visit
www.ollparish.com/intentions.

Mercy Teams

Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy – Continues through July

The need throughout the Portland Metro has increased, both with food insecure families and the unsheltered. Mercy Teams will continue our Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy Outreach through the month of July.

To date parishioners have donated and delivered 20,000 sack lunch meals of mercy, and another 135 family meals, each serving 5 to 6 individuals. All of this since the end of March.

To continue, we need 40 volunteers to make sandwiches, organize and deliver these meals to the various missions we serve Sunday & Monday. Volunteer with email by going to www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams.



Shopping for the Homebound

We have matched 8 homebound parishioners with shopping assistance so far. We have the capacity to do more. If you are aware of a need, please submit that persons contact info.

Street Ministry to the Unsheltered

Always on the 4th Saturday, we prepare a terrific breakfast safely in the parish hall. We meet at 8:00 AM, leave for our first destination under the bridge in Oregon City by 9:00 AM and are home by 11:30 AM. 6 Volunteers needed for July 25 or August 22.



Respect Life

What Is Walking With Moms In Need?

Walking with Moms in Need is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities “walk in the shoes” of local pregnant and parenting women in need.



Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances.

Week 16: Did You Know?? During this time of continued uncertainty, we are praying for the health, safety, and well-being of all impacted by COVID-19. We especially lift up pregnant and parenting mothers in need as they now navigate even greater challenges. May the Resurrection of the Lord remain our constant source of hope and the cause of all our joy during this year of Walking with Moms in Need.

Please pick up a copy of “Listen to Your Heart” in the Narthex which has resources to help pregnant women.



COVID-19 Urgent Response Campaign

Thank you for your continued support for SVDP during the Covid-19 Crisis!

St. Vincent de Paul has received 3,000 pounds of food during the COVID-19 crisis, thanks to your generous donations. The need is still great in our area, and if we see a surge of new cases, we will be in even greater need of food to help the vulnerable.

At this time we would appreciate donations of **Tuna, Chili, Canned Green Beans, Peanut Butter (in plastic containers) and Jelly (in plastic containers)**. The food you bring in goes right back into the community and we are so grateful for your support.

Thank you!



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