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# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2020

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest. — Psalm 65:12

## FROM THE PASTOR...

There are no instant heroes. Not in this world, in the next, nor in the kingdom of God. The old saying holds true: “Christians are made not born.” Our parents may be Christian, and maybe even our grandparents, but their faith is not a guarantee that I am Christian. Each of us has to commit ourselves to Christ. We are continually called to respond to the Word of God planted within us.

Jesus Christ has told us: “You have not chosen me, I have chosen you.” That call, that seed of faith, has been given to us by Christ.

The Sower, made no distinction between rich and poor, wise or foolish. He gives to everyone alike. He does not judge them openly and say: This is what the lazy received and they lost it; this is what the rich got and they choked it; this is what careless people got and they neglected it. You might say he carelessly scattered the seed about, unconcerned about how it was being received. He gives indiscriminately.

Comparing our different dispositions to different types of soil has one crucial limitation. Soil cannot help being what it is. We can. And so the question that follows is: “How can I improve the disposition of my heart so that the word of God can bear fruit in my life or bear fruit more abundantly? That is the heroic struggle; living the Word of God, planted in us, in season and out of season. Being Christian doesn’t happen in an instant, it’s a lifelong journey in Christ. -Fr. Joe

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT DUNSTAN PARISH.....

**ALL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS, SOCIAL GATHERINGS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY EMAIL WITH A LINK TO OUR WEEKEND MASS FROM ST. DUNSTAN CHURCH, PLEASE NOTIFY ANN: SECRETARY@SAINTDUNSTANCHURCH.ORG

***The church remains open from 6:30 am until 6:30 pm everyday. God is always there for us. When life is full of storms we seek shelter in the Lord.***

**California Bishops Invite You: Pray the Stations of the Cross Against Racism**  
[cacatholic.org](http://cacatholic.org)  
[youtu.be/RYc9\\_QIRgr4](https://youtu.be/RYc9_QIRgr4)

The California Bishops have held a statewide reenactment of the Stations of the Cross to draw attention to the sin of racism and ask God’s help in eliminating it. The “virtual” Stations are also intended to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the tragic killings at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC, and the Juneteenth holiday, celebrating the end of slavery in the United States. Recording locations included Oakland’s Fruitvale BART Station, California’s first African-American Catholic Church and a former KKK headquarters in San Diego. Archbishop Cordileone prayed the 11th Station, The Crucifixion, in St. Mary’s Cathedral. Please join the bishops in praying for an end to racism. Learn more at the website for the California Catholic Bishops’ Conference, above.

### Parishioners:

All 6:30 am Mass intentions are being offered privately in the rectory chapel each morning. Rest assured that your loved ones are being prayed for.

### Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service

In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country.

Richard “Nacho” Munoz  
Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic  
1LT Daniel Realini, US Army  
Eric M. Warren, US Air Force  
Major Deron T Warren, DO, US Air Force, MC  
Tom Harold Purple, US Army  
Adam J Helmers, US Navy  
Gregory M Grogan, SGT, US Marine Corps  
Michael Obregon, CPL, USMC  
Jesse Opalenik, US Marine Corps  
Luigi Lorenzo, 2nd Lieutenant US Airforce  
Enrico Enriquez US Army  
Jacob Arnold, Sergeant, US Army  
Ben Soto, US Airforce  
Ken Soto, US Air National Guard  
James Raphael R. Cepriano, US Navy  
John Lorenzo R. Cepriano, US Navy  
Dominic Galarza, US Army

**The Don Bosco Study Group Is on Zoom from San Francisco**  
**Frank Lavin franklavin@comcast.net 415-310-8551**

You are invited to join the Don Bosco Study Group of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco in their online discussions. The next two planned events are;

- + Tuesday, July 21, 4:00 pm, on Zoom. The great 20th-century American Catholic writer, Flannery O'Connor, is the subject. Her short story "A Good Man is Hard to Find," along with several other of her short stories will be discussed. A relevant Salesian spirituality topic will be presented as well.
- + Tuesday, September 1, 4:00 pm, on Zoom. Bishop Robert Barron and his book published in 2017, To Light a Fire on the Earth: Proclaiming the Gospel to a Secular Age, are the topic. You can see Bishop Barron, founder of "Word on Fire Ministry," discussing the book on YouTube here. For a link to the Zoom meetings, please contact Frank Lavin, above. All are welcome. No reading is necessary.

**A Virtual "Come and See" Day with Six Religious Communities Saturday, July 18, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery, Menlo Park 50-322-1801 opnunsmenlo.org**

"Behind the Veil: A Virtual Tour of Convent Life." Spend a day behind the scenes with a variety of orders and communities: Six religious communities of women will take visitors on a virtual tour of their vocations by means of Zoom, with live Question & Answer periods. Meet the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, the Daughters of St. Paul, the Dominican Nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery, and the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Are you, or is someone you know, a young woman discerning religious life? All are invited to attend.

Dear God, It seems like lots of uncertainty around us. So many people who need prayers. Today, I pray...



For those whose health is compromised by the coronavirus or other health issues. For those who suffer from the economic impact of the virus, in travel, manufacturing, hospitality, energy or so many other industries. For health care workers and first responders, and other public servants who put themselves in harm's way for us. For our leaders of the world, our countries, states, and cities, as they seek to help manage this challenge

God, it can be overwhelming. But you tell us over and over again not to be afraid. Show me how to trust in you. As I examine my heart help me to turn away from my concern with self, and turn my heart, hands, and prayers toward the concerns of others. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.



Regular Collection 7/5: \$7,213.00

Online giving this week 7/5: \$2,498.00

**Thank you for all your support!**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Henry
- Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Wednesday: St. Bonaventure
- Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

*In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, Our Sunday Visitor On-line Giving is a convenient option to continue to support St. Dunstan Church and its mission. While worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen. Go to [www.osvonlinegiving.com/4645](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4645), or go to the Parish Website and click on the online giving link to set up your account today. Thank you. For those who wish to continue using Sunday envelopes, please mail them to the parish office, or drop them into the mail slot by the front door of the rectory. RECENTLY, A PYPAL ACCOUNT WAS CREATED FOR SAINT DUNSTAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WHICH IS ANOTHER SIMPLE AND QUICK OPTION FOR DONATING TO THE PARISH.*

**EWTN Spiritual Resources for Our Pandemic Time**

[ewtn.com/resources](http://ewtn.com/resources)

**The Eternal Word Television Network offers new online Spiritual Resources, that can be useful at all levels of Catholic life, from the diocese to the parish to the school to the family to the individual. Among the offerings are Daily Mass and readings, Live Virtual Adoration, Prayers and devotions, educational materials for all ages, and a well-stocked Catholic Library. There is no charge, and no registration or commitment is required. All are welcome to visit and to use the webpage fruitfully. Find this EWTN resource on website, above.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish through your prayers, monetary gifts and donations during this challenging and uncertain time. God bless you all.



# July 12-18, 2020

- Sunday** 7:00 am Alex Cownan  
10:00 am Cadona Ghiazza Family  
12:00 pm Victoria Caimotto
- Monday** 8:00 am Paul Priolo  
5:10 pm Joette Gonzales Gelhaar
- Tuesday** 8:00 am Rev. Joseph Grech & Mary Grech  
5:10 pm Ramon A. Salgado
- Wednesday** 8:00 am Salvatore & Rosina Alioto  
5:10 pm Roberto Guerrero
- Thursday** 8:00 am Sister Katere, M.C.  
5:10 pm Ray & Michael Monteroso
- Friday** 8:00 am Joseph Tonna  
5:10 pm Frank & Monica Agius
- Saturday** 8:00 am Bertu "Bart" & Frances Chetcuti  
5:00 pm Justo Jaimerena

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**We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:**

William Dill, Vicky Noceti, Susan Silvera-Dunn, Nafal Jweinat, Richard Castro, Joseph Conrad Rodriguez, Emily Marshall, Joseph Caruana, Ursula Mendoza, Phyllis Perez, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Julie Montiel, Lourdes Poquiza, Mark Moressi, Kathleen Corry, Vonnie Spencer, Frank Sanchez, Maria Teresa Rosario, Nico Castro, Kathy Montiel, Cathy Prince, Chris Sevieri, Gloria & Ralph Fernandez, Heather Fiske, Mark Domenico, Sue Joseph, Mr & Mrs Figenbaum, Michael J Fetterman, Cristie Arguel, Jeffrey Kollmann, Gil Chacon, Ida Marinaro, Robert Deshaies, Benjamin Ready, Anita Shoop Komula, Arnette & Marie Martman, Arnette Bonzani-Borla, Iris & Roger Presa, Doug Uthman, Letty Santa Cruz, Ann Heersink, Caoilte O'Casey, Pauline Bertolino, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Nancy Grainger, Joel Rivera, Diane Vanoncini, Eric B. Garcia, Peggy Winkenbach, Carlota Del Real, Eisirt Casey, Hugh O'Neill, Jr, Barbara Cappel, Cora Beloy, Anne Gardner, Theresa Vella, Pete Pallari, Esther "Y.B." Litton, Irene Aubright, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Garry Pretes, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Joe Gracia, Gordon Seelos, Deidre Warren, Vikky Kaplan, Valentino Regal, Josephine Enriquez, Christine Regal, Becky Griffey, Matilda An, Dora Mazzoni Cappel, Fr. Brendan Smyth, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Rosa Mallare, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Epitacio Sison Jr, Cheryl Spray, Joseph Lofranco, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, Charlie Martin, Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon, Carmel Richard, Frank Richard, Baby Fiona Selig, Geronimo De Los Reyes, Fernando S. De Los Reyes, Deacon Joseph Lavulo, Dr. Richard Morgan, Baby Cruz David Lagomarsino, Joan Shoop Komula, Ed Read, Curt Mallegni, Dave Marquez, Frank Motta, Howard Connolly, Denise Fricano, Terry Marquez, Dominic Cannul, Olga V. Petrella, Anna Gonzales

**We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:**

## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Parables, Anyone?**

When Jesus answers the apostles' question about why he speaks in parables, it may seem as if he is using them to confuse people. We know he is trying to spread the good news of God's kingdom. So he talks to the crowds in parables, easily understood stories that usually have a moral or that end with a question for the hearers. He uses these stories to teach the crowd.

Jesus threw out parables like a farmer sowing seeds. Some of them fell on the ears of those who would be disciples. But most fell on the ears of people not ready to understand. So how do we receive his word? Do we hear it without understanding, letting it go in one ear and out the other? Do we hear it joyfully, but then forget it when troubles or difficulties come along? Do we listen to the word but ignore it in the face of some later temptation?

If we want the word to grow strong in us, we can take steps to help ourselves understand it. We can come to church early and spend a few minutes with the readings before Mass. After Mass we can talk about the readings or the homily with our family over breakfast. We can pick out one practical point to practice that week.

Keeping the word in difficult times is not easy. The cross teaches us to expect troubles, but we have to endure them to really learn that we can go through suffering to a new life.

To be strong enough to resist temptations, we have to decide each day that we want to follow Jesus' word. We can pray for that strength and ask God to help us remember that word when temptations come. And we can decide to stay away from the places, people, or situations that so tempt us.

God's word can be likened to a ball game. We can sit back and watch, not really involved or caring who wins. Or we can jump in and participate and make the game ours. Let us ask God how we can take the word and run with it.

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## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.

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