

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE
 "SERVING JACKSONVILLE'S NORTHSIDE SINCE 1921"
 4731 NORWOOD AVENUE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32206

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus, we at Holy Rosary Parish, seek to be a living community with respect for different persons and personalities. Attuned to the will of God by example of faith, worship, and prayer, we will work together toward the common goal of a loving, sharing, forgiving community that would, in itself, draw the interest of others into our Church community!

HOLY ROSARY PARISH

Fr. Bernardine Eikhuemelo, Pastor
 Claudia Pratt, Business Manager
 Sr. Victoria Will, Pastoral Associate

GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sr. Dianne Rumschlag, SND, Head of School
 Sr. Cynthia Shaffer SND, Principal

Web site: www.holyrosaryjax.org email: holyrosaryjax@comcast.net

Parish Office & Church.....(904) 764-3241 Sisters' Convent.....(904) 764-9032 School Office.....(904) 765-6522

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday.....8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<u>Sunday</u> 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM	<u>Saturday Vigil</u> 5:00 PM	<u>Weekday Mass</u> Friday 9:00 AM	<u>Holy Days</u> 6:30 PM	<u>Adoration of the Eucharist</u> Mondays TBA	<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday TBA
---	---	--	------------------------------------	---	--

"The seed thrown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 12, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Seeds, Seeds Everywhere!!!

Jesus begins today's parable in the gospel in these words: "A sower went out to sow...." From previous encounters with this parable, we know it is one about the mystery of God's kingdom. And the way the Master employs the metaphor is of course very apt. It is also an image I think we can deploy for the times we have been and are still dealing with, and past or future occurrences as well. Before then, lets do a quick look at the Catechism relating to this parable.

"Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven'. For those who stay 'outside', everything remains enigmatic." (CCC, 546)

The parable of the seeds is also one of invitation from God to everyone God has created. That invitation tallies well with our creation in God's image and likeness. By virtue of that, we already have a connection to the Divine. "But this 'intimate and vital bond of man to God' can be forgotten, overlooked, or even explicitly rejected by man. Such attitudes can have different causes: revolt against evil in the world; religious ignorance or indifference; the cares and riches of this world; the scandal of bad example on the part of believers; currents of thought hostile to religion; finally, that attitude of sinful man which makes him hide from God out of fear and flee his call." (CCC, 29)

Right now, there are all kinds of 'seeds' floating out there in society – most very good with fruits for societal peace and harmony, but others not so. Unlike, Jesus' parable, these seeds are not about surfaces and reception, but the seeds themselves. Are we planting good seeds of peaceful co-existence and harmony, or are we planting and helping to water seeds of discord and indifference leading to societal breakdown? Are we planting seeds of cooperation to build up, or are we planting seeds to tear down?

As a people of faith, who acknowledge our weaknesses, yet recognize the goodness planted in us, ours is always to sow good seeds as well as foster good seeds sown by others. Let us all be sowers of good seeds in words and actions.

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine

Mass Intentions for July, 11th & 12th

5:00 pm Vigil—Sister Mary Sferre, SFCC

by Sisters Elise, Rea & Rita

8:30 am—Kimberly Pratt—Special Intentions

10:30 am—+Freddie Isreal— Special Intentions by Regina Taylor



Bayon Joyner, Carolyn Occulto, Kimber Pratt, & Bill Gary

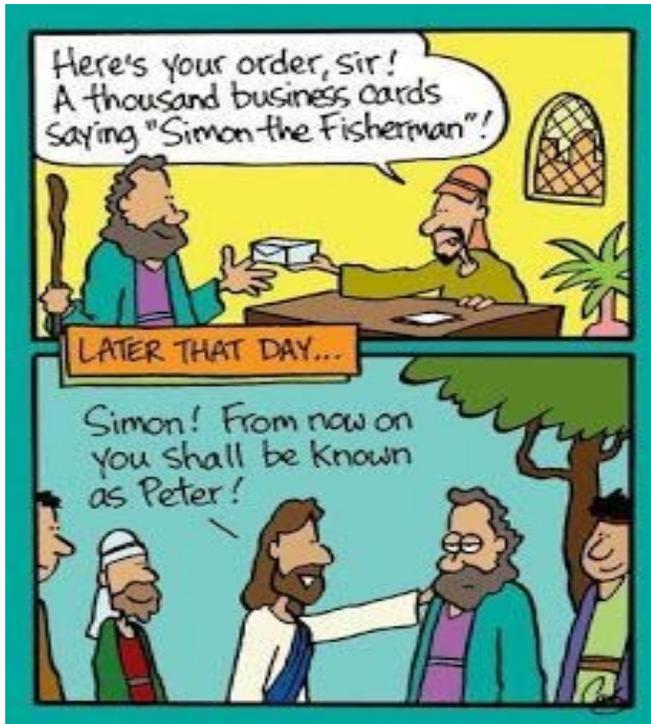
Carmela Rettini, Christine Robinson, Joseph Desir Michael Reineck, Aletha Moore,
Alan Aguilar, Ollie Harrison, Jose Luis Morales, Betty Corsen, Kathy Dalton, & Roxanne Hermiller

**Remember all of our deceased loved ones in your prayers
Especially Freddie Isreal**



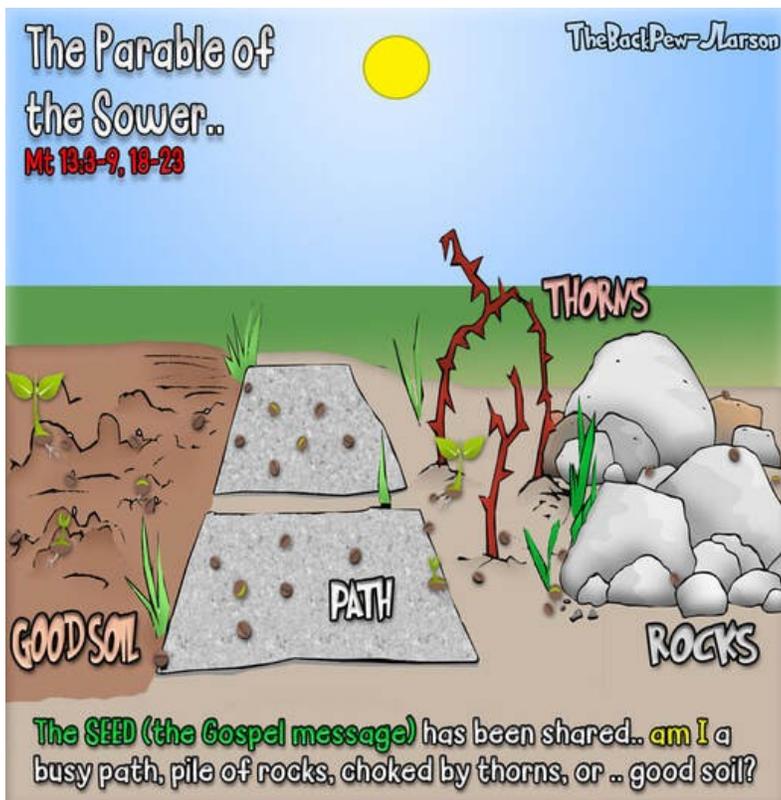
Week of June 28, 2020

Offertory: \$1731.00



Spiritual Agriculture

Think back to a time you were crawling through a spiritual valley. God seemed far away and your prayers bounced off the ceiling. Then unexpectedly you received encouragement from some friend or family member. Perhaps they shared Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding." Whatever they said, the Word went straight to your heart and took root. As you pondered, you noticed the seed of hope beginning to grow. That encouraging friend was a perfect example of the seed sower in Jesus' parable. And like those good friends, we can all be sowers of love, faith, hope, encouragement. We don't have to know how prepared a heart is for God's seed, we just need to scatter. The rest is up to the Holy Spirit- and a better farmer you'll never meet!



July Birthdays

Jacob Morris—5th

Kimberly Pratt—12th

Kay Speiser Millo—16th

Charlene Evans—18th

Ann Miller—29th

Nancy Morales—31st



Tyler McConnell

Andrew Rumschlag

William Jack Wilson

Lee Gutteridge

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator (904) 262-3200, ext. 129, or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-Abuse (800) 962-2873.

La Diócesis de San Agustín le da seria consideración a toda acusación de mala conducta sexual y dispone de todos dichos casos de manera pronta, completa y confidencial. Para reportar tal abuso, llame a: Coordinador Diocesano de Auxilio a Víctimas (904) 262-3200, ext. 129 o Departamento de Niños y Familias del Estado de la Florida 1- (800) 962-2873.



Respect for the human person must entail seeing every person we meet as “another self.” This conversion of heart must take place in every individual; no law can, by itself, rid an individual’s heart of fear, prejudice, pride, and selfishness. We must, therefore, look on everyone as our neighbor if we hope to create a more just society. (CCC 1931)



El respeto por la persona humana debe implicar ver a todas las personas que conocemos como "otro yo". Esta conversión de corazón debe tener lugar en cada individuo; ninguna ley puede, por sí sola, librar el corazón de un individuo del miedo, prejuicio, orgullo y egoísmo. Por lo tanto, debemos considerar a todos como nuestros vecinos si esperamos crear una sociedad más justa. (CIC 1931)

Thursday, July 9, was the 123rd anniversary of the death of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, the first black priest in the United States. Born in 1854 in Missouri, he was a former slave who was baptized as an infant and raised Catholic. After studying at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome, Father Tolton was ordained to the holy priesthood in the Basilica of St. John Lateran upon the Easter Vigil of 1886. He offered his first public Mass a day later in St. Peter’s Basilica. Eventually, he was sent to Chicago, where he was charged with establishing St. Monica’s Church on the city’s South Side as a “national parish” for black Catholics.

Father Tolton’s success at ministering to black Catholics quickly earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy. “Good Father Gus,” as he was called by many, was known for his “eloquent sermons, his beautiful singing voice, and his talent for playing the accordion.” On July 9, 1897, Father Tolton died in hospital after having collapsed the day previous due to the summer heat wave in Chicago. He was 43 years old.

Father Tolton’s cause of canonization was initiated in 2010 by Archbishop Francis Cardinal George of Chicago.

In 2019, Pope Francis granted Father Tolton the title of “Venerable.”

On Wednesday, July 8, the Supreme Court of the United States made two important rulings in favor of religious liberty:

In a 7-2 vote, the Court ruled in favor of the right of Catholic schools, free of government interference, to choose teachers who will teach and model the Catholic faith.

Again in a vote of 7-2, the Court ruled in favor of the Little Sisters of the Poor to defend their community against attempts to force Catholic religious to cooperate with immoral activities.