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OUR MISSION

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church is a family of believers in Christ. As sacramental people, filled with God's love, we strive to provide a welcoming community, supporting one another on our journey to salvation. We are committed to each other in a spirit of compassion and love while promoting hope, healing and evangelization in our midst.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00AM

Sacrament of Baptism

1st Sunday of the Month, Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:00 P.M. or by calling the Rectory for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance.

Holy Communion at Home

Notify us of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit weekly.

Pastor: Rev. Leonard P. Hindsley

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Paula Brown

Music Director: Scott Simpkin



Saturday July 11, 2020
4:30 PM Elizabeth Brooks (Colleen Polselli)

Sunday July 12, 2020
8:00AM Joanne Branco (Husband)
 Gabriel Michael Shurtleff
 (Richard & Denise Bernardo)

10:00AM Ann Chabo ; 7th Anniversary
 (Daughter; Jean Leimert)
 Richard Trecida (Family)
 John Figueiredo (Family)
 Sylvia Belliveau (Family)
 Margaret Monteiro & John Kelly
 (Family)

Monday July 13, 2020
8:00 AM Virginia Routhier
 (Larry & Claire travers)

Tuesday July 14 2020
 ~*St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

8:00 AM John J. Buckley (Family)

Wednesday July 15, 2020
 ~*St. Bonaventure*

8:00 AM Henrietta Holden (Sister)

Thursday July 16, 2020
8:00 AM Carolyn Grosso; 1st Anniversary

Saturday July 18, 2020
4:30 PM John L. Mercer (Family)
 Louis St. Laurent;
 Birthday Remembrance (Family)
 John Figueiredo; Anniversary
 (Family)

Sunday July 19, 2020
8:00AM Jason Nolan (Family)
 Barry Beaulieu (Family)

10:00AM Melania Kaharl (Family)
 Patrick Walsh (Grandmother)
 Brian McDonald (Sister)

THE CANDLE
at the Foot of Mary
burns this week in memory of

Ann Chabo



**May God Bless you for generosity, thank you
 for your continued support!!**

7/5.....\$3,840.84

Masses.....\$1,976.50
 By Mail.....\$1,610.00
 Online.....\$254.34

Catholic Charities YTD.....\$14,755.00

*Kindly take a moment to pray for the
 intentions, the welfare, the healing and
 salvation of...*

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net Mohr, Deborah Silvia, Devyn Arruda, Brenna,
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Tremblay, Stacey, Katherine Buschman, Kerri
Martel, Carlos Silveira,
Miguel DeSouza, Floris, Claire Sennett,
Kevin Kelly, John, Edward Polgar,
Joseph F. Heitzler, Jennifer Lavoie,
Jim O'Hearn, Patrick Masterson,
Dennis Martel, Kathy,
Jeff Noetzel, Muriel & Henry Navarette,
Anne Sennett Bahm, Maureen Stewart,
Paul Desmarais, Randy Carvalho, and
Our Service Men and Women

THE CANDLE
at the
Statue of The Sacred Heart
is perpetually burning in memory of

Sarah Valentine

From the Pastor's Desk



Celebration Summary: Bryan M. Cones

At the height of the growing season in the northern hemisphere, today's liturgy offers a rich parallel between the natural world and the life of faith. The first reading and psalm imagine God's word as rain on dry land, which brings almost immediate life. Imagine how quickly the desert blooms when it receives water. Our hearts, too, though parched and dry, flower quickly when we but open ourselves to God's heavenly wisdom. It is to our hearts that the Gospel passage draws our attention.

(Note the long and short form.) Preachers often focus our attention on seed and sower, yet the quality of the soil seems no less important. How do we receive the seed (Gospel) and the rain (first reading)? Can the plant find purchase? Does the rain soak in, or is it lost as runoff? As if to anticipate our need, both the prayer over the gifts and the prayer after Communion ask God for growth: "in holiness and faith" and in "saving love." Indeed, without God's aid, we cannot receive what is offered. The opening prayers, on the other hand, focus our attention on the seed of God's word itself. It is the "light of truth" that guides us "on the way of Christ" (opening prayer). Just as we must receive God's word with openness, so also we must reject the "lights contrary" to Christ. The reading from Romans ties these themes together nicely, describing the "groaning" of creation, wracked with "labor pains," for the full revelation of God's children. Just as the earth is yielding the season's "firstfruits," we are also bearing even now the beginning of the heavenly harvest.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat

down by the sea.

Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "*A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil 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 seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.*" The disciples approached him and said, "*Why do you speak to them in parables?*" He said to them in reply, "*Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it and the evil one comes and steals away*

at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But

yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Matthew 13:1-9

Main Theme: Preaching God's word results in a success that far exceeds all failures. The parable of the sower tells an agricultural story about what happens to the seed (symbol of God's word; see first reading) a sower sows. As the parable focuses upon the seed/ word that is sown, it imparts to us the sower's experience of a three-fold progressive failure of the seed to produce—some falls along the way, some grows prematurely, and some falls among thorns. But after bringing us through an experience of the protracted failure of seed to produce, the parable confers a contrasting experience of surprising and extraordinary success. Some seed does fall upon the good soil and “produces fruit.” Indeed, this seed produces an abundant yield of “a hundredfold, or sixtyfold, or thirtyfold,” which stands in stark contrast to and far exceeds the previous threefold failure. This parable enables us to share the sower's experience of the inevitable and overwhelming success of the seed that falls on good soil despite and along with the repeated failures of the seed that does not fall on good soil. The parable thus encourages us to “produce fruit” and be part of the great success that will far exceed failures to hear God's word, by repenting and doing God's will in order to become the true family of Jesus (Matt 12:49-50) and enter the kingdom of heaven. It also encourages us to preach the word of God's kingdom despite the many failures we will experience, because the success will eventually and inevitably far outstrip the failure.

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A Little HUMER

My Dad is smarter than your Dad

Three schoolboys were bragging about their fathers. The first declared: ‘My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper and calls it a poem. They give him \$50.00.’ The second says: “Oh yeah, my Dad scribbles words on a paper and they call it a song and give him \$100.00!” The third brags: “My Dad scribbles a few words on a sheet of paper he calls a ‘sermon’ and it takes eight people to collect all the money!”

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

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Edward P. Whitty, Sr.

and

Edward P. Whitty, Jr.

see all the
PEOPLE

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QUILT RAFFLE

As you know each year we offer a quilt raffle in conjunction with our Parish Fair, the ladies worked very hard on the quilt over the winter, in spite of these uncertain times and our fair being cancelled this year, we have decided to go ahead with the Quilt Raffle on

August 15th

In addition to the quilt and cash prizes, we have added an additional prize that was donated to us.

1st Prize - Handmade quilt “Chocolate & Cherries”

2nd Prize - \$500.00

3rd Prize - \$250.00

4th Prize – Wine Cooler (Refrigerator)

The tickets will be mailed out soon!

The tickets are \$3.00 each, or a book of 10 for only \$20.00.

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