

Church of the Resurrection

July 16, 2023



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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OUR VISION

The Resurrection Catholic Community sees itself as a family that derives its sense of communion from the joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacraments, and the commitment to care for one another's needs through faith sharing and the willingness to offer each one's time, talents and treasure in the spirit of true unity.



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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Those living in the area and regular participants in the liturgy are asked to register as members of the parish. Simply attending Mass does not make one a registered member. To register just contact the parish office or pick up a form in the church entry.

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MY DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

Bible scholars say that Jesus spoke more than 40 parables during his 3-year ministry on earth, and most of those parables were common-place situations that were easily understandable to his listeners. Consider the parables of the “Salt of the Earth” and the “Lamp under a Bowl”, or perhaps the “New Wine and Old Wineskins”. The Lord’s listeners were probably saying, “We have heard that story before from our elders.” But there was a big difference in the way Jesus spoke to them: He spoke with authority and with a clear emphasis on the urgency of the call to conversion. He spoke with an invitation as well as with a warning that His listeners had to promptly heed His call.

Today’s Parable of the Sower was no different. It was easy to understand. After all, sowing seeds was part of their day-to-day experience - either some of them did it, or perhaps observed farmers do it. (My grandfather was a farmer, and I grew up in a farming village surrounded by rice paddies where many other farmers worked year in and year out. The picture that Jesus gives in this parable is very clear to me.) It is true that some seeds would end up wasted away: some would fall by the wayside and would be picked up by birds, some would simply not grow because it would be scorched by the heat of the sun, but most of them would be planted properly and would eventually produce rice stalks and grains.

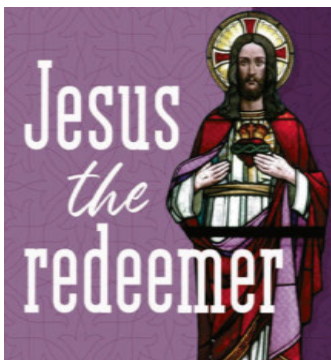
Jesus says that there are many ways by which the Word of God - represented by the seed in the parable - is received after it is sown. At times it is like those that fall on the pathway, a dry and hardened ground, and so it would not have any chance to grow. They just get plucked by the birds. It is when the Word of God falls on deaf ears – on those who resist (and resent) the gospel right off the bat. Sad but true, there are those who refuse to have anything to do with faith or religion - and would even complain that they are offended by people who pray in public. (Let us pray for them.) More common are those who are willing to listen and are open to faith. They are the ones who try their best to be close to God. They pray and participate in religious activities. But when their faith is put to the test – like when their personal convenience is challenged - that is the time when faith goes to the backburner. It becomes even more challenging when their faith or religious beliefs come in contradiction with their personal convictions and ideologies. Jesus spoke this parable more than 2,000 years ago - and it is very true to our present-day society.

By God’s grace, there are those who receive the Word with their whole hearts, mind, soul, and strength. They are those who cannot be hindered by any earthly powers or circumstances because they have made their choice to be faithful to God no matter what the consequences may be. They are those whose faith are tested but would not budge from their certainty that the Word of God is truly the source of eternal life. They may suffer the consequences of faithfully following the Lord, but their inner peace and serenity will never be taken away from them. They are the good soil that produces much fruit.

So today, we are being asked: what kind of soil are we? Hopefully, we can straightforwardly say that we belong among those who receive God’s Word wholeheartedly – the Word being Jesus Himself - and we are willing to embrace Him even if it hurts.

GOD LOVES YOU ALL VERY DEARLY.

In Christ,
FR. ROMY



Mass Intentions

MONDAY JULY 17

8:00 Teresa & Al Lux †

TUESDAY JULY 18

9:00 Thomas Phuc Vu †

WEDNESDAY JULY 19

8:00 Vince Pedotto †

THURSDAY JULY 20

8:00 Fredwest family †

Friday JULY 21

8:00 Daniel Dionisio (his birthday)

SATURDAY JULY 22

8:00 Augustino Thanh Nguyen †

5:00 Patty Vincent †

SUNDAY JULY 23

8:00 Parishioners

10:00 Fr. Scott Sperry †

5:00 Linda Tellez †

SOIL CONDITIONS

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions—at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." -Isaiah 55:11

~C. J. Dorman

Every character has an inward spring; let Christ be that spring. Every action has a key-note; let Christ be that note ~Drummond

The study of inspired scripture is the chief way of finding our duty. —St. Basil the Great

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14,22;Ps 124:1-8;Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15;Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6,9-12;Ps 103:1-4,6-7;Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20;Ps 105:1 & 5,8-9,24-25,26-27; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14;Ps 116:12-13,15&16-18; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Sg 3:1-4 or 2Cor 5:14-17;Ps 63:2-6,8-9; Jn 20:1-2,11-18
- Sunday: Wis 12:13,16-19;Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16; Rom 8:26-27;Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-3



Faith hears the inaudible, sees the invisible, and receives the impossible.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK—REMEMBER THOSE OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL AND HAVE REQUESTED OUR PRAYERS

Stephen Damon, Carolyn Jones, Terri Zavala, Donna Sabarese, Alayna Mantaring, Jerry Mendoza,

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE**Saturday 07/22/2023**

8:00am Fr. Anton

5:00 pm Fr. Dionisio

Sunday 07/23/2023

8:00 am Fr. Dionisio

10:00 am Fr. Dionisio

5:00 pm Fr. Anton

MASS SCHEDULE**WEEKDAYS:** 8 am (Monday—Saturday)**FIRST FRIDAY:** 6:00 pm**Saturday:** 5pm**Sunday:** 8am, 10am & 5pm**ADORATION****WEDNESDAY** 8:30 am—5:30 pm**FIRST FRIDAY** 5:00 pm—6:00 pm**CONFESSIONS****SATURDAYS:** 3:45 pm—4:45 pm**FIRST FRIDAYS:** 5:15 pm—5:45 pm**Parish office hours:****Monday—Thursday:****8:30 am—4:30 pm****Friday:** 8:30 am—1:00 pm**A DESERT THIRST**

Today's readings mention Water in its various forms (water and snow) and how important it is for things to grow. For those of us living in the desert, we are well aware of the importance of water. In the desert heat we are even more conscious of staying hydrated, for water is life giving.

In the first reading we hear of watering the seeds so that they grow and produce the needed fruits of the earth. As one growing up on the farm, we watched the clouds in the sky as we knew that without the needed rain at the growing season, we would have no crops and little to live on during the coming year. We trusted in God and His goodness to bring us the rain at just the right time – and in moderate proportions so we would not wash out the crops. We believed that God knew we needed the rain and He would provide for us, if we believed. We also had prayers at various times during the year, called ember days when we specifically prayed for that needed rain.

The readings also call to mind the need to protect creation. How much greater is the need these days with the fires that continue to burn in our area and on earth destroying creation, destroying life, and often destroying property? Today we are called to do what we can to protect the heritage we have for ourselves and others. We recycle what we can. We refuse plastics and bags and things we do not necessarily need. We recycle our newspapers. We use water sparingly. We reuse what we can. We are stewards of the earth.

The readings go on to say the seed is the word of God and Christ is the Sower. We are in effect the soil where the seed falls. Christ has sown us into a specific place, at a specific time, with a certain group. He will water us if we are open. He will give us the sunshine and the water we need. We cannot do it on our own. He will bless our yield. The Gospel goes on to explain where the seed falls and where and how the seed will mature.

It's not too late to grow and mature into a fruitful harvest. May the sun shine gently on us. May the showers perk us up and help us ripen for the harvest. For then, we will be plenty for all. Let us keep the soil watered.

Have a great week.

Sr. Anne Marie



Changes to Safe Environment Requirements!

If you serve the Resurrection community as a **volunteer in ANY ministry**, it's time to renew your safe environment certification. Renewals must be completed by **Sept. 1st**:

1. **If you do not complete your renewals yearly, volunteers will be required to do the online foundation course. You will not see a renewal option on your account.**
2. **The website is phoenix.cmgconnect.org.** Use the email and password you used last year. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT** if you need assistance contact Dee Tamminen at (480) 296-4256 or email her at re@resurrectionaz.org.
3. Dee is available in the Pope John XXIII room every **TUESDAY** morning from 8:30am-11am during **AUGUST**.

Thank you to all those who have already renewed!



COMING ATTRACTIONS IN YOUTH MINISTRY

- July 16th:** School Supply Drive
- July 22nd:** School Supply Sorting Day
- Sept. 10th:** Back-to-School BBQ



All donations of **NEW & UNOPENED** items may be dropped off in the narthex (church lobby) during the weekends of:

July 8/9
July 15/16
(or in the office during that week)

WHAT CAN BE DONATED?
ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE NEW, UNOPENED AND IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING.

- School Supplies**
- Crayola crayons
 - Crayola markers
 - Colored pencils
 - Composition notebooks
 - Sketch pads
 - Construction paper
 - Backpacks
 - Pencil top erasers

- Classroom Supplies**
- Copy paper
 - Expo dry erase markers
 - Clorox wipes
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Kleenex
 - Index cards (all sizes)
 - Bookstore gift cards

- Nurse's Needs**
- Clear Calamine Lotion
 - Children's Tylenol & Ibuprofen
 - Chapstick
 - Zip-lock bags
 - Band aids (all sizes)

- Clothing Room**
- New socks
 - New underwear (Sizes 5-36 - if for boys, boxers please)
 - New shoes (Sizes: Kids 3-13 and Adults 6-12)
 - Full-Sized Shampoo
 - Full-Sized Conditioner
 - Full-Sized Toothpaste
 - Full-Sized Body Wash

Sequoia Charter School, located in Mesa, is a school for homeless and underprivileged children in the East Valley. They pick up students from shelters and temporary housing to attend school each day. They offer meals, organize volunteer health and dental care, have clothing rooms and organize food drives for the families they serve. And they have teachers who give their students the individual care they are often lacking at home. They teach to the highest academic standards and reach out to communities of faith such as ours to ask for help in their efforts. Please give generously!

USE AS A REMINDER & SHOPPING LIST!

UGANDAN MARTYR

“
YOU CAN BURN OUR BODIES, BUT YOU CANNOT HARM OUR SOULS.
”

- ST. CHARLES LWANGA

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage. --Anonymous

Find us on our Youth Ministry social media pages!

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Resurrection livestreams Masses Saturday—5pm

<https://www.youtube.com/resurrectionaz>
<https://www.facebook.com/resurrectionaz/>

Liturgical Ministry Schedule July 22 & 23, 2023				
	Altar Servers	EM	Hospitality	Lectors
Saturday	Austin Dang	Priscilla Stiller	David Belanger	Denice Morales
5pm	Grace Luong	Kathy Olkonen	Elaine Belanger	Madi Magee
Sunday		Gloria Kaye	Marv Wellik	Jackie Pederson
8am		Ann Casey	Catherine Tran	Mary Hahn
10am	Peter Luong	Myrna Linares	<i>Unfilled</i>	Sissy Riley
	Joseph Luong	Richard Riley	<i>Unfilled</i>	John Brean
5pm		Rachel Waite	John Mulhern	Marianne Henderson
		Lorraine Alvarado	<i>Unfilled</i>	Marianne Henderson

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For more info & to register: dphx.org/jp2/events

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FOCUS ON THE GOOD

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, “Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil.” I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who lives their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they “see no good, hear no good, and speak no good.” Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



St. Vincent de Paul—Please call **(480)-329-0968** Monday through Friday from 9am—4pm for info.
 PARISHIONERS: if you find it difficult to pay for groceries, please contact us.



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For info contact: Grand Knight **Chester**

Email—kofcchetstarr@gmail.com or call: 480-208-5600



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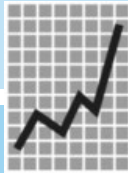
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