



Sat. July 11	5:00	✠	Irena Baran (Jan & Lana)
Sun. July 12	9:30		Missa Pro Populo
	11:00		Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Mon. July 13			Reparation for the offences Committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Teresa Walters)
Tues. July 14			Intentions of Vulcan & Arwen (Teresa Walters)
Wed. July 15		✠	Abraham Young (Mark & Dayna Young)
Thurs. July 16		✠	Abraham Young (Mark & Dayna Young)
Fri. July 17			Intentions of Jack & Dorothy Walters (Teresa Walters)
Sat. July 18	5:00	✠	Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
Sun. July 19	9:30		Missa Pro Populo
	11:00	✠	Ray Kardas (Stan & Krysia Fit)

(Weekday Masses 9:30am. Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.)
Holy Hour & Confessions Mondays 7-8pm
Summer Mass Schedule (July & August):
Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9:30 & 11am.

Offertory July 4/5, 2020

Offertory	\$ 3,155
Maintenance	\$ 260

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish.



God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them? If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try. If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: 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.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of ✠Simone Souter whose funeral Mass was celebrated on July 9th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.