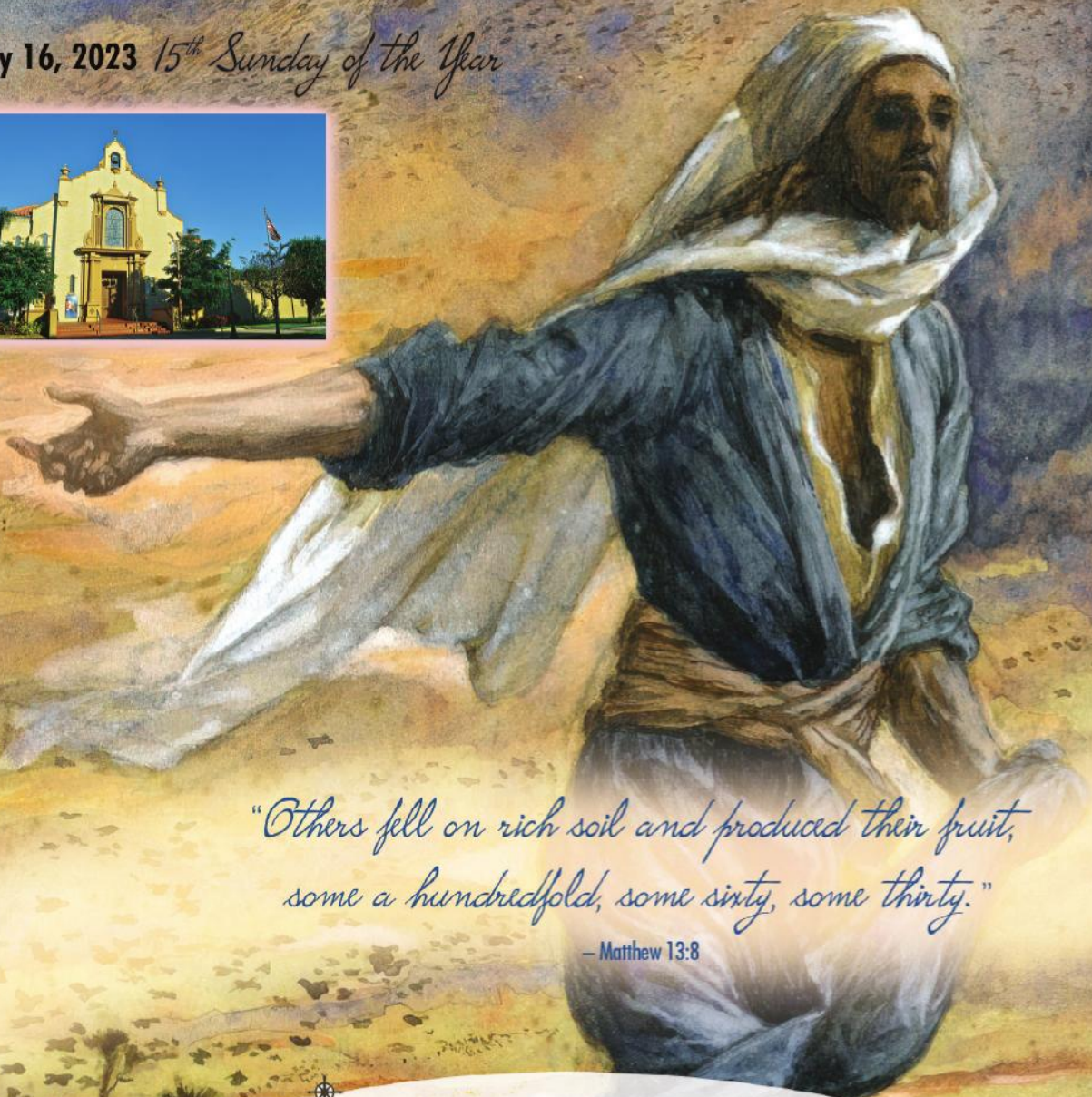


July 16, 2023 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year



*"Others fell on rich soil and produced their fruit,  
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."*

— Matthew 13:8



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Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil • 5:30pm Vigil

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Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

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Saturday 9-10am • 3-4pm Sunday-Friday 11:30am-12pm

### Eucharistic Adoration - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

### Rosary

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## From Our Pastor, Father George



**Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,**  
**Sunday Sermon – 15th Sunday of the Year**

### From Father Chris:

Any farmer will tell you that one of the most challenging parts of their work is preparing the soil so that it can receive the seed. It requires intense labor to clear the land of any trees, shrubs, or weeds that might have taken root there. Sometimes the ground is full of rocks that have to be dug up and moved. Often the ground soil is not deep enough to support the crops, so tons of soil need to be trucked in and spread over the area. Then fertilizer has to be applied to make sure there are enough nutrients in the soil to support the plants. Finally, the soil has to be adequately irrigated. Only then is the soil ready to support the seeds that will be planted.

Healthy, nutrient rich soil is just as important to seeds as water is for fish and fresh oxygen is for us. Without good soil, it would be a waste of time for the farmer to plant the seeds. And good soil doesn't always happen naturally. It is often only the result of hard work.

In today's gospel - the Parable of the Sower - Jesus compares God's word to a seed. A seed is something small that contains within it immense life-giving power. Just consider how an oak tree that can live for a hundred years comes from a tiny acorn. Just so, God's word seems small but packs a mighty punch.

As dynamic as God's word is, it needs fertile, nutrient rich soil if it is going to take root, grow, and nourish us. And the soil that Jesus' words land on is our hearts. Just as a farmer puts a lot of work into preparing the soil to plant his crops, just so we need to put a lot of work into preparing our hearts to receive God's word if it is going to have a transformative effect on us.

When the disciples ask Jesus about the meaning of the parable, He identifies several ways that the seed of His word can fail to take root in our hearts. Let's focus on the first example that Jesus gives - "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 what was sown in his heart." So, to prepare our hearts to receive God's word we must study it and strive to UNDERSTAND IT.

If we don't understand what Jesus is trying to tell us, we cannot act on it. So, studying God's word must be a priority for us. And there are so many resources that we can use to gain insight into what the Bible means, including several Catholic websites. My favorite one is catholicproductions.com - and then click - MASS READINGS EXPLAINED. It is a subscription, but it would be the best way to spend your \$13.95 a month. You will get access to the most relevant weekly Bible study of your life plus access to video, audio, outlines, and transcripts of bible readings for each Sunday. I'm not getting any commission! Only the happiness of your soul.

It can be tempting for us to not pay attention to Bible passages that don't make any sense to us. However, often it is the passages that are most puzzling to us that God uses to teach us something new about Him.

So, to prepare the soil of our hearts for the word that God wants to sow in us, we must spend time reading the Bible and studying it.

A good place to start is with the Sunday readings. Every Sunday, the Church gives us a passage from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a passage from the New Testament, and a passage from the gospels. All those readings give us plenty of material to reflect on during the week. You might look up the readings on Wednesday, read through them, and simply focus on the words that stand out to you. What is the passage saying to you? How is it calling you to change? And if there is something you do not understand, you can spend some time looking for resources, like the above, to gain insight into it. Then, you might spend the following Monday and Tuesday going over the readings again to deepen any knowledge you might have gained from the homily.

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Just imagine how much your knowledge of the Bible would grow if you spent every week doing a deep dive into the Sunday readings. Coming to Mass prepared like that will make it more likely that you will pay attention. It will also be more likely that you will learn more during Mass. At the same time, the Sunday Mass would become more and more the center of your spiritual life.

The Sunday Mass is a banquet with two tables - the table of God's word and the altar of the Eucharist. It is here - at this table - that Jesus sows the seed of faith in our hearts. By reflecting on His word every day, by striving to understand it, and by endeavoring to put it into practice, we can be sure that God will make that word grow a hundred-fold within us so that we will be blessed abundantly and so that we can bring abundant blessings into the lives of others.

### July 16, 2023

**Saturday July 22 – Memorial of St. Mary Magdalen** Died in the 1st Century; healed of possession; disciple of Jesus and present at his crucifixion; in Mark, the first to witness to the risen Lord; almost universally agreed today that her being identified as the sinful woman of Lk 7: 36-50 is unfounded; patroness of the Order of Preachers

**Eucharistic Revival in our parish** Our Bishops ask us to continue the national Eucharistic Revival and to make a next step, which is to initiate the Eucharistic Revival in our parish community. The aim is to deepen our faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Let's pray that the Eucharistic ministry in St. Martha's parish will help many people to experience an encounter with Jesus and we also pray that the Holy Spirit will increase our faith in Christ and show us how to see him, really present in the Eucharist. Currently, we have 4 Masses every-day in our church, eight Sunday Masses including the Mass in Vietnamese language. We have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Carosella Chapel from 9.00am till 12 noon Tuesday through Thursday

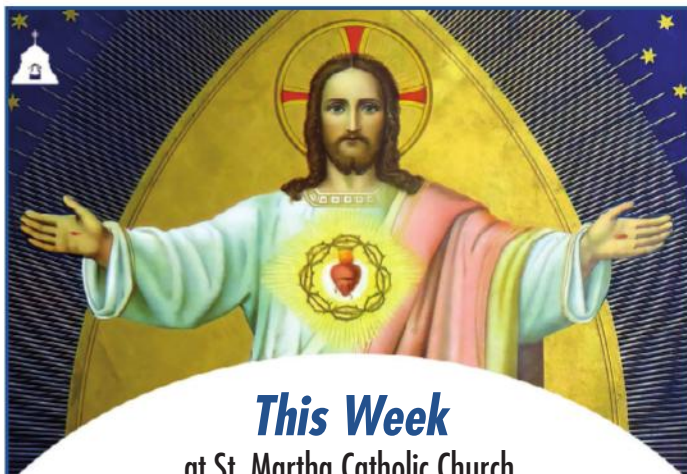
**May God bless all holiday makers!** St. Patrick's prayer: *Love, blessed Trinity of three, Bound in unity, Who guides my journey. I will arise with strength of heaven, Trusting in Your light, To guide my journey, Shine before me, Lead me home. Power to guide me, might to hold me, Wisdom teach me, watching o'er me. Ear to hear me, hand to guard me, Love to conquer every fear.*

**Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season** *O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, our beloved Mother we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a storm-less eternity awaits us.*

Amen.

**Next Sunday (July 23) – 16th Sunday of the Year**

**With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family,  
Father George**



**This Week**  
at St. Martha Catholic Church

**Tuesday, July 18 Saint Camillus de Lellis**  
10:30am - Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room

**Thursday, July 20 Saint Apollinaris**  
10am and 6pm - Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall

**Friday, July 21 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi**

**Saturday, July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene**

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# Upcoming Events

**Theology on Tap Sarasota** All young adults are invited to the Garden for food, refreshments, presentations, and discussions about the Catholic Faith. **Third Thursday, Monthly at 7pm Mandeville Beer Garden**  
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**Prison Ministry - Volunteers Needed!** Join the team of Diocesan volunteers who enter county jails and state prisons within the Diocese of Venice to do pastoral ministry, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs. Priests, Deacons, and Lay volunteers are encouraged to assist in this ministry. You will participate in an orientation before entering the facility and will *shadow* experienced volunteers until you feel comfortable. Times and days vary by facility. Please contact **Joe Mallof 224.217.7139** or **Bob Hiniker 863.558.0407** to learn where you can fit into this joyful opportunity.

**Youth and Young Adults - Totus Tuus Summer Camp Program!** Totus Tuus (a Latin phrase meaning *totally yours*) is a summer Catholic youth camp program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechists, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The week long Parish summer catechetical camp program assists parents and parishes in evangelizing and catechizing youth by complementing the work they are already doing at the parish and at home. To register for one of the camps, or for additional information, please visit the **Diocese of Venice website**.

**Rooted - St. John XXIII Parish** in Fort Myers hosts a once-a-month gathering for young adults called *Rooted*, in the church at 4pm on the second Sunday of each month (August 13, 2023). The gathering includes praise and worship, along with Eucharistic Adoration. In addition, the outreach program is looking to expand its offerings to young adults, such as college students, those 20-30, young adults who are married with/without children (children welcome), and older adults aged 30 years and up. If you are interested in helping to organize, lead, or participate in this effort, please contact Kelly Evers, St. John XXIII Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at [kelly@johnxxiii.net](mailto:kelly@johnxxiii.net) or **239.561.3022**.

**Vocational Retreat - St. Paul Catholic Church** is hosting a one-day Vocational Retreat, *Encounter with Christ* from 8am to 7pm, Saturday, August 26 for males and females ages 15 to 30. The retreat takes place in the Parish Hall located at 1208 East Oak Street, Arcadia. The cost for the day is \$20 and includes meals and materials. Pre-registration is available by emailing [retreatreg20@gmail.com](mailto:retreatreg20@gmail.com). For further information contact the parish office at **863.494.2611**.

**EWTN Family Celebration** - EWTN is hosting a one day event beginning at 8am and ending with a Eucharistic Procession at 6:30pm on August 26 at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex, 22100 Richard Arrington Blvd. North, Birmingham, Alabama. The day includes an opportunity to meet EWTN hosts and authors, for Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and to attend Mass with Bishop Steven Raica. There is no cost to attend. Please visit [ewtn.familycelebration](http://ewtn.familycelebration) or **1.800.447.EWTN** for further information, or to register.

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## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Sun, July 16** ..... **Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23**

7:30am ..... [JV] ..... Steven Jayson by Wife  
 9:00am ..... [GS] ..... Letty Maher by Ann Crowley  
 10:30am ..... [FS] ..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm ..... [FS] ..... David Jones by Michael and Margaret  
 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... (Hall/Viet) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm ..... [JB] ..... Frank Cikovic by Marion

**Mon, July 17** ..... **Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1**

7:30am ..... [JV] ..... (L) Fr. Andrew Kozminski by David and Paula Shigley  
 8:30am ..... [GS] ..... Ron Dutton by Rita Dunn  
 12:00pm ..... [JR] ..... Ricardo Galbis by Theresa Gilbertson  
 5:30pm ..... [JR] ..... Pasquale Buoni by John Buoni

**Tue, July 18** ..... **Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24**

7:30am ..... [GS] ..... Michael Aerts by Bob Kruse  
 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... Catherine Garton by John Garton  
 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... Marie Hofferger  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... Poor Souls in Purgatory by Javier and Gloria Olivos

**Wed, July 19** ..... **Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27**

7:30am ..... [JR] ..... (L) Rocky Milliman by Friends  
 8:30am ..... [GS] ..... Marilou Heraty by Peter Heraty  
 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Fr. Patrick Wilson by Mr. & Mrs. Tony DeFilippo  
 5:30pm ..... [JR] ..... Barbara De Los Reyes by Jim and Marian Walsh

**Thu, July 20** ..... **Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30**

7:30am ..... [JV] ..... Ingrid Fleischmann by Cindy and Fred Mercurio  
 8:30am ..... [JR] ..... Louis Zazarino by Bill Rex  
 12:00pm ..... [JR] ..... James Meade by Helen, Andrzej, and Children  
 5:30pm ..... [FS] ..... (L) Gary Lupino by Larry and Helene McCarthy

**Fri, July 21** ..... **Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8**

7:30am ..... [JR] ..... Johnny Buckholz by Tom Murphy  
 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... Catherine Garton by John Garton  
 12:00pm ..... [FS] ..... Richard Moran by the Moran Family  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... Ross Blank by Your Friends at Demetrio's

**Sat, July 22** ..... **Sg 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18**

7:30am ..... [GS] ..... Ryan Lynch by Angela Intoccia  
 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... Peggy Sowa by Regina Broderick  
 4:00pm ..... [JV] ..... (L) Linda Blouin by Linda Blouin  
 5:30pm ..... [FS] ..... L & D Mbrs of the Julie Tierney Family by Friend

**Sun, July 23** ..... **Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43**

7:30am ..... [JV] ..... Madelyn Heibel by the Heibel Family  
 9:00am ..... [FS] ..... David Jones by Michael and Margaret  
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 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... David DiCanmillo by Molly Dooher  
 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... (Hall/Viet) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... (L) Conor Stephens by Mary and John McGruder

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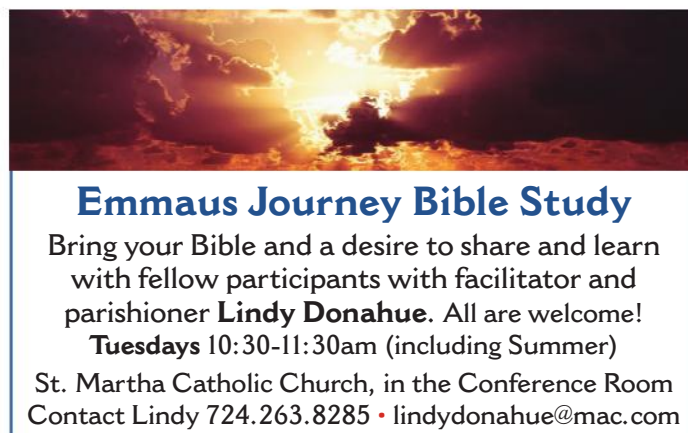
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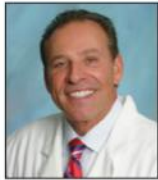
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