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### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Parables, Anyone?

When Jesus answers the apostles' question about why he speaks in parables, it may seem as if He is using them to confuse people. We know He is trying to spread the Good News of God's kingdom. So He talks to the crowds in parables, easily understood stories that usually have a moral or that end with a question for the hearers. He uses these stories to teach the crowd.

Jesus threw out parables like a farmer sowing seeds. Some of them fell on the ears of those who would be disciples. But most fell on the ears of people not ready to understand. So how do we receive His Word? Do we hear it without understanding, letting it go in one ear and out the other? Do we hear it joyfully, but then forget it when troubles or difficulties come along? Do we listen to the word but ignore it in the face of some later temptation?

If we want the word to grow strong in us, we can take steps to help ourselves understand it. We can come to Church early and spend a few minutes with the readings before Mass. After Mass we can talk about the readings or the homily with our family over breakfast. We can pick out one practical point to practice that week.

Keeping the word in difficult times is not easy. The cross teaches us to expect troubles, but we have to endure them to really learn that we can go through suffering to a new life.

To be strong enough to resist temptations, we have to decide each day that we want to follow Jesus' word. We can pray for that strength and ask God to help us remember that word when temptations come. And we can decide to stay away from the places, people, or situations that so tempt us.

God's word can be likened to a ball game. We can sit back and watch, not really involved or caring who wins. Or we can jump in and participate and make the game ours. Let us ask God how we can take the word and run with it. Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 12TH, 2020 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR SO MANY YEARS WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY LISTED THE PRAYER INTENTIONS IN THE BULLETIN. KEEPING WITH THAT TRADITION, WE NOW LIST THOSE INTENTIONS AND PLACE THEM ON THE ALTAR DURING MASS.

(THIS IS A TEMPORARY CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING)

#### SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

7 AM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS 9 AM - AARON HARDY, RACHEL MILLER, AND AUDREE HARDY **†††** 

11 AM - LUCIA ABBAS ★ RITA MORGAN **†** 

THE 1 PM MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

5 PM - MARTHA CORBETT &

MONDAY, JULY 13TH 8 AM - DON T. •

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH 8 AM - ROBERT B. KLEIN • WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH 8 AM - SPECIAL INTENTIONS

#### THURSDAY, JULY 16TH 8 AM - CHRIS WYATT 🕈

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH 8 AM - LORENZO RASBOT 🕈

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

8 AM - MARIA CATHCART ★ 5 PM - FR. UCHE ★

# St. Anastasia's School and Parish welcomes a new School Principal

I am blessed and honored to introduce myself to the St. Anastasia community as your new principal for the 2020-2021 school year.

My name is Ms. Angelica Izquierdo and I am a proud product of Catholic education from my elementary school years through my graduate studies. I have benefited greatly from my own Catholic school experience and it is my desire to provide that for the St. Anastasia Catholic School students.

I have worked in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for the last eleven years. I came to the Archdiocese with my California Teaching Credential from the University of San Diego and began my teaching career as part of the LMU PLACE Corps where I completed an MA in Special Education. During PLACE, I taught fourth grade for two years, and then moved on to St. John Chrysostom where my roles included teaching in both primary grades and middle school, Summer Academy Director, Assistant Vice Principal of Operations, and Vice Principal. During that time I completed my MA in Catholic School Administration. I joined the Onward Leaders program in the Archdiocese, where I was co-principal with Mrs. Teresa Villarreal at Our Lady of Guadalupe School. After finishing my year in Onward Leaders, I became the principal of St. Lucy School in Long Beach. During my time at St. Lucy's, I collaborated with the faculty through a successful accreditation visit, trained an Onward Leaders resident principal, served on the Excellence Committee and guided the school community into a culture of continuous improvement.

As principal, my goal is to provide children with a learning experience that is meaningful and valuable. This learning will allow each child to know and understand the love of God through the love of others and the love of

I began at St. Anastasia on July 1st and this means that we have officially started our journey together. I am settled in and welcome your phone calls, emails or visits I look forward to building our relationship and strengthening this beautiful community.

Thinking about the laughter and sounds of learning that will fill the classrooms brings me so much joy. I can't wait until we can finally begin to know each other better.

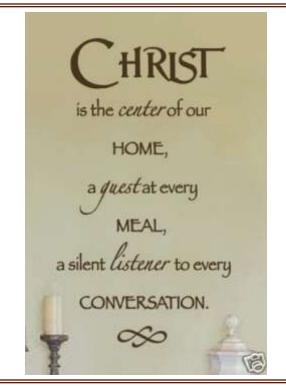
Ms. Angelica Izquierdo St. Anastasia's community

welcomes you and is anxious to

be able to have you become one of ours!

**Congratulations!** 





# FACTS OF LIFE Parents refused abortion and got a miracle: 'Nothing is too big for God'

After a devastating miscarriage, Kate Mckinney and her husband learned they were expecting a baby boy to join their three daughters. They were thrilled, but then doctors delivered devastating news: their baby boy had fluid on the back of his neck, and they predicted he would be stillborn. The couple was immediately offered an abortion, but they refused. When a nurse came to draw Mckinney's blood to try and determine the cause of the cystic hygroma, she told Mckinney, "Just have faith. Nothing is too big for God." Throughout the rest of her pregnancy, Mckinney never saw that nurse again, and calls her "my angel that day." On November 5, 2018, T.O. was born, and he shocked the doctors who ran every test they could. Each test came back negative, although they found a small heart murmur that has since resolved itself. www.liveaction.org

#### This Sunday, July 12th, 2020 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Ps 65). Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).



#### We encourage all to read and reflect on the Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at <u>Masses next week!</u>

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Rom 8:26-27). Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).



Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

# St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Feast Day, July 14th - Saint

Tekakwitha, is the first Native American to be recognized as a Saint, by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. It is now called Auriesville, in Montgomery County, New York. Her mother was a Catholic, Algonquin Indian, who was captured by the Mohawks and, who took a Mohawk Chief for her husband. When Kateri was 4 years old, she contracted smallpox, which left her with terrible scars on her skin. It also caused impaired eyesight. The scars were humiliating to the young child and she was often seen wearing a blanket to hide her pox marks, and possibly to shield her eyes from the piercing sun. Even worse than that, her entire family died during the smallpox outbreak. Kateri was then raised by her uncle, who was the Chief of a Mohawk Clan. Her tribe had a deep connection with the fields, forests, rivers and wildlife of their homeland. They were careful to manage the natural world, with the use of controlled fire, for food, shelter, and clothing. They hunted, fished, farmed, gathered, harvested, and traded for material



and spiritual needs. Tekakwitha was much like other young girls, with a gentle loving personality. She helped her aunt work in the fields tending corn, beans, and squash. She also went to the forest to pick roots, needed for medicine and dye. Kateri would often go to the woods alone to speak to God and to hear the voice of nature. Kateri was a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. As devoted to work, she however, refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor for her, she declined the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in to the hardship. Instead, she remained guiet and diligent. Eventually, they were forced to give up and accept that she had no interest in marriage. At 18, she met a Jesuit priest, Jacques de Lamberrielle, visiting their village, and she told him of her desire to become a Christian. After this, she began to study the Catechism with Father. Kateri converted to Catholicism at age 19. She was Baptized on Easter Sunday, in honor of St. Catherine of Siena. Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine. She took a vow of chastity and pledged to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adopted parents. Some of the Mohawks opposed her conversion and started rumors of sorcery. To avoid being persecuted, she left her village and moved, for the remaining 5 years of her life. She resided in the Jesuit mission village of Kahnawake, south of Montreal on the St. Lawrence River in New France, now Canada. According to legend, Kateri would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She was very devout and often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries, that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food, so it would be distasteful. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such mortification was common among the Mohawk tribes. She did these things while praying, offering them up for the conversion and forgiveness of her tribe. While in Kahnawake, she met her mother's close friend, Anastasia, who was also the matron of a longhouse residence and a spiritual counselor. She was responsible for encouraging Kateri to undergo these penances. In this village, Kateri meet two Jesuit priests, Fr. Cholenec and Fr. Chauchetiere. Fr. Cholenec showed Kateri more traditional items of Catholic mortification. Her health became compromised with these practices. Kateri had a friend, Marie-Therese, who frequently took up these penances with her. As Kateri grew weaker, Marie-Therese took Kateri and sought the help of Father Chauchetiere. Fr. scolded the young women, saying that penance must be used in moderation. He told the two, that they must have him approve their penance, so that they would not become unreasonable. From then on, Kateri practiced whatever penance the priest would allow her, but nothing more. Kateri was very loyal and steadfast in her devotion. Her practices of self-mortification and denial continued to weaken her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away in 1680. Upon her death at the age of 24, witnesses said that, minutes later, her scars vanished and her face appeared radiant and beautiful. Known for her virtue of chastity and mortification of the flesh, she is the fourth Native American to be venerated in the Catholic Church and the first to be canonized. In 1943, Pope Pius XII declared her Venerable. She was Beatified, as Catherine Tekakwitha on June 22, 1980 by Pope John Paul II. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized, by Pope Benedict XVI, on October 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and environment, people in exile, and Native Americans. She is sometimes referred to as "Lily of the Mohawks".



## Did You Know?

### Watch out for friend fatigue

After months of staying home, parents who are opting to engage in safe playdates should be aware of "friend fatigue." Especially in the summer months, children have time for longer playdates, and often choose to spend time with their best friends whenever they can. But these playdates can be too much of a good thing. Pay attention to cues from your child that he or she needs a break — excessive fighting, bad behaviors, short tempers. Use informed judgement to determine when it's best for children to take a play break for a few days or so. For more information, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "Summer friends are great and all, but..." at <a href="https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/">https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/</a>.



# MINISTRY EQUIPS US TO DEEPEN OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND SHARE OUR FAITH...



#### CHURCH VISITING HOURS

Church Visiting Hours have been cancelled for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety of our parishioners is our top priority in this time. We will announce visiting hours upon reopening.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday ◆ 8:30AM – 4:00PM

#### Faith for Kids

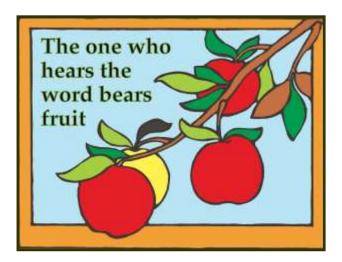
"Every day will I bless you" - Psalm 145:2

What do you do first thing in the morning? Do you clean up, **put on fresh clothes and have a good breakfast? [Don't forget to** make your bed and brush your teeth!] Even before you get started with all that, whisper a little prayer of thanks to God as you wake up. Each new day is a gift that will unfold before your eyes.

Whatever it brings, you can be sure God's love will be with you every step of the way.



Thank you, God, for the gift of this day!



Now that the Churches have been reopened, it is very important to make sure the guidelines are followed properly:

- Keep social distancing of 6 FEET;
- Wear your mask properly;
- Make sure to use hand sanitizer, and avoid unnecessary touching of surfaces.

#### A REMINDER OF NEW MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM in the Church

THE 9 AM MASS WILL ALWAYS BE LIVESTREAMED

11:00 AM (Please be mindful of the fact that this Mass is outside, so it is recommended to bring a hat and wear sunscreen)

The 1 pm Mass has been cancelled!

5:00 PM in the Church Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM

⇒THE CONFESSION SCHEDULE HAS ALSO CHANGED:

Saturday: 3:30 pm-5 pm

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Continue praying THE ROSARY;
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"The Family That Prays
Together, Stays Together."
- Fr. Patrick Peyton



## Pope Francis' Prayer

Intentions for July Universal Prayer Intention Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied, with love, respect, and guidance.



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