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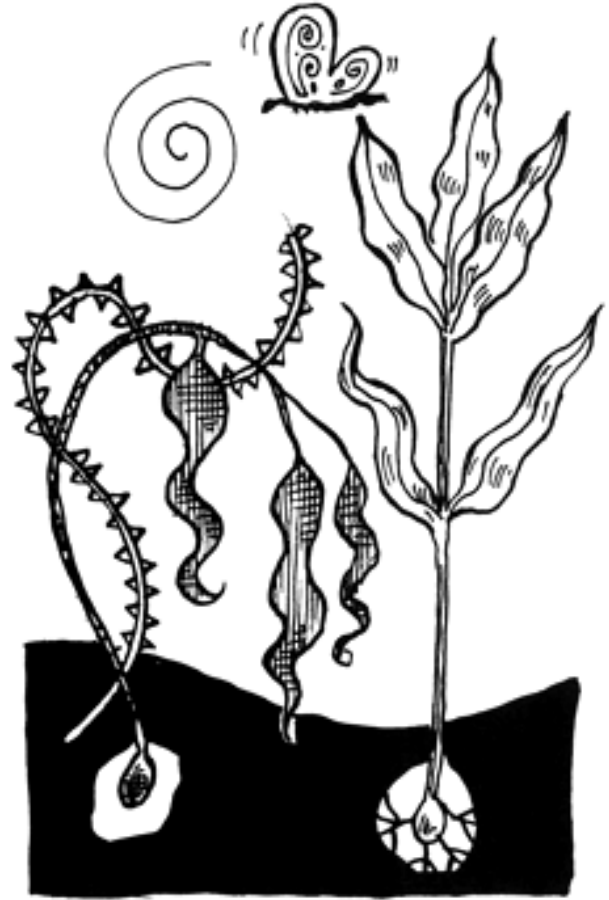


*There are different ministries,  
but the same Lord.  
You then are the Body of Christ.  
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

## **Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 16, 2023**

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



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon July 17

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

### Tue July 18

9am- Mass

### Wed July 19

9am- Mass

### Thu July 20

9am- Mass

### Fri July 21- Office Closed

9am- Communion Service

### Sat July 22

1pm- Legion of Mary  
3-4pm-Confession  
5pm- Mass

### Sun July 23

8am- Mass  
11am- Mass  
12pm- Rosary

## Mass Readings for Next Sunday

### Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

*You give repentance for sins.*

### PSALM 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

*Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

### Romans 8:26-27

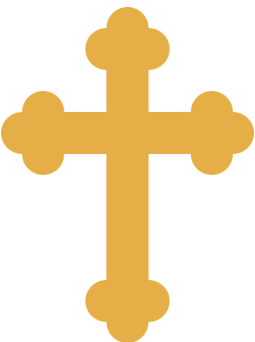
*The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.*

### Matthew 13:24-43

*Let them grow together until harvest.*

## Mass Intentions

*Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.*



### Vocations Cross

Sign up at the pedestal outside the sanctuary.

The Cortes Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

## Reflection

If you hear the longer version of this gospel, Jesus makes clear what each seed is a metaphor for. Lack of understanding, lack of rooted-ness, and worldly anxiety can all prevent us from bearing fruit for Christ. If we are not deeply rooted, challenges can easily topple us. It takes constant weeding away of distractions and unimportant things to maintain space in our lives and hearts for God's word.

### How to Thrive in the Waiting Place

In his classic book *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* Dr. Seuss describes "The Waiting Place," where folks are sitting around waiting "for a train to go or a bus to come, or a plane to go or the mail to come, or the rain to go or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow or waiting around for a Yes or No." I come back to these lines often and find them to be a simple but profound description of life. Truly so much of our passage on this earth is waiting—caught in the awkward space between what has been and what will be, involving the loss of what we have known and the fear of what has not arrived.

We spend our days in a perpetual advent season, a time of waiting. As St. Paul explains to the Romans, "all creation is groaning in labor pains." We catch the bus and board the plane and answer the phone in a state of pregnant expectation, awaiting the time when all will be fulfilled—when the suffering that stings us now will make sense against the backdrop of the glory to be revealed.

But waiting can be brutal, demanding more patience than we think we have. Its uncertainty is hard to tolerate at times, requiring a kind of faith and hope that is difficult to come by even for the most radical disciples among us. How, exactly, do we thrive in an indefinite advent when everything is half-baked and what seems very real to us is only half the story?

Jesus offers some instructions in today's parable: we sow our seed in rich soil. We regularly fortify our souls with the Word of God and its promise to us (not so much with the headlines in our news feeds or the trending social media stories). To exist calmly in a waiting place means to feed ourselves with real nutrients—with God's reassuring message that there is nothing half-baked about his love for us and his presence now, in this interim period. Although we may not have reached our final destination, there is significance in our journey, and there is value in the waiting.

Therese J. Borchard

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### On the Way Home from Mass...

Parables are stories that teach a lesson. What lessons do you think Jesus wanted us to learn?



### Ministry Schedule for next week (Jul 22/23)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases	Dave Alzheimer Ray Meliton	Jess Manaois Jessie Maglaqui	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	<b>2 Volunteers needed</b>	Maureen Retzel	John Hoppe Marilyn Kerr	Jaeden Cabrera Matthew Walsh
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt	Megan Green	Janina Chlebowski Thomas Bases	Cindy Tutaan Teresa Cortes

# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Save the Date; Aug 25-27, 2023

Native Ministry Weekend Retreat at Holy Spirit Center, Anch, AK. The speakers are Sr. Kathy Radich, OSF and Mrs. Lala Hunt, Director of Native Ministry Training Program, Diocese of Fairbanks. Retreat is sponsored by Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau Catholic Native Ministry. Cost is \$75 for the whole weekend, includes retreat, food, and lodging. Please email Sister Frances, DC at [fvista@aoaj.org](mailto:fvista@aoaj.org) or call 907-297-7777 to register. Space is limited! To reserve your spot for better planning, a non-refundable \$25 fee is required by Aug 8, 2023, which will go toward the total \$75 payment.

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to register your  
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Sacrament Prep



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- Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
- Youth/Young Adult- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363

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## Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE		
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>		
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$	7,327	
Weekly Tithing Period:	7/3-9/2023	
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections: \$	3,744	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections: \$	-	
Online Giving: \$	2,456	
Total: \$	6,200	
Over /(Under) Goal: \$	(1,127)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	84.6%	
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>		
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023	
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	91.7%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: \$	434,000	
Actual Total Income for Period: \$	401,140	
Budget Total Income for Period: \$	397,833	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period: \$	3,307	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	100.8%	
<b>Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY23 YTD Period</b>		
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023	
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	208,400	52.0%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	6,650	1.7%
Online Giving: \$	141,520	35.3%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): \$	11,870	3.0%
Stole Fees: \$	6,985	1.7%
Investment Income: \$	10,305	2.6%
Fee Income: \$	7,065	1.8%
Other: \$	8,345	2.1%
Total: \$	401,140	100.0%
* Pending Rebate Payment = \$1,275		
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>		
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023	
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	91.7%	
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023: \$	434,000	
Actual Total Expenses for Period: \$	379,148	
Budget Total Expenses for Period: \$	397,833	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period: \$	(18,685)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	95.3%	
<b>Actual "Total Net Income" for FY23 YTD Period</b>		
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023	
Actual Total Income for Period: \$	401,140	
Actual Total Expenses for Period: \$	379,148	
Actual Total Net Income for Period: \$	21,992	
Total Net Income "Over /(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):	5.8%	

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