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Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time (3)

Date July	Place	Time	Liturgy	Intention/Donor	
SAT 15	SHJ	5pm	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Four Soils Parable	Hamilton Family [RIP] <i>Marian & Harry Scanlan</i>	
SUN 16	SJM	9am		Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  What is the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares? <small>© Questions.org</small>	Needs & Intentions of Our Parish Family
	SFA	11am			The Intentions of Our Blessed Mother (INT) <i>Gisele Saint_Jacques</i>
TUE 18	SFA	9am	The Mystery of the Holy Cross (1322)		Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory <i>Jules Hubert</i>
WED 19	SJM	3:30pm	Ferial		
THR 20	SFA	9am	The Most Holy Eucharist (1324)	Knights of Columbus Council # 11655 [RIP]	
FRI 21	SJM	10am	Ferial		
SAT 22	SHJ	5pm	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  What is the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares? <small>© Questions.org</small>	Needs & Intentions of Our Parish Family	
SUN 23	SJM	9am		Terry Cassidy [RIP] <i>Mary Hunt</i>	
	SFA	11am		Charlene Jordison [RIP] <i>Diana Mosco & Family</i>	

Lay Ministers

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, July 15 Sun, July 16	Lector – K. Foster	Lector – S. Kostya Usher – B. Kerby
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, July 22 Sun, July 23	Lector – R. Lefort	Lector – B. Kerby Usher – M. Kerby

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Parish Income June 2023

Spiritual: 611 Persons Attended Mass

Financial: \$8,231.00 donations

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A family during Mass became aware that their five-year-old daughter had caught the last four words of the Mystery of Faith as if she were hearing them for the first time. She was bursting with excitement as we finished saying, “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.” She turned to her parents and said, “Mom! ‘until you come again,’ does that mean Jesus is coming back? He’s coming HERE?” What a lovely, emotion-filled response to learning that truth. She has heard those words countless times, but this time she had actually listened to the truth behind them. Her soul was made to be in relationship with God at the moment of her conception. The Holy Spirit has been preparing her to receive those words when she was ready to hear them in their fullness, and as the Responsorial Psalm proclaimed: “The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundredfold.” For children in the early, challenging years when it may seem easier to leave them at home rather than take them to Mass, let us remember what we are told in the first reading from Isaiah. “Thus says the Lord: ... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” How often do you find yourself listening to a friend or family member yet not really hearing what they are saying, because you are already preparing your response? Do we do that as well when we pray? Sometimes we may catch ourselves praying with an inner monologue behind it, deciding how we want the prayer to be answered. Now all of this may not be exactly what Jesus meant when he said, “This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.” When we are so anxious to get our words in – either to another person or to God, we are not really being the rich soil which the words of others may deserve. We’re not even the rocky ground or the thorny path of which the Lord speaks; we are more like a giant rubber wall off which the words simply bounce! Let us take some time to consider how our practice of listening and receiving others, including the Lord, is preparing us (or not) for the return of Jesus. And if there is room to improve, now is a good time to do it.