

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

Remain in me, says the Lord!



Masses For The Week

Sun 12 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

Thr 16 Weekday

12:05 pm **NO MASS** – Fr Nolasco on Vacation

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The Lord proclaims: “My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I send it.” The Word is the Son of God. “Creation awaits with eager expectation” to “be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.” That is why Jesus speaks to us in a way that reminds us of the moment of creation: as if we are soil. “The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life” (Gn 2:7). We have the potential, the freedom to be good, rich, productive soil. We beg that the Word will return to us again and again so that we can do his will, achieving the end for which God sends him to us.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for

+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Isaiah 55:10–11 / Romans 8:18–23 / Matthew 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

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The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●

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Let the
Word of the
Lord take
root in you

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.

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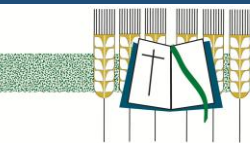
Proposed Budget

July 2026 through June 2027

	Jul '26 - Jun ...
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
41 · CONTRIBUTIONS	152,904.00
43 · OTHER REVENUE	2,000.00
44 · SUBSIDIES AND TRANSFERS	7,000.00
45 · NONREVENUE RECEIPTS	1.00
Total Income	161,905.00
Gross Profit	161,905.00
Expense	
51 · PASTORAL SERVICES EXPENSES	50,990.00
52 · RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPEN...	300.00
56 · PLANT OPER & MAINT EXPENSES	31,500.00
57 · PARISH ADMINISTRATION EXPE...	22,465.00
58 · FIXED EXPENSES	18,596.00
59 · CAPITAL EXPENSES	37,000.00
60 · PAYROLL EXPENSES	1,054.00
Total Expense	161,905.00
Net Ordinary Income	0.00
Net Income	0.00



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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,355.00

Loose: \$ 36.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 0.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,391.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,357.82

Dear Padre

July 12, 2026

I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18–20.) ●

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One day a farmer went out sowing. Part of the seed fell on a footpath where birds picked it up. Part of the seed fell on rocky ground. Again, part of it fell among thorns which grew up and choked it. Part of it, finally, landed on good soil and yielded grain at a hundred fold. Let everyone heed what he hears!



The seed is the Word of God and Christ is the sower.

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