



Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023



...yield a fruitful harvest....

This Week (July 15 – 22)

In the HORIZON

Saturday	4:30 PM	Confession
	5:00 PM	Vigil Mass (Fr. Remy, CICM)
Sunday	8:30 AM	Mass (English)
	11:00 AM	Mass (Spanish)
	1:00 PM	Mass (Spanish – Santa Clara)
Monday	9:00 AM	Mass
	9:35 AM	Lector/EMC Training
	6:00 PM	Lector/EMC Training
	7:00 PM	Online Rosary
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Weekday Mass (Santa Clara)
Thursday	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass Morning Prayer/Adoration
Friday	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday	4:30 PM	Confession
	5:00 PM	Vigil Mass (English)

July 17, 2023

9:35 AM Lector/EMC Training
6:00 PM Lector/EMC Training

August 6, 2023

(8:30 & 11 AM masses will be celebrated at 9 AM)
9:00 AM Parish bilingual mass
10:00 AM Parish Summer Picnic
Games/Cultural Presentations

Spanish Mass Time Change

Starting on **August 20, 2023** the Spanish is moved to **10:30 AM**. **Spanish Weekday Mass** begins on September 11 at 7 PM (6PM – 7 PM Adoration)

September 1, 2023

Bill Lord's Golf Tournament (Knights of Columbus)

October 21, 2023

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
Raleigh Convention Center

Our Mission

To love and know more profoundly our Catholic faith, worship the Lord, minister to our members and to further spread our faith in the community.

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Office Hours

Mon. 9-12 PM

Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12, PM in Sta. Clara

Thur. 9-12, 4-6PM

Fri. 9-12, 4-6PM

Call to make an appointment

Adoration

Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM

Reconciliation

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

Weekend Mass Schedule

Transfiguration of Jesus

Saturday 5:00 PM English

Sunday 8:30 AM English

11:00 AM Spanish

Santa Clara Mission

1:00 PM Spanish

The Pope's Monthly Intention (July):

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:10-14

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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Monthly Finances	June 2023 Budget	June 2023 Actual	June 2023 Actual Expenses
Offertory	\$15,000	\$14,217	
Maintenance/Others	\$2,308	\$2,778	
Total Expense		(11.12)	\$12,815.83
TOTALS	\$17,308	16,983.88	\$4,168.05

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de la Misa

Sat. 5:00 PM + Vincent Scaserra requested by Allen and Diana Nizamoff
 + Genevieve Elko requested by Allen and Diana Nizamoff
 Sun. 8:30 AM + James Branch requested by Patty George
 11:00 AM *Pro Populo*

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK (PRAYER TREE)

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.

Readings/Lecturas

Sun	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Mon.	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tue.	Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wed.	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thur.	Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Fri.	Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Sat.	Saint Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Liturgical Ministers/Ministros Liturgicos

Ministries	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	B Jaco	D Orłowski M Orłowski	Jorge, Tino, Jorge
Transporter	B Jaco	M Orłowski	Jorge, Tino Jorge
Lectors	B Russell D Conte	T Vandiver K Mackey	Keylyn Franci
EMC's	C Partyka D Schembri	P George R Hirshkind	Melvin Lucia
Altar Servers	M McCarthy	Leah, Neil Miguel, Adriana	Joseph, Sofia Jairo, Dorian

PRISON MINISTRY

The U.S. has only 5% of the world's population but we house 25% of the world's prisoners! Since 1970, our incarcerated population increased by 700%. About 2.3 million people are in prison today.

Prison Ministry: Jesus' concern for the care of the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless and prisoners (cf. Mt 25:34-40) sought to express the core of the Father's mercy. - Pope Francis, February 17, 2016

What is Prison Ministry?: Prison Ministers share the Gospel with the poor and marginalized by offering spiritual support to those who are incarcerated. Each correctional facility in North Carolina provides unique opportunities for outreach, including worship services, scripture studies, and sacramental preparation. These services are opportunities for fellowship and catechesis with the inmates before and after the service.

Why get involved?: In the Diocese of Raleigh, Prison Ministry has been growing since 2017 and is in need of people who are willing to spend time with inmates. Many of these men and women have never heard the authentic message of Christ and desperately need to know that they are loved. All Christians are baptized priest, prophet, and king; prison ministry is an opportunity to fulfill your baptismal promises by sharing the Gospel with those on the margins of society.

FORMATION COLUMN

Hearing Scripture

Imagine you're with a group of friends swapping stories about recent trips. But each of you brings a written copy for everyone else. When it's your turn, you don't tell the story while everyone listens. Instead, everybody pulls out your written account and reads along with you while you speak. Sound like fun? Sorry, that's not how we tell stories.

Listening is an art as rich as reading. We still do it in classrooms, seminars, phone conversations and the living room. Lively interaction between speaker and listener means the speaker proclaims ideas and the listener gives attention. In that low-tech communication, human beings connect.

The proclamation of Scripture recaptures the age-old art of speaking and listening. God's presence appears in the assembly as word. In actively listening to the Word of God, as we naturally do in conversation, we open our hearts to wonder. Technology has made the mass production of written materials more available now than ever. With little effort, Scripture readings can be placed in the hands of every worshiper. Advocates of this practice say it permits the worshiper to use sight, not just hearing. However, it's like having everyone read your trip story while you tell it. It can let the air out. The event requires both the proclamation of the reader and the eagerness of listeners. Hearing the word together bonds and expresses our community. If everyone reads the text silently, we become individuals again, with noses in our laps and faces turned down from one another.

We'll hear the Word of God with better attention if we prepare. Worshipers can read the texts prior to coming to Mass and pray over them throughout the week before. We may also discuss them with family and friends. Then our ears will be open to listen attentively to the Word of God. All eyes will be fixed on the one who reads. And our hearts will be joined as one body of believers. When the divine word resounds in our assembly—heads up! And listen.

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Inaudible Prayers

Several times during Mass, the priest or deacon says a prayer that no one else hears. To some it seems rude: "If they're going to say something, they should say it out loud." To others it seems wasteful: "The prayers are beautiful; why not let everyone hear them?" To still others it just seems odd: "What are they doing up there anyway?"

The Mass originated as a public prayer, a dialogue with God by the ministers and the assembly. As fewer people understood Latin, the participation of the people diminished. These inaudible prayers entered the texts of the Mass when the priest was whispering most of them anyway. When the Second Vatican Council restored the vocal role of the assembly, a few prayers remained to be said quietly by the priest or deacon. They express the devotions these ministers should carry during the service. They guide the ministers to constant attention to their prayer, and they model a prayerful attitude for us all.

Several inaudible prayers appear during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts. When mixing the water and the wine, the priest or deacon says, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." The priest then quotes from a little-used portion of the Book of Daniel, a prayer delivered by Azariah in the fiery furnace: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God." As he washes his hands, he quotes Psalm 51: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin."

Other occasions also call for quiet prayers: before the Gospel, before the priest's Communion, and while cleansing the vessels afterward. Even the acclamation, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation" and its affirmation by the people, "Blessed be God for ever" may be recited. Although these prayers largely go unnoticed, they detail the care that ministers should bring to their celebration of the Mass.

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