

St Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Church

July 12, 2026
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leaving Room for the Unexpected

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

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. • Printed with permission by Liguori Publications

REFLECT: Have you ever been surprised by grace? Could you have missed it?



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MONDAY July 13

Weekday

Is 1:10–17 Mt 10:34–11:1

TUESDAY July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Is 7:1–9 Mt 11:20–24

WEDNESDAY July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 10:5–7, 13b–16 Mt 11:25–27

THURSDAY July 16

Weekday

Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19 Mt 11:28–30

FRIDAY July 17

Weekday

Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8 Mt 12:1–8

SATURDAY July 18

Weekday

Mi 2:1–5 Mt 12:14–21

SUNDAY July 19

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16–19 Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–3 or 13:24–30

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Mission is not so much about "departing," but instead "remaining" in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.



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St. John 74 8

St. Benedict 89 5

163 13

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Mass Intentions

- **July 11-12, 2026**
SATURDAY
4:00 PM Marcie, Special Int
Gwen McKinney, health
- **Ann Rickards, sp. Int.**
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SUNDAY

8:00 AM Missa Pro Populo

10:00 AM +Helen Jolly

Weekdays July 14-17, 2026

Tues. Marilynne Trefry, health

Wed. +Fred DiNicola

Thurs. Marilou O'Dell, sp. Int

Fri Mary & Paul McDaniel, health

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus shares the familiar Parable of the Sower. It is a powerful image for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the gradual but transformative effect that a life centered on God can have on us over time.

In the parable, some seed falls on a path where birds quickly carry it away. Other seed falls on rocky ground, where it begins to grow but cannot develop deep roots. Still more seed falls among thorns that eventually choke the young plants.

Finally, some seed falls on rich, fertile soil and produces an abundant harvest. Jesus explains that the seed is the Word of God, generously scattered for all to receive. The question is whether our hearts are prepared to receive it and allow it to take root. This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we offer our time, talent, and treasure to God and place Him first in our lives, we help create the "good soil" needed for the Kingdom to flourish within us.

Stewardship removes the "rocks" of mistrust as we grow in confidence that God will provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly concerns that can distract us from what matters most. Through prayer, the sacraments, and generous service, the soil of our lives is continually nourished and renewed.

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DEAR PADRE

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.) ● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Lord, hear our prayers for these family and friends Who are ill.

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| *Reggie Lee | *Gwen Menchaca |
| Geraldine Gabriel | *Deb Reed |
| *Cindy Pangan | *Gloria Grapa |
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DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA!

THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART! SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A "MASS INTENTION". THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR

John Sanchis has been a faithful member for many years at St. Benedict and St. John and St. Peter in Miloli'i.

He passed away this past week. He played guitar and with his wife, they were the music for over 20 years. He had a booklet of songs that we sang from for the 7:15 Mass and also at St. John 6:00pm for many years. John was a Eucharistic Minister. He held weekly Communion Services at St. Peter's Church in Miloli'i, since they very rarely had Mass there. He served our South Kona and Miloli'i communities with kindness, inspiration, faithfulness and love. Rest in Peace.
Thank you John Sanchis!

Willfully Closed

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Isaiah 55:10-11 • Triumph of God's word
- ▶ Romans 8:18-23 • Destiny of glory
- ▶ Matthew 13:1-23 • Parable of the seed

This is one of Jesus' more famous parables, commonly called "The Parable of the Sower" or "The Parable of the Seed." It briefly describes a scenario that makes sense to most listeners. Of course, seeds sown on a path, on rocky ground, and among thorns wouldn't produce much, if any, harvest. And, of course, seed sown in fertile soil should produce a very good harvest. Anyone who knows anything about seeds and plants would understand this, so what is the point Jesus is trying to make? Knowing Jesus, the disciples immediately realize that a seemingly straightforward parable has a deeper meaning than what we understand on the surface. They also recognize that not everyone will read a more profound message into a simple parable, so they ask Jesus why he teaches like this.

This Gospel passage comes after Jesus has just clashed with the scribes and Pharisees, the ones who think they know-it-all when it comes to God and religion. He had been healing people and casting out demons,



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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."

Sheepish Question:
What new insights from God's Word have influenced my actions?

and many people in the crowds received him with humility and gratitude. The scribes and the Pharisees, on the other hand, wouldn't accept the good work he was doing at face value, and they accused him of working for Satan. Jesus points out to his disciples that those religious leaders are just like their ancestors who refused to listen to the prophets of old. As the saying goes, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't force it to drink." The Pharisees and scribes could see the good and miraculous things Jesus was doing, but they willfully closed their ears and eyes to how God was acting in and through Jesus. At the same time, many people in the crowd were proving to be "good soil," hearing and seeing how God was acting in the world.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Share about a time when you have witnessed someone open to experience God's amazing or miraculous growth.
- 2 At this point in your life, what kind of soil would you say you are?