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THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

MATTHEW 13:1-23

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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm*

Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Nearly 100 billion pieces of junk mail are sent to our mailboxes each year. That's more than 800 pieces for each household. And then there's the email version of junk mail, which even has its own name: Spam. Those amount to about 100 billion – per day! “Direct marketing.” they call it, that is, targeting large amounts of people to get at least a few of them to respond.

So how surprising it is to discover that in this Sunday's Gospel, God Himself is revealed to be something of a Direct Marketer! Jesus gives us the Parable of the Sower, describing God as the One who sows His seed – that is, His word – to everyone and everywhere: On the path, on rocky ground, among thorns, and finally on rich soil where it will eventually bear fruit.

Our God is a God who wants to reach us so much, who wants to share His word with us so completely, that He simply sends it to us in every time and place. God is the ultimate Direct Marketer. And the miracle is that, sometimes, we receive His message.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus says, “*Whoever has ears ought to hear.*” It takes a great deal of effort, in the noisy world we live in, to hear that word. But that doesn't keep God from sending it to us every day of our lives. Of course, one of the greatest challenges that we face today is that we live in a world of many words and many distractions. It can be difficult for us to distinguish God's word and the importance of His message for our lives. Yet in the midst of it all, God keeps sending out His word, trying to reach us and draw us close to Himself.

When the scriptures are proclaimed in Church, we use the formulas: ‘The Word of the Lord’ or ‘The Gospel of the Lord’ to help us to understand that God is speaking directly to us through the words of the scriptures. But so often we fail to listen to what God is saying.

There's a difference between listening and hearing. Listening without hearing is something that we do all the time. How often do we listen to friends or spouses or children or whoever, but we don't actually hear what they're saying?

If we're honest with ourselves, we'll admit that we do the same thing with God. But for those who are attentive to it, the Word of God is a treasure house full of gems. The Word of God works on a whole number of levels: it judges, it challenges, it consoles, it blesses, it lifts up, it disturbs. But most important if all, it grows in our hearts.

I would like to issue a challenge to all of us, including myself. The challenge is this: Over the course of this week, pick one book of the Bible – perhaps if you haven't read the Bible in a while, one of the Gospels would be the place to start. And read that book this week, spending time with it, contemplating it, meditating on it, and praying over it.

I promise you that if you do so, your life will be enriched this week in ways that you can't even begin imagine. And don't allow yourself to take the easy way out. Don't begin to read and then put it down, not to pick it up again. Put some effort into it and, no doubt about it, if you keep at it, it will change you.

The Bible is not junk mail. The Word of God is not Spam. It's a love story and each of us is a central character in it.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>July 2nd</u>	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$11,341	\$11,341
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$12,027
	Candles \$527	
	Repairs \$355	

<u>July 9th</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$13,344	\$24,645
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$24,053
	Food Pantry \$318	
	Repairs and Maintenance	\$4,085

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Thank you for considering OLS in your will. A bequest to the Parish makes a lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life's aims beyond your own lifetime.

OLS Hospitality Team Needs You!

Do you enjoy our OLS parish gatherings? Do you want to meet other parishioners and help welcome others to our favorite parish events, such as the Fall Parish Picnic, our St. Patrick's Day Party, our monthly coffee, bagels and donut gatherings, and other parish events?

If so, you're invited to become a part of our Hospitality Team. We need your help to set up and greet at our parish events to make OLS feel like home to everyone! This ministry is a great fit for anyone looking to get involved in the parish and school community, especially newcomers. We look forward to hearing from you!



If you are interested in being a part of our Hospitality Team, please email: olschurchministries@gmail.com.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Update

Thanks to the wonderful outpouring of support from OLS Parishioners and our Knights of Columbus members, we were able to present First Choice Women's Resource Center with a donation of \$5,100.00 as a result of our Baby Bottle Boomerang collection.

Catherine Gutierrez of First Choice sent us her thanks: "We are so thankful for your contributions and support as it truly does allow us to continue our mission of protecting the unborn by empowering women who face unplanned pregnancies! May the Lord continue to bless you."

The Knights of Columbus Regina Pacis Council 4066 is proud to have sponsored this very worthwhile endeavor. For more information about the OLS Council of the Knights of Columbus, contact Peter Morin: morinpete@gmail.com.

Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is very busy and demand for our services remain high. We are serving nearly 200-250 families with each pantry distribution. For the calendar year 2022, this amounts to 8,341 bags of groceries provided to 6,773 families made up of 25,066 individuals. In addition to the staple items, each family receives fresh produce and milk with each distribution. This would not be possible without the generosity of Our Lady of Sorrows church, its parishioners and the surrounding community. Thank you.

Please continue to help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna/chicken and rice. Food donations can be dropped off in the lower church Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4:00 pm inside the 4th Street entrance (buzz to be let in) or in the church vestibule Saturday/Sunday morning. Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at

<https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/>

Questions? Email olspantry@gmail.com or call 973-370-0458.



Join Us!

Allow us the privilege of helping your child develop a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ through the OLS CCD program.

CCD Classes Begin the Week of September 17th.
There are 25 Classes in the Catechetical Year.

Grades K-8 (Mondays, 3:55 - 5:15 pm)
Grades 1-8 (Tuesdays, 3:55 - 5:15 pm)
Homeschooling Program Offered As Well

Classes Meet in the OLS Church and the OLS School.

Register Now to Reserve Your Child's Spot!
Go to the OLS Website: olschurch.com
Click on the "Religious Education" Tab

Register Before July 15, 2023

1 Child - \$140
2 Children - \$230
3+ Children - \$315

Register After July 15, 2023

1 Child - \$170
2 Children - \$260
3+ Children - \$345

Questions?

Contact Jen Noll, Catechetical Coordinator
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As you travel and find rest for yourself, do not forget your Sunday Mass obligation. Go to <https://masstimes.org/> to find a Church near your vacation spot where you can attend Mass. Remember, God never takes a vacation from us. Let's not take one from Him!

And please remember to support OLS during the summer months!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?



Meet Our Staff

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VIGIL, SATURDAY JULY 15, 2023

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

8:00 AM John M. Plesnik - 33rd Anniversary

10:00 AM Shirlee Needles

11:30 AM Rosemarie Iantosca

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

7:00 AM Mary E. Howley

12:00 PM Fr. Andrew Lee – Special Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

7:00 AM John F. Cardillo

12:00 PM Mae Crimmins – 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

7:00 AM Gemma Bhisitkul

12:00 PM Mary Anne Petri - 40th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

7:00 AM James A. Lynch III

12:00 PM Mathieu and Anastasia Etienne

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Theodore Fabisak

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

8:30 AM David Klugel

12:00 PM Maria Esposito

VIGIL SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePaola,
Deehan and Salvante Families

10:00 AM Jeanne M. Calabrese

11:30 AM Samuel Giuliano 11th - Anniversary

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary, Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi Hermann, Anne O'Brien, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullan and Kate Powis.



Our Lady of Sorrows "2023 Calendar Raffle"



\$120 Donation & 12 Chances to win!
Cash Prize of \$1500 Each Month
Only 500 tickets will be sold

Every Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous month.

Drawing to be held the 15th day of each month at @ 1:00 pm in the Church office.

First Drawing: January 15, 2023

Purchase by completing the form below and mail with your donation or put in the collections on Sunday, it will be brought to the office. We will mail your ticket to you. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).

We can take checks, cash or credit cards

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Our Lady of Sorrows 2023 CALENDAR RAFFLE ORDER FORM

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ chance(s) in the Raffle

Credit Card # _____ Security # _____ Expiration _____

Name(s) _____

Please Print, PERSON ENTERING MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

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2023 Mass Book

The 2023 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): _____

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) _____ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) _____ ☐ 8:30 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) _____ ☐ 5:30 pm ☐ 8:00 am
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