

**JULY 16, 2023** 

# The Parable of the Sower Matthew 13:1-23



First Reading: ISAIAH 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

#### Second Reading: ROMANS 8:18-23

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

# Gospel: MATTHEW 13:1-23 (SHORTER FORM: MATTHEW 13:1-9)

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

#### **FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer,

### 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm, Psalm 65.



Saturday JULY 15, 2023

9:00 AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR

**CECILLE** 

ALOIS (LOUIE) LEODOLTER (†)

MONA JEAN (†)

5:00 PM OFELIA LIM (†)
Sunday JULY 16, 2023

9:30 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

11:15 AM ENGRACIA CAYABYAB (†)

Monday JULY 17, 2023 WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

Tuesday JULY 18, 2023

8:30AM ALOIS (LOUIE) LEODOLTER (†)

Wednesday JULY 19, 2023

8:30AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR

**TESSIE MALONZO** 

Thursday JULY 20, 2023

8:30AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR

**MARICHU ALO** 

Friday JULY 21, 2023

8:30AM ALELI GONZALES (†)

BURNING THIS WEEK: SANCTUARY LAMP:

SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF VICKIE RIVERA



GARAGE SALE!

Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am - 2:00 pm Vendors can set up as early as 6:30am. Come out and support our parish family.

Event is Rain or Shine. No Refunds!

If there are errors or mistakes in the bulletin we are humans too. Nobody is perfect. FZS

## 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

 Advance Feast Day Mass with Bishop Vincent on August 20, 2023 at the 11:15am Mass

FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW. August 24. 2023 (Thursday) breakfast after the morning



#### HERITAGE NIGHT **EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES**

December 2, 2023 (Saturday), 6:30pm till Midnight QSSIS Banquet Halls

3474 Kingston Rd, Scarborough, ON M1M 1R5 Adults \$50.00, Children under 12 \$20.00

It's a night of fun, dancing, dining, silent auction, prizes galore, and many more.

The Theme: Unity in Diversity

Attire: Wear something that will represent your heritage & culture

Food: Bread, Pilaf, Pasta, Salad, Rice, Chicken, Beef &

Dessert

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Bottomless non-alcoholic beverages, coffee & tea

Tickets are now on sale. Approach our jubilee committee before and after Mass. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

### NEED YOUR HELP! SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

If you have some new items that you won't be using or previously loved items that still look new please consider donating them for our silent auction which is to be held on December 2, 2023.

You may drop off your silent auction donation/s to the office. All donations are welcome. All proceeds will go towards our Building Fund.

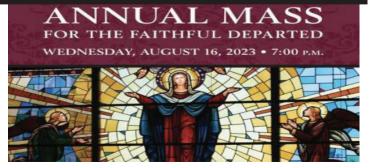
We would like to thank all those who already have dropped off donations for our silent auction.



Plans are underway for the 2023-2024 First Communion and Confirmation Programs. We strongly urge parents to check if they are registered parishioner and attend Mass regularly so as not to miss the announcement when Registration opens. It is the responsibility of the parents to be active and alert to avoid disappointment. The schedule was in the schools' (St. Bartholomew, St. Ignatius of Loyola & St. Elizabeth Seton) June newsletter and a copy for the schedule was given to all the kids from Grades 1-7 before the school year ended (1st week of June). If your child doesn't attend any of these schools the schedule has been on our bulletin boards since May 2023. Take note of the information & registration meeting on September 16, 2023 (First Holy Reconciliation) & September 23, (Confirmation) @10am. The schedule is also available in our website. The schedule is given ahead of time in order to support your social calendar for 2023-2024. Request for your child's Baptism Certificate as early as now not unless your child was Baptized here at St. Bartholomew. You will need to bring this during the information & registration meeting.



We would like to welcome Sr. Francisca Morenikeji Faeemo, SSMA to the parish for her mission appeal. Collection for Mission Coop will be on July 22-23, 2023. Envelopes are available at the lobby. Your support and generosity will go a long way.





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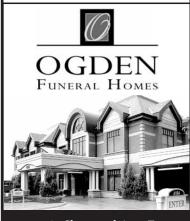
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