

**JULY 12, 2020    FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

***Saturday, July 11th***

St. Benedict

4:30 Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

***Sunday, July 12th***

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 Loretta DiGiovanni Taddeo by Don Taddeo

***Monday, July 13th***

St. Henry

9:00 Olga Stanimir by a Friend

***Tuesday, July 14th***

St. Camillus de Lellis

9:00 Edie Cavanaugh by Fr. MacEachen

***Wednesday, July 15th***

St. Bonaventure

9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins by their family

***Thursday, July 16th      No Mass***

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

***Friday, July 17th***

9:00 Tina di Palma Piperni by Fr. MacEachen

***Saturday, July 18th***

4:30 Rolando Bronto by the Corpez Family

**REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel from Matthew, our Lord shares the Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. This is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In this parable, some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. As soon as things begin to

heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are seeds that land on soil cluttered with thorns which choke the seeds just as they are beginning to grow strong.

Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare “good soil” needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the “rocks” of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the “thorns” of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us

— *Stewardship Reflections* by [Catholic Stewardship Consultant](#)