

July 12th, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color is Green

1st Reading Is 55:10-11

Ps 65:10,11, 12-13,14

2nd Reading Rom 8:18-23

Gospel Mt 13:1-23 OR Mt 13:1-9

The next several weeks, our Building Faith pages will explore the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith. The Church's faith is essentially a eucharistic faith celebrated in the Mass. The word "Mass" is derived from the Latin word, "missa" meaning to be sent forth. We actually come to Mass to "be sent forth" nourished by the Word of God and sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world. The community gathers to remember, celebrate and share in the paschal mystery with Christ.

"The eucharistic mystery helps us to understand the profound meaning of the *communio sanctorum*, or *community of saints*. Communion always and inseparably has both a vertical and a horizontal sense: it is communion with God and communion with our brothers and sisters. Both dimensions mysteriously converge in the gift of the Eucharist." (Sacramentum Caritatis, #76)

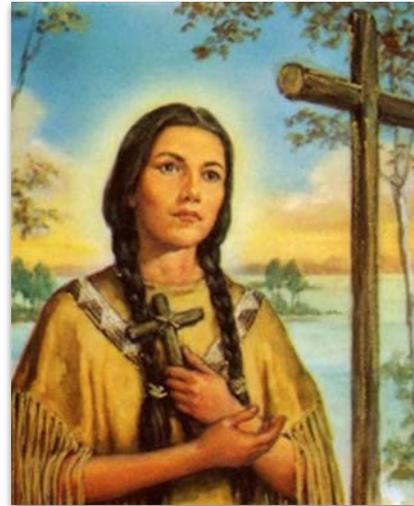
The love that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with all. What the world needs is God's love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him. The Eucharist is thus the source and summit not only of the Church's life, but also of her mission: "an authentically eucharistic Church is a missionary Church." (SC, #84)

Reflecting on this week's gospel reading, the seed that takes root and produces a fruitful harvest was in soil that is nourished. Our hearts and minds are the soil that needs to be prepared by hearing the Word of God and being nourished by the Eucharist so that we can be "sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world."

Celebrate @ Home Activities

Prepare to return to Mass ideas:

1. There will be no missals at mass. You may want to download an app to follow the order of Sunday Mass...or as a family, create a Mass booklet to follow.
2. Celebrate St. Kateri Tekakwitha July 14. Take a nature walk and find sticks & long grass to make a cross. St. Kateri is often depicted in images carrying a cross made from sticks and grass. Say a prayer of praise to God and a prayer intention for others (the vertical and horizontal dimensions of the cross)
3. Make "dirt cups" with pudding, whipped topping and crushed oreos. (all-recipes.com) Talk about the Parable of the Sower.
4. Celebrate Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 16. Learn about the Order of Carmelite priest, brothers and sisters.



**Dirt
Cups...
Good Soil!**



"Give us this day our daily bread..."



Since wheat and barley were the most common kinds of seeds planted in Palestine in the times of Jesus, try to find grainy breads that contain these and have them as part of your meals.

Practice **The Lord's Prayer**, reflecting on the line, "give us this day our daily bread".

Links for More Information and Activities

Catholicnewsagency.com "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" Learn about the Carmelites and the devotion to the brown Scapular.

Catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com "Caring for the Environment and St. Kateri Tekakwitha" Celebrate July 14 as a family!

Catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com "Discovering the Nearness of God: Eucharist, What do I Crave? (Joe Paprocki)

CatholicNews.com "Eucharist nourishes, sustains and should transform people" Pope Francis



**Thanks to the Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese of Syracuse
for sharing these great ideas for families!**
Our website RCfaithquest.syrdio.org has many ideas for this summer!

