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Office Hours

Horario de la Oficina

Monday – Wednesday / Lunes a Miércoles

9:00am - 2:00pm 401-722-9054

Weekend Masses

Misas de fin de semana

Saturday: 4:30pm English / Inglés

Sábado 6:00pm Español / Spanish

Sunday: 9:30am English / Inglés

Domingo 11:30am Español / Spanish

Daily Masses

Misas durante la semana

Wednesday 8:00am English / Inglés

Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español / Spanish

Bilingual Mass Saturday / Sábado at 8:00am

Confessions (Chapel) / Confessions (Capilla)

Saturday / Sábado 3:30pm to 4:20pm

& 5:30pm to 5:50pm or by apt. / por cita

Baptism / Bautismo

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of every Month after the 11:30am Mass. Please call the rectory at least two months in advance.

Los Bautismos se celebran el segundo Domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 11:30am.

Llame a la rectoría con 2 meses de anticipación.

Anointing of the Sick

Unción de los enfermos

Please call the parish.

Por favor llamar a la parroquia.

Legión de María

Lunes a las 6:00pm en la Sacristía

Matrimony / Matrimonio

Call one year in advance to begin preparation.

Llamar con un año de anticipación.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoración Eucarística

Every Friday / Todos los Viernes

9:00am to 6:45pm in the Church / en la Iglesia

Young Women's Faith Group

Ages / Edades 15 to 25

August 9

September 6

September 19

Meeting Place: Rectory

1st Sunday of the month

5-7pm

Comunidad Evangelizadora (CERS)

Miércoles a las 7:30pm

en el sótano

Food Bank / Banco de Comida

July / Julio

Monday / Lunes 20 & 27

9:30am to 11:00am & 6:00pm to 7:00pm

No Wednesdays in June

No Miercoles en Junio

Hospitality House / Casa de Hospitalidad

Will be close July and August

Estará cerrada Julio y Agosto

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to register.

Llamar a la Rectoría para registrarse.

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

Peace and Goodness! Dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Note of Gratitude

I begin this weekly bulletin column by first thanking the Lord for my vocation to the priesthood; on July 1, 2006, I was ordained a PRIEST FOREVER in Cartago, Costa Rica. During my homily, I recalled certain *"Stations of the Cross"* (the difficulties and trials of ministry). For instance, there was my time in Nicaragua, where I would celebrate Sunday Mass at the parish with two police officers standing at the church door; at the end of the Eucharistic celebration, one of the officers would call me over to question me about my homily, take my photograph, and have me sign a document confirming that what I had said matched the explanation I gave in response to his questions. I bless the Lord for His mercy and goodness throughout these years of service to God's Holy People, and for the gift of serving and accompanying this beautiful St. John the Baptist Parish in Pawtucket... And a million thanks and blessings to each of you who attended the Eucharist, for your displays of affection, words of encouragement, and your hard work (music, decorations, and food) in celebrating God's gift with me: THE PRIESTHOOD!

Biblical Commentary on the Liturgy of the Word

Today's **First Reading from Isaiah (55:10-11)** can be interpreted as **"the power of God's word to change history"**—a word that shapes history and is not limited to the spiritual realm (though that is its natural home), but rather transforms the reality of the suffering experienced by God's people, just as rain does:

"Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there without first watering the earth, making it fertile and causing it to sprout...' (Is. 55:10).

The Word of God that comes upon the people unleashes both judgment and salvation at the same time. In today's text, we encounter the remarkable fact that the Word of God, like the **rain and the snow**, does not return to the heavens empty-handed; such is the case with the Word of God made present through His prophets. **Hearts that is, people receive this spiritual rain and snow from the words of the prophets**, who interpret God's will within the personal and communal history of God's holy people.

The Second Reading, from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:18–23), presents us with one of those passages that we might today describe as *"ecological."* Saint Paul employs the term **ktisis**, meaning *"creation"*, to refer to a mystery in which we subsist in this world (regrettably, as humanity, we struggle to acknowledge the harm we inflict upon nature through such extensive pollution and destruction). Paul seeks to offer a fresh interpretation centered on Christ (the focal point of this Sunday's readings). Human sin is not confined to the inner realm; the external world—nature itself—suffers when humanity fails to fulfill the mission God has entrusted to it. Humanity is called to a state of peace with nature; yet, when we stray from the divine plan of justice, harmony, and peace, the consequences—such as war or the hoarding of wealth by a select few—are reflected in nature itself. Let us not forget that creation is inextricably linked to the destiny of humankind. Therein lies the persuasive power of a true theological ecology.

The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1–23) and its explanation usher in this series of Sundays featuring continuous readings, during which we will encounter various parables that **Matthew has gathered specifically in Chapter 13.**

When someone has only been able to offer 20% or 60% of their life (or even 30% or 40%), God does not scorn them; rather, He holds that offering in high regard. His love for the men and women of this world prevents Him from despising what His love has brought forth, even if it represents only a fraction of what might have been. **For Jesus, the aim here is to reveal the power of the seed, the Word, the Gospel of life. Without that seed, without that word of grace and good news, it would be impossible for human beings to place their trust in God or remain faithful to Him. In this parable, Jesus contrasts the sowing of the Gospel with the Law (the Torah).** Under the Gospel, the seed is understood as grace; under the Law, what matters is "production" in quantities commensurate with the investment. Finally, I would like to encourage you to support the parish in its various projects: **repairing the church roof**, which will cost over \$11,000—and necessary **maintenance work in the boiler room** (requiring attention due to years of deferred maintenance and the need to replace several rusted pipes), estimated at around \$5,000. The parish holds a monthly collection for maintenance and fuel (gas); I encourage you to give a little extra to this collection so we can address these vital needs in our church. At the same time, let us prepare for a parish ministry and vocation fair taking place in September. As a parish, we must ask ourselves: How do I serve the Lord: as a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, usher, or catechist? Do I place my talents at the

service of the Lord, talents so needed by the parish, such as gardening, carpentry, masonry, electrical work, or others? Do I attend weekday Mass and participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Fridays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)?

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday July 11</u>	<u>4:30pm</u>
+Claude Vega on his 1 st year anniversary, by family	
<u>Sunday July 12</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
+Desire, Andre, Jean-Jacques Amoussou, Patrick & Eva Wallace, by Wallace family	
<u>Wednesday July 15</u>	<u>8:00am</u>
<u>Saturday July 18 Bilingual</u>	<u>8:00am</u>
<u>Vigil Mass</u>	<u>4:30pm</u>
<u>Sunday July 19</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
+Paul Martin, by Elaine Bricault	

<u>Collection 7/5</u>	\$6199.00
Ice cream	\$ 230.00
<u>Second Collection</u>	
Peter's Pence – Holy Father	8/2
Fuel/Maintenance	8/9

Sanctuary Lamp for July

For the eternal rest of Fray Fernando Espinosa
By Fr. Mauricio Romero Viquez

Saint Joseph's Vigil Candle

For the safe trip of the Romero Garro Family
By, Fr. Mauricio Romero Viquez

We ask for your prayers

For the following parishioners:

In the Hospital: Hope Fernandes

At Home: Jovina De Barros

Jeanne Jugan Residence: Florence Corneau

Grandview: Alberto De Barros

Announcements

Please be advised that beginning **July 1, 2026**, the office will be open **Monday - Wednesday** between **9am and 2pm**.

Masses on Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday and Saturday 8am will now be celebrated in the Chapel. The stipends are as follows: **\$15** weekday masses and **\$25** for weekend masses. **Please note: stipends are due when booking the mass.**

Concert: "Let Us Sing to the Lord in the Park"

We invite you to experience an afternoon filled with faith, music, and community. **Thursday, August 13, 6:00 PM** at Roger Williams Park in the Temple of Music. We will have the participation of several diocesan choirs and music ministries that will help us to praise and give thanks to God. Bring your picnic chair and join us for a time of singing and evangelization. Invite your family and friends; it's a free event for all ages. It's a great opportunity to share in community and give thanks to God during the summer. We look forward to singing to the Lord with you! For more information, call Celso at 401-421-7833 x 233.

Anuncios

Les informamos que, a partir del **1 de julio de 2026**, la oficina estará abierta de **lunes a miércoles**, entre las **9:00am y las 2:00pm**.

Las Misas de los **martes 7pm, miércoles y sábados 8am** se celebrarán en la Capilla. Los estipendios son los siguientes: **\$15** para las misas entre semana y **\$25** para las misas de fin de semana. Tenga en cuenta: **el estipendio debe pagarse al reservar la misa.**

Concierto "Cantemos al Señor en el Parque"

Te invitamos a vivir una tarde llena de fe, música y comunidad. **Jueves 13 de agosto 6:00pm**, en el Roger Williams Park en el Templo de la Música. Contaremos con la participación de varios coros y ministerios de música diocesanos que nos ayudarán a alabar y dar gracias a Dios. Trae tu silla de campo y acompáñanos a compartir un tiempo de cantos y evangelización. Invita a tu familia y amigos, es un evento gratuito para todas las edades. Es una gran oportunidad para compartir en comunidad y dar gracias a Dios durante el verano. ¡Te esperamos para cantar juntos al Señor! Más información llamar a Celso al 401-421-7833 x 233.



to benefit our Church of St. John the Baptist.

Date: Saturday, September 12

Time: 9pm to 2pm

Donations are being accepted for the yard sale. Anything new or gently used and clean (please) would be greatly appreciated. Last date to bring donations will be September 2nd.



Vamos a tener una venta de artículos usados y algunos nuevos, a beneficio de nuestra Iglesia.

Sábado 12 de septiembre

Hora: 9pm a 2pm

Estamos aceptando donaciones de artículos en buenas condiciones y limpios (por favor) para la venta. Por favor traigan sus donaciones antes del 2 de septiembre

XV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

12 de Julio, 2026

¡Paz y Bien! Estimados hermanos en hermanas en nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Agradecimiento

Inicio esta columna semanal de nuestro boletín, agradeciendo en primer lugar al Señor, por mi vocación al sacerdocio, un 01 de julio del año 2006 fui ordenado SACERDOTE PARA SIEMPRE, en Cartago, Costa Rica. Durante mi homilía recordaba algunas estaciones del “*Via Crucis*” (dificultades e vicisitudes del ministerio), por ejemplo: Nicaragua, en donde celebraba la Santa Misa dominical en la parroquia, con dos policías en la puerta del templo y al final de la celebración eucarística, uno de los oficiales me llamaba para interrogarme acerca de mi homilía, luego me tomaba una fotografía y me hacía firmar un documento, como garantía de lo que había dicho era conforme a mi explicación a las preguntas del oficial. Bendigo al Señor por su misericordia y bondad, durante estos años de servicio al Pueblo Santo de Dios, al regalo de servir y acompañar esta hermosa Parroquia San Juan Bautista, Pawtucket.... Y un millón de gracias y bendiciones, a cada uno de ustedes que asistieron a la Eucaristía, sus muestras de afecto, palabras de ánimo y su trabajo (música, arreglos y la comida) para celebrar conmigo el don de Dios: ¡EL SACERDOCIO!

Comentario bíblico de la Liturgia de la Palabra

El texto de la **Iª Lectura Isaías (55, 10-11)**, de hoy podemos interpretarlo como «**la fuerza de la palabra de Dios que cambia la historia**», que hace historia, que no se limita a los ámbitos espirituales, aunque estos son su ser natural: transformar la realidad de sufrimiento del pueblo de Dios, igual que lo hace la lluvia “*Esto dice el Señor: «Como bajan la lluvia y la nieve*

desde el cielo, y no vuelven allá sino después de empapar la tierra, de fecundarla y hacerla germinar» (Is. 55, 10).

La Palabra de Dios que viene sobre el pueblo desencadena juicio y salvación a la vez. En el texto de hoy nos encontramos con la singularidad de que la Palabra de Dios, como **la lluvia y la nieve**, no vuelven a lo alto de vacío; así sucede con la Palabra de Dios que se hace presente por medio de sus profetas. Los corazones, es decir, las personas, reciben **lluvia y nieve espirituales de la palabra de los profetas** que interpretan la voluntad de Dios en la historia personal y comunitaria, del pueblo Santo de Dios.

La IIª Lectura de la Carta de San Pablo a los Romanos (8, 18-23), nos muestra unos de esos textos que podemos llamar actualmente «**ecológicos**». San Pablo está usando el término *ktisis*, que viene a significar la **creación**, como misterio en el que subsistimos en este mundo (lamentablemente nos cuesta mucho como humanidad reconocer el mal que provocamos a la naturaleza, con tanta contaminación y destrucción a la misma). Pablo quiere hacer una lectura nueva desde Cristo (centro de la lectura de este domingo). El pecado de la humanidad no queda solamente en el ámbito de lo interior, sino que lo exterior, la naturaleza, se resiente si el hombre no sabe llevar a cabo la misión que Dios le ha encomendado. Porque la humanidad está llamada a un estado de paz con la naturaleza, pero cuando la humanidad se aleja del proyecto divino de justicia, de armonía, de paz, entonces, las guerras o la acumulación de bienes de unos pocos se refleja en la misma naturaleza. La creación, no lo olvidemos, está ligada al destino del hombre. Ahí está la fuerza argumentativa de la verdadera ecología teológica.

La parábola del sembrador Mateo (13,1-23), y su explicación abre estos domingos de lectura continua en los que se nos van a presentar distintas parábolas, que **Mateo concentra precisamente en el Cap. 13.**

Cuando alguien solamente ha podido entregar el 20 %, o el 60 % de su vida (incluso el 30 % y el 40 %), Dios no lo desprecia, sino que lo tiene muy en cuenta. Su amor a los hombres y mujeres que viven en este mundo no le hace despreciar lo que su amor engendra, aunque sea una mínima parte de lo que debería haber sido. **Porque para Jesús, en este caso, se trataba de poner de manifiesto la fuerza de la semilla, de la palabra, del evangelio de vida. Porque sin esa semilla, sin esa palabra de gracia y de buenas noticias, no hay manera de que los seres humanos se puedan fiar de Dios y serle fieles. Jesús está sembrado, en esta parábola “el evangelio” frente a la Ley (la Torá).** Con el evangelio se entiende que la semilla es gracia; con la ley, lo que vale es la “producción” en cantidades semejantes a la inversión.

Por último, les quiero animar a apoyar la parroquia en los diferentes proyectos: **reparación del techo del templo**, el cual asciende a más de 11 mil dólares y los trabajos necesarios de **mantenimiento de la Boiler's room** (necesita un adecuado mantenimiento por rezago de años posteriores y remplazos de varias tuberías oxidadas), que asciende alrededor de cinco mil dólares. La parroquia tiene mensualmente una colecta para el mantenimiento y el combustible (gas), les ánimo a ofrendar un poco más en esta colecta mensual, para hacer frente a trabajos tan necesarios en nuestro templo. Al mismo tiempo a prepararnos para una feria vocacional de ministerios parroquiales (durante septiembre), ¿cómo parroquia debemos preguntarnos?: ¿cómo sirvo al Señor: lector, ministro extraordinario de la Comunión, usher o catequista?, ¿pongo

al servicio del Señor mis talentos?, tan necesarios para la parroquia: jardinería, carpintería, albañil, electricista u otro. Participo de la Santa misa entre semana y participo de la Adoración del Santísimo (viernes 9 am a 7 pm).

San Juan Bautista / Ruega por nosotros

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sábado 11 de julio Vigilia 6:00pm

Domingo 12 de julio 11:30am

+Por el descanso eterno de Alicia Echeverry y Jordan Berson, intención de la familia Durango

+Por el descanso eterno de Venceslau De Barros, intención de Velma DeBarros

+Por el descanso eterno de Carmen Oliden, en su primer aniversario, intención de la familia Fhon

+Por todas las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio

Martes 14 de julio 7:00pm

Viernes 17 de julio 7:00pm

Sábado 18 de julio (Misa Bilingüe) 8:00am

Vigilia 6:00pm

Domingo 19 de julio 11:30am

+Por el descanso eterno de Alicia Echeverry y Jordan Berson, intención de la familia Durango

+Por todas las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio

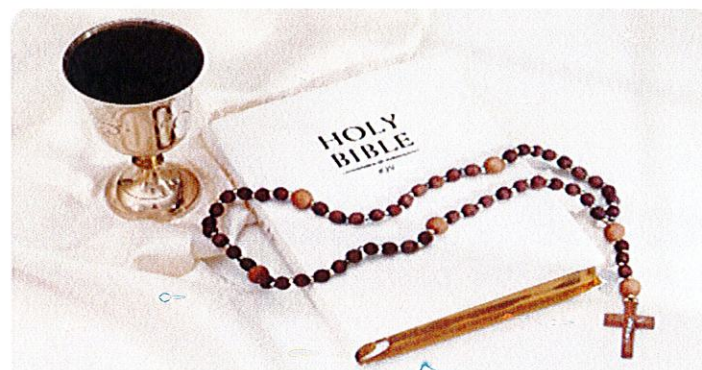
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Segunda Colecta

Peter Pence – Santo Padre 8/2

Gas / Mantenimiento 8/9



God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?

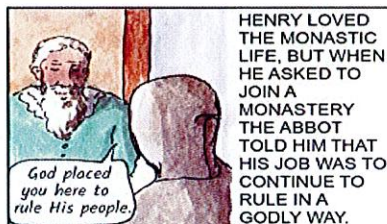
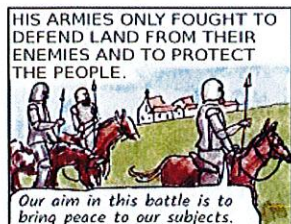
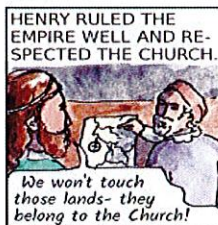
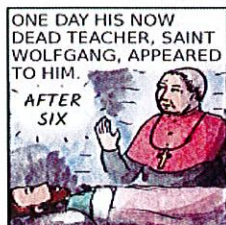
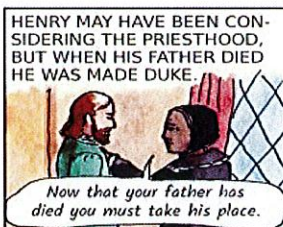
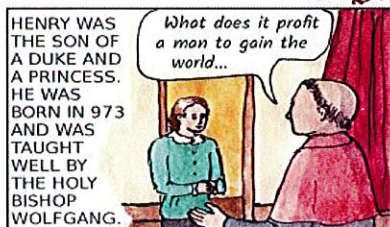


Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, mouth, word, sent.

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle:

Saint Henry

Holy Roman Emperor
July 13



SAINT HENRY DIED IN 1024. HE HAD THE HIGHEST POSITION OF POWER IN EUROPE, BUT HE DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. HE KNEW THAT GOD GAVE HIM THE POWER TO LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO RESPECT PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY AND TO CARE FOR OTHERS WHEN WE ARE IN AUTHORITY.

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The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th, 2026

Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some of the  fell on on the , and  came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the  rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of . Some  fell among , and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some  fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty, or thirty-fold.

Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the _____: [DRLO]
Just as from the heavens
the _____ [NIRA] and _____ [OWNS]
come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the _____, [HRATE]
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving _____ [EDSE] to the one who sows
and _____ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my _____; [TOUMH]
my _____ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I _____ [NTSE] it.



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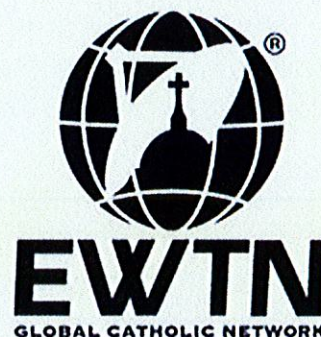
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