



St. John's Parish
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TO SOW TIRELESSLY

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 12, 2026

Today, the Gospel presents us with the parable of the sower (cf. Mt 13:1-23). "Sowing" is a very beautiful image, and Jesus uses it to describe the gift of his Word. Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes fruit-bearing plants grow. The Word of God is like this: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within everyone's reach, that produces new life in those who receive it. Thus, if the Word is the seed, we are the soil: we can receive it or not. But Jesus, the "good sower", does not tire of sowing it generously. He knows our terrain, he knows that the stones of our inconstancy and the thorns of our vices (cf. vv. 21-22) can suffocate the Word, yet he hopes, he always hopes that we can bear abundant fruit.

This is what the Lord does, and this is what we too are called to do: to sow tirelessly. But how can one do this, sow continually without tiring? Let us take a few examples.

Firstly, parents: they sow goodness and faith in their children, and they are called to do so without being discouraged if at times they seem not to understand or to appreciate their teachings, or if the mentality of the world is against them. The good seed remains. This is what counts, and it will take root in due time. But if, giving in to mistrust, they give up sowing and leave their children at the mercy of trends and mobile phones, without dedicating time to them, without educating them, then the fertile soil will be filled with weeds. Parents, never grow tired of sowing in your children!

Let us look, then, at the young: they too can sow the Gospel in the furrows of everyday life; for example, with prayer: it is a small seed that you cannot see, but with which you entrust all your experiences to Jesus, and then he can make it ripen. But I am also thinking of the time to dedicate to others, to those who are most in need. It may seem wasted. Instead it is holy time, while the apparent satisfactions of consumerism and hedonism leave one empty-handed. And I am thinking of those who study: it is true, [studying] is tiring and not immediately fulfilling, like sowing, but is essential to building a better future for all.

We have looked at parents, we have looked at the young; now let us look at the sowers of the Gospel: many good priests, religious and laypeople engaged in proclamation, who live and preach the Word of God, often without immediate success. Let us never forget when we proclaim the Word, that even where it seems that nothing is happening, in reality the Holy Spirit is at work, and the Kingdom of God is already growing, through and beyond our efforts. Therefore, go ahead joyfully, dear brothers and sisters! Let us remember the people who placed the seed of the Word of God in our life: each one of us, let us think: "How did my faith begin"? Perhaps it germinated years after we encountered their examples, but it happened thanks to them!

In light of all this, we can ask ourselves: do I sow goodness? Do I only care about reaping for myself, or do I also sow for others? Do I sow some seeds of the Gospel in everyday life: study, work, free time? Do I get discouraged or, like Jesus, do I continue to sow, even if I do not see immediate results? May Mary help us to be generous and joyful sowers of the Good News.

POPE FRANCIS — July 16, 2023

Parish Office Summer Hours

For the months of July and August, the Parish Office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

Horario de oficina de Verano

Durante los meses de julio y agosto, la oficina estará abierta los martes, miércoles y jueves de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

ENGLISH SCHEDULE

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 4 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 5 9:00 AM

For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, July 14 11:00 AM

Wednesday, July 15 *St. Bonaventure* 11:00 AM

Thursday, July 16 11:00 AM

Friday, July 17 11:00 AM

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 18 5:00 PM

+Janet & Warren Perschonke

Sunday, July 19 9:00 AM

For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

HORARIOS EN ESPAÑOL

XV Domingo Ordinario

Sabado 11 de julio 7:00 PM

+Pedro Antonio Molina

Domingo 12 de julio 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 14 de julio 12:00 PM

Miércoles 15 de julio *San Buenaventura* 12:00 PM

Jueves 16 de julio 12:00 PM

Viernes 17 de julio 12:00 PM

XVI Domingo Ordinario

Sabado 18 de julio 7:00 PM

Domingo 19 de julio 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Diocesan's Announcements



The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE) 2026 will be celebrated on Sunday, July 26, 2026, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year is: "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). Let us take this opportunity to honour grandparents and the elderly, recognizing them as a blessing and an important part of our faith communities.

This day offers a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate with their grandparents, elderly relatives, and neighbours. Parishes may wish to consider hosting a picnic lunch, parish barbecue, Sundaes Sunday, or another gathering in honour of the day.

Thank you for considering ways to celebrate this special occasion and for helping to remind our elderly brothers and sisters that they are cherished and valued members of our communities.

More information: [World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Diocese of Hamilton](#) or for questions regarding celebrations, please contact Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

ReSTART: Moving Forward Struggling after a divorce or separation? ReStart can help you move forward with support, education and positive encouragement from our experienced facilitators. Our 11-week program offers help to anyone seeking to heal and move forward. The new sessions run from Tuesday September 22 – Tuesday December 1, 2026 and will be held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com> under Upcoming Events for September, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.