



How appropriate that in the middle of summer we hear readings from scripture that speak of the fruitful earth. Looking around outside we likely see a cavalcade of green. Trees and grass, plants and flowers are nourished by the summer rain and sun. When we gather together here on Sunday (or participate via livestream from home) our faith is nourished. Let us pray that we may be rich soil for the word of God to take root, bloom, and thrive across the earth.

Readings for this Week (July 13-18)

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: (*Memorial—St. Kateri Tekakwitha*)
Hosea 2:16bc, 17cd, 21-22; Mt. 25:1-13
Wednesday: (*Memorial—St. Bonaventure*)
Ephesians 3:14-19; Matthew 23:8-12
Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt. 12:1-8
Saturday: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

God gives repentance for our sins.

Psalms 86

“Lord, you are good and forgiving.”

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us.

Matthew 13:24-43 (or) 13:24-30

Let the seeds grow together until harvest.

God's lenience and mercy are extolled throughout next Sunday's scriptures. Wisdom teaches us that God's mercy gives us all **“good ground for hope.”** The Holy Spirit helps us in our human imperfection, Saint Paul explains. Jesus' parables illustrate that with God's patience we can rise and shine like the sun, even as part of a field of weeds or as seemingly insignificant as a tiny mustard seed. Reassured, we sing together, **“Lord, you are good and forgiving.”**

from the
Pastor's desk

I know that social media can be very useful for many of the things I do every day. I have learned in the last few months how to make use of Facebook and YouTube in ways I never have before. I occasionally use Twitter, but not nearly as much as others. As useful as these platforms can be, I am also becoming more aware of the dangers involved with social media.

What do I mean by dangers involved with using social media? I have spoken and written in the past about a decline in civility we have been seeing in our society. Rational discourse is becoming a lost art and is being replaced by angry rhetoric and simply shouting down anyone with whom we disagree. We see this happening in politics, we see this happening in popular culture, and unfortunately, we see it happening in the Church as well.

In many ways, social media is making this worse. People are given a feeling of anonymity in some things they post. In addition, it has become so easy to make a quick response to something we do not like. I am concerned about the ways this is becoming the norm in society, but I am most concerned about it happening in the Church. I think it is most important for us to be setting an example for the rest of the world. We need to lead the way in promoting civility and respect for all people, even if we disagree with them.

Unfortunately, there are many groups on line, even some calling themselves Catholic, who are angry responses from people that only perpetuate division. Bishop Robert Barron recently posted a video in which he gave a warning about this. He asked people to think about those who may be curious about our faith or about Christianity in general. What will those people think if their first encounter with the Church is to see us tearing each other down because of our disagreements? As a Church, we can do better than that.

I will be gone this coming week. I will be spending a quiet week with my family at the beach. I probably will not actually be on the beach to avoid the crowds, but just enjoying the time with my family. I will be praying for everyone here even as I am gone. Have a wonderful week.

Public celebration of the Mass:

Saturday: 5:30p Sunday 8:30a & 11:30 a.m.

Tues./Wed./Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Thurs. 6 p.m.

(no weekday Masses this week)

(All are livestreamed EXCEPT for 11:30 Sunday Mass.)

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect until further notice.

Please review the **guidelines** listed under Latest News on our parish webpage at www.stannes-bristol.org

REMINDERS:

We ask for your understanding and cooperation with our ushers and their instructions.

—Everyone (age 10+) must bring/wear a face mask; ALL ages receiving Communion must wear a face mask.

—For Weekend Mass, the **only entrance** will be the double doors at main p/lot. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass time. If social distancing capacity is met, we'll not be able to allow anyone else into the building; Once Mass begins (we begin on time!), the door is locked and no one else can enter.... So don't be late!!

—For weekday Mass, the **only entrance** is the side door to the commons. (Note: no weekday Masses this week as Father Chris is away)

Those in vulnerable categories encouraged to please stay home—Older adults (65+); those with immune-compromised health; those with serious health issues; those in house-hold with a vulnerable person.

*****ANY ONE FEELING ILL should not attend!*****

Welcome Back—Fr. Les!

Our thanks to Father Les Schmidt who is here for our weekend Masses this weekend while Fr. Chris is in Richmond for the Ordinations.

OFFICE HOURS: Thanks for your understanding at this time regarding our office hours. Rosie will be in as often as she is able and will also be doing work from home. Leave message at (276-669-8200 ext. 0) or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org and they are checked daily. If you need a priest for a sacramental anointing, please call 276-821-8023. Father Chris is away this week, but if you need a priest we will try to locate someone for you.

FR. CHRIS AWAY

Fr. Chris will be on vacation this week to visit with his family. **NO WEEKDAY MASSES this week** and **NO CONFESSIONS** on Tuesday or Thursday.



Stewardship News

Donations deposited (07/06/2020)

Regular/Operating	\$8,459
Bldg/Maintenance Reserve	\$ 100
School 2nd Collection	\$2,015
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$ 145

E-Giving (July 1-8)

Regular/Operating	\$5,221
Bldg/Maintenance Reserve	\$ 50
School 2nd Collection	\$ 765
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$ 63
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 100

Livestream online thru Diocese (June 30)

Regular/Operating	\$ 605
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PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a recurring donation thru the diocesan "Live-stream" offertory, this online giving service will be ending soon. We invite you to **cancel that** and **join our parish E-Giving** thru OSV.

First:

send a note to Amanda Glass at the diocese to cancel your recurring gift by emailing aglass@richmonddiocese.org or call 804-622-5122.

Then:

if you would like to set up a recurring gift through our parish E-giving, go to the main page of the parish website at www.stannes-bristol.org and scroll to bottom of page

— click on the link under **\$ on-line Giving**

This will take you to the OSV (Our Sunday Visitor) hub where you can sign up for our online giving. Besides the Regular Operating Fund and Bldg./Maintenance Reserve Fund, you can also donate to all of our 2nd collections thru to parish E-giving.



Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of Saint Anne's thru collection envelopes, donations at Mass, checks mailed in and dropped off, and thru E-Giving. We greatly appreciate your kindness!

BLOOD DRIVE: July 22

As this bulletin is typed, we are working on setting up a Blood Drive here at St. Anne's for Wed., July 22. Due to the current situation, we need to have approval from the diocese to host this drive... IF approved, it will be **1p to 6:30p at the Msgr. Hickie Center on Wed. July 22.** IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE, please leave a message for Rosie and indicate an approximate time you could come. She will then be back in touch once we know if we can host the drive... thanks for your understanding and your willingness to **Give the Gift of Life!**

Call 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or
Email stannes@stannes-bristol.org

AT HOME WITH THE WORD

Many of you have been picking up copies of *At Home with the Word*. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, we are not going to be purchasing these for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your understanding.

If you wish to have access to daily readings and meditation, during this challenging time, *The Word Among Us* (with the help of the USCCB) is providing complimentary access to daily readings and their entire website—go to www.wau.org.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11 (Vigil: 15th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Regina C. Finan

Sunday, July 12 (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. †Francisco León

11:30 a.m. Parishioners

No Weekday Masses this week, as Father Chris is away.

Saturday, July 18 (Vigil: 16th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Pauline Price

Sunday, July 12 (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. †Vince Tagliaferro

11:30 a.m. Parishioners

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Baptism Preparation Class Saturday, August 1

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **Saturday, August 1, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** in the **Great Room**. If you have a child under the age of 7 who needs baptism, or you are expecting the birth of your child soon, please plan to attend.

Due to Covid-19 we will **NOT** be able to offer a nursery child care.

To register for this Baptism Preparation Class on **August 1**, please call Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org **no later than Wednesday, July 29**. If you registered for the April session, you do not need to re-register. **Please wear a face-cover (mask).**

PRAYER for SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We encourage you to pray the *Prayer for Spiritual Communion* when you are participating in livestream Masses or viewing a recorded or televised Mass.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire
to possess You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this moment to
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
AMEN.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

"Let everyone heed what they hear."

Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 / vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Parish Calendar: Due to the changing situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, our parish calendar cannot be planned into the future... as things change we will update our online calendar and keep you posted thru the bulletin as we are able to schedule events and programs... the July calendar is updated as we know changes... Thanks for your understanding. If you have any questions regarding what is or is not scheduled, please contact the office.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Until we again are allowed to “hand out bulletins” to our congregations at weekend Mass, our bulletin is typed on Fridays and posted to our webpage, (printed copies available at front office door foyer during the week).

Many thanks to our bulletin SPONSORS for their understanding!!

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Bicentennial Prayer

Father of lights, the radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries, strengthening our Church from the Easter Shore to the Cumberland Gap.

Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel the darkness of our sins, so that as our love increases more and more, we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word.

Holding fast to the word of life, may we shine like stars in the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

(We commemorate the founding of our local Church 200 years ago—the Diocese of Richmond was established by Pope Pius VII on July 11, 1820.)

Bicentennial Book: If you did not previously purchase one of the beautiful coffee table books commemorating the Diocese of Richmond’s bicentennial, we do still have some copies available. (Cost is \$35). If you would like a copy, please contact the parish office.