

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time– July 16, 2023

“But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Matthew 13:23



Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, you are invited, accepted, loved and respected here at Good Shepherd Parish.

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**A NOTE FROM FR. VALENTINE**

There is one thing we have to know about Word. Word is powerful when spoken or uttered. Inasmuch as the Word of God is efficacious; it also requires the cooperation of the recipient in order to accomplish its goal. Needless to say, the disposition of the heart that receives the Word of God is a prerequisite for God’s Word to be effective; just as the rain that waters the earth and makes what is sown therein to sprout is dependent on the nature and type of soil. When a word is spoken and grow, it is more than the articulation of an idea; words are dynamic entities pressing onward toward realization in time and space. Once uttered, they cannot be revoked; the effectiveness of human words of blessing or cursing can persist and extend beyond the moment of their utterance cf. Genesis 27. More potent than human word is the word of God.

More potent than human word is the word of God. The point in the parable of this Sunday is that God sows his seed and reveals his word indiscriminately. Like the sun and rain which falls on the weeds as well as the wheat, and like the fishnet which snags all types of fish. God does not distinguish among the recipients of his word but crisis may not be amiss cf. Matthew 13:24-30.

You and I; like good farmers need a check list and accept to undergo some thorough discernment. We need to think of ourselves as good people and in the sense of a fertile soil that received the seed and produced much fruit. But since none of us is yet a saint and innocent in the presence of God, we individually, each have areas that need a spiritual cardiac surgery and some part of us like the soil that needs to be cultivated and fertilized. Let’s compare ourselves to the people in the parable to see where we stand. Do we listen to the Word of God and allow it to be fruitful in our lives or do we allow it to be choked and die away? Where do you stand in this Gospel of today with the Word of God?



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**Good Shepherd Parish Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)**

Saturday (anticipated) 5:30pm  
Holy Day TBD.

Sundays —9:00am, 11:00am  
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:30-5:00pm

National Holidays —9:00am

**Mass Intentions For the week of July 12-July 22, 2023**

Saturday	5:30pm	Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families.
July 15		
Sunday	9:00am	Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families.
July 16	11:00am	Thanksgiving for Gods' tender mercies and favors .
Monday	7:00am	In Memory of Allen Hazoume
July 17		
Tuesday	7:00am	H&WB Avenella Samaroo
July 18		
Wednesday	7:00am	Luke & Christine Ngobili and Deceased relatives
July 19		
Thursday	7:00am	H&WB Jean Michelin
July 20		
Friday	7:00am	H&WB Carlos Quinones
July 21		
Saturday	8:30am	Angelito Nepomuceno Birthday memorial
July 22	5:30pm	Primitiva Nepomuceno Birthday Memorial

*Kindly keep our parishioner's family, with health and other challenges, in your prayers*

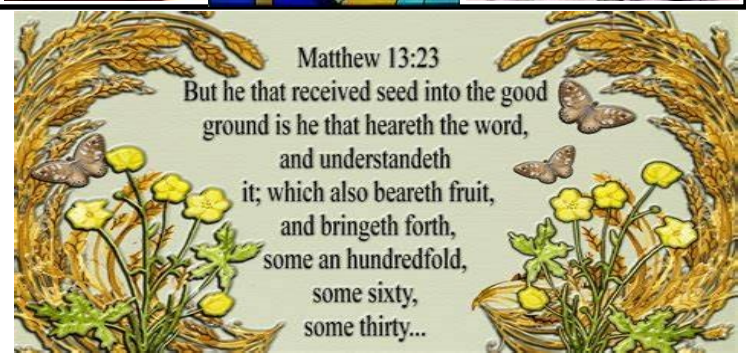
Let us always remember in our prayers the sick members of our Parish

Angela Freeman	Paul Kocum	Sandy Mosley
Elizabeth Cassata	Emily Lugo	Bob and Barbara Nezlick
Frederick Hamilton	Curtis Matthews	Carlos Quinones
Tom and Janice Ho	Jean Michelin	

\* Please advise if any names should be added or delete from the list

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Please contact Fr. Valentine or call the rectory if you are interested in Intentions, of a Sanctuary Lamp, Alter bread and wine or Alter Flowers



## Minister Assignments July 22 –July 23

Saturday Sunday	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Presider
7/22 5:30pm	Al Papp	Denise Perry Barbara Banks Nellie Bate	Fr. Val
7/23 9:00am	Marylyn Amah	Stanislaus Egeolu- Obimezie Helen Chife-Akude Alexandra Dunac	Fr. Val
7/23 11:00am	Chinwe Duru	Denise Perry Jerome Hule Uchenna Duru	Fr. Val

### Collection Report

Week July 9 -10, 2022 \$4,101.0

Week July 8 -9, 2023 \$ 2,351.0

Good Shepherd Parish Information

PARISH REGISTRATION Forms can be found at the back of the church or call the rectory (973) 375-8568

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 4:30- 5:00 pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM In order to have your child baptized at Good Shepherd, the parents must be registered and active members of our parish for at least 6 months. Godparents or sponsors must meet qualifications as to have received both sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, attend Mass regularly and been a registered parishioner at a Catholic Church For more information please call the Rectory 9(73) 375-8568

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Couples who are planning a wedding should call the parish at least one year prior to the chosen date and before they make any other arrangements, (973)375-8568

PASTORAL OF THE SICK Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized, home-bound, or Emergencies.(973)375-8568

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS, RCIA. Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church and Catholics in need of Sacraments, Confirmation or Eucharist; inquire at the Rectory.To register please call the rectory(973-375-8568

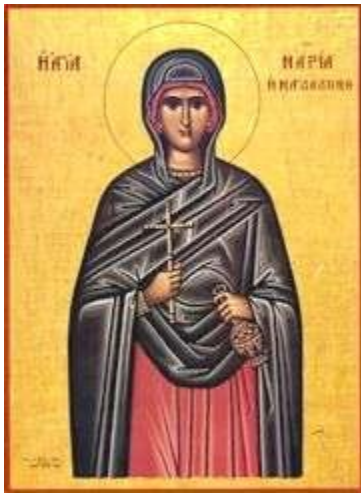
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sunday of October-April from 10:00-11:00 am in the Church building. For more information please call the Rectory (973-375-8568

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## GSP EVENT CALENDER

Sunday July 16
Monday July 17
7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Rectory
Tuesday July 18
Wednesday July 19
7:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting in the Rectory
Thursday July 20
Friday July 21
Saturday July 22
11:am Meeting with all Candidates for Confirmation in the church.



## JULY 22, 2022 Saint Mary Magdalene

Was a woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with

Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than Jesus's family.

All the four gospels identified her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women which includes Jesus's mother, as the first to witness the empty tomb, [1 and, either alone or as a member of a group, as the first to witness Jesus's resurrection. Mary Magdalene is considered to be a saint by the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran denominations. In 2016,

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave. Pope Francis raised the level of liturgical memory on July 22 from memorial to feast, and for her to be referred to as the "Apostle of the apostles".[5] Other Protestant churches honor her as a heroine of the faith. The Eastern Orthodox churches also commemorate her on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearers, the Orthodox equivalent of one of the Western Three Marys traditions.

St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes

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