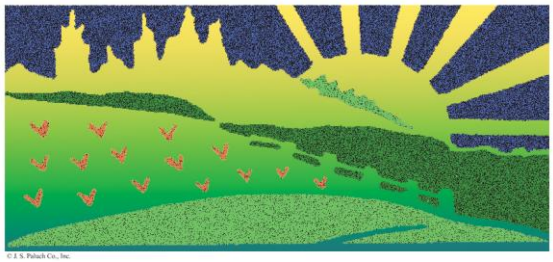
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

GIVING OF ONESELF

Scientists have recently begun to discuss the idea that the primary force behind all life in the universe is self-gift. This is how everything from galaxies to human babies are born and sustained.

If we read the opening of today's passage from Isaiah correctly, we see that he anticipated twentieth-century scientists by over twenty five hundred years. Using the self-giving example of the rain and snow clouds that water the earth that then yields fruit, which in turn is given over to nourish creatures, Isaiah leads us to understand that the primary force behind all life is the word of God. The ultimate giving of that word, we believe, was Jesus Christ, who, in the greatest revelation of divine love, gave of himself on the cross.

To what degree are we in touch with that self-giving God in whose image we are made? To what extent do we really follow the self-giving example of Christ into whose death and resurrection we were baptized, whose ultimate self-gift we celebrate every week in the Eucharist? With God's help, our lives can be like Isaiah's rain and snow, and we will not return to heaven until we have done our part to make the earth fruitful. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

COMMENT

There is an analogy made between the earth and us. Just as God waters the earth to make things grow, we are "watered" by God's Word and grow in living out the Word's meaning. God has a purpose for the words that are sent to us. According to God's plan, we will achieve the purpose of that word. The fruit of God's harvest is divine in human beings—God's everlasting love.

Paul compares the work of the harvest to a mother's labor during childbirth. The work is hard and often painful, but the end result is the joy of holding her new baby. Similarly it takes hard work to make a crop healthy for harvest, but the conclusion is a great yield.

In the parable, Jesus describes the soil onto which the seed may fall. If it falls on the hardened path, birds may come and eat it because it is not embedded in the soil. Or it may land on rock, which has very little soil and roots cannot go deep enough. Thorns and weeds (I'm sure they were morning glories!) may come and choke out the seed's growth. Only if the seed falls on good soil can it take hold and mature into a fruitful harvest.

REFLECTION

We are the soil in which God plants the seeds. Are we fertile soil or does our sinfulness or righteousness make us thorny? Are we filled with weeds of distraction and busy-ness? Paul points us in the direction of hope. His letters to the early Church tell us that our great hope and salvation rests in Christ who died for us. It is Christ who removed the thorns of sin for us.

We need to be attentive to the care of our soil. Sometimes we can do our own gardening. Other times we need the help of a gardener. And still other times, we offer nutrients to others trying to maintain a fertile soil. We are a community of believers. We all need one another's help to ensure good soil.

Like the rain mentioned in Isaiah, which will not return to God until it has watered the earth, God's word will not return to God void. This means it falls on fertile soil. We already know about the thorns of sin and the weeds of distraction. How will we prepare the soil today for God's word? What action have we put off that we now must do in order for God's word to land gently on us and move us to action?

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Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of July to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

►**BABY DONATIONS to include**:
Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de julio para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

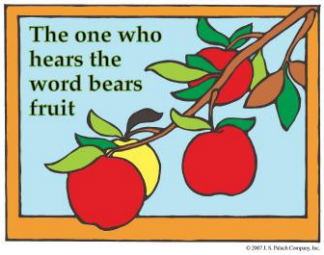
►**DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**
Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

July 04/05, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS	$3,940.00
LOOSE PLATE	1,363.41
CCD	921.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	$6,224.41

Thank you for your generosity



Saturday, July 11th -
5:00-IHM – +Belinda Gomez, Tomas and Guadalupe Morales; +Alma and Frances Solano; +Daniel Grimaldo

Sunday, July 12th –
8:00AM – IHM +Sarah Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarrette; +Christopher Cardoza; +Rodrigo DeLoera y difuntos de su familia
11:00AM – **IHM –** For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, July 14th 9:00AM-HF
+Ray T. Reyes

Wednesday, July 15th 6:00PM - IHM
+Julian Ramos

Thursday, July 16th 9:00AM-HF
+José Cruces

Friday, July 17th 9:00AM – HF
+Leticia Acopa Montejo; Fr. Humberto Diaz

Saturday, July 18th -
5:00-IHM – For the People of Nolan County

Sunday, July 19th –
8:00AM – IHM Grupo Misionero; +Christopher Cardoza; +José Angel Zarate
11:00AM – **IHM –** In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Pat Saenz, Mikenly, Mikayla & Adri Ashley; +Abundio Saenz, Sr;
For the health and well-being of Sammy Camacho

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE
July 18 – Finance July 25 – Grupo Misionero

***PLEASE NOTE-- back page of this bulletin: MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SIS regarding the schism of SSPX.**

YOUTH GROUP meets this Sunday, July 12th, from 6:00-7:30pm at Holy Family Hall.

WEDNESDAY – Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:00pm @IHM. Fr. Josh will be in the church after the Mass. If you need to go to confession, please let him know. He will hear confessions until 8:00pm.

GRUPO MISIONERO meets Thursdays, 7:00pm @Immaculate Heart Hall.

ULTREYA MEETINGS
Sunday, July 12th - 6:00pm (***English)***
Monday, July 13th - 7:00pm ***(Spanish)***
at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit
http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

RAFFLE TICKETS "2026 Jamaica" **– Don't forget to get your raffle tickets after Mass!**

The Diocese of San Angelo is pleased to announce the acceptance of two new seminarians:
Zachary Garcia, from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Odessa and **Jesus Ortega**, from St. Rita Parish in Greenwood. Their diocesan email addresses are:
Zachary Garcia: zgarcia@sanangelodiocese.org
Jesus Ortega: jortega@sanangelodiocese.org
If you have the opportunity, please consider sending them a brief note of encouragement as they continue discerning God's call. With God's grace, both men will begin their seminary formation this August at Conception Seminary College in Conception, Missouri. Please continue to pray for Zachary and Jesus, for all of our seminarians, and that many more young men will respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood.

Message regarding the schism of SSPX

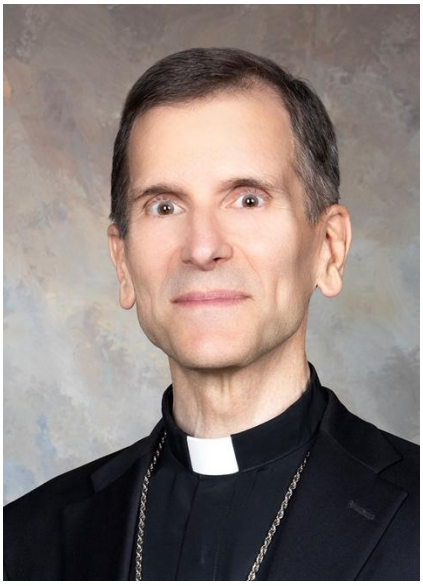
On July 1, 2026, four new bishops were ordained in Switzerland by the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) without a papal mandate and against the will of Pope Leo XIV, in defiance of the Holy Father's plea for them to avoid schism. This has caused a serious rupture to the unity of the Church, and it is an occasion of mourning and sadness even in our diocese in West Texas. There is one chapel of the SSPX in Midland, Texas, called St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, where for many years priests of the SSPX have visited monthly to celebrate traditional Latin Masses.

In response to the ordination of the four new bishops, the Holy See has issued a Decree and Explanatory Note regarding the resulting schism and automatic excommunication caused by these ordinations. The decree issued by the Vatican Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) on July 2, 2026, states that "clerics and lay faithful are warned not to adhere to the schism of the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X, as they would incur *ipso facto* the penalty of *latae sententiae* excommunication." It says that the lay faithful "who formally adhere to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X ... are to be considered schismatic and excommunicated."

The DDF has warned the lay faithful that the sacred ministers of the SSPX unlawfully administer the sacraments, and that the sacrament of penance administered by them and marriages witnessed by them are now invalid. The celebration of the Mass and the confection of the Eucharist, because they are done by an ordained priest, are still valid, but they are illicit.

I encourage all Catholics to remain steadfast in communion with Pope Leo XIV, with the bishops in communion with him, and with the whole Church. Communion with the successor of Peter is essential to the nature of the Catholic Church and is the foundation of its ecclesial life and mission.

Rather than attending Masses celebrated by the excommunicated SSPX clergy, I encourage those Catholics wanting to celebrate the traditional Latin Mass to attend St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church at 2619 Era Avenue in San Angelo, where the Mass in the Extraordinary Form is celebrated with permission from the Holy See each Sunday.

To assist those Catholics who might have worshipped locally with the SSPX at the St. Michael the Archangel Chapel in Midland, and who would like to make it clear that they adhere to the universal Roman Catholic Church in union with Pope Leo XIV, the Holy See has provided protocols which I would be happy to make available to them. The DDF Explanatory Note says, "The Church, as a caring mother, will welcome with sincere affection and lively concern all those who wish to return to full communion." I wish to reassure them of my pastoral concern as a shepherd with a desire to assist in this difficult time.

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