



## All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903

<http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org>

*E-Messenger, July 13, 2023*

*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*



*But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty (Matthew 13:23).*

Dear All Saints' Family,

I find mowing the lawn to be an immensely satisfying yard project. Lawn mowing has a beginning and an end. You can see and enjoy the fruit of your labor (at least for a few days). Planting seeds is a little more ambiguous. Some come up and flourish vigorously from year to

year. Some seeds don't seem to grow at all despite the best efforts at watering and cultivating.

The same can be said for ministry. Sometimes we witness God's transformative power right in front of us. We see God's healing hand and the action of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Other times we may wonder if our prayer has even been heard or if our labor will ever bear fruit.

This Sunday's Gospel, the parable of the sower assures us that God continues to sow and nourish God's creation in God's time and in God's way.

*"We are workers, not master builders, Ministers, not messiahs,"* wrote Archbishop Oscar Romero who was shot and killed in El Salvador in 1980 for speaking out against injustice. *"We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise."*

Archbishop Romero's prayer below expresses wisdom learned from a lifetime of ministry. He nudges us forward in our ministry when the "fruit and yields" may seem ambiguous. Faithful patience is a foundation for the call to cultivate God's Kingdom on earth.

*The Prayer of Oscar Romero*

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.  
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,  
It is even beyond our vision.  
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent  
enterprise that is God's work.  
Nothing we do is complete,  
Which is another way of saying that  
The Kingdom always lies beyond us.  
No statement says all that should be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection.  
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No program accomplishes the church's mission.  
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.  
This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted,  
Knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produced effects far beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything,  
And there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.  
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,

A step along the way,  
An opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.  
We may never see the end results,  
But that is the difference  
Between the master builder and the worker.  
We are workers, not master builders,  
Ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future that is not our own.

*~ Archbishop Oscar Romero*

Yours in the Spirit,  
Julie

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy  
Eucharist July 16 9:30am**

Zoom Link

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKektorMGVzMFFEclFiUTo9>**

Service Program: You will find Sunday's program here:

**[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service\\_program\\_july\\_16\\_2023.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_program_july_16_2023.pdf)**

*Music Notes*



Thank you for your input on the Music program. Please feel free to talk to any member of the committee about your hopes for the Music Program.

Barbara Badio

Charlotte Burgess, Chair

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## *Summer Altar Flowers*

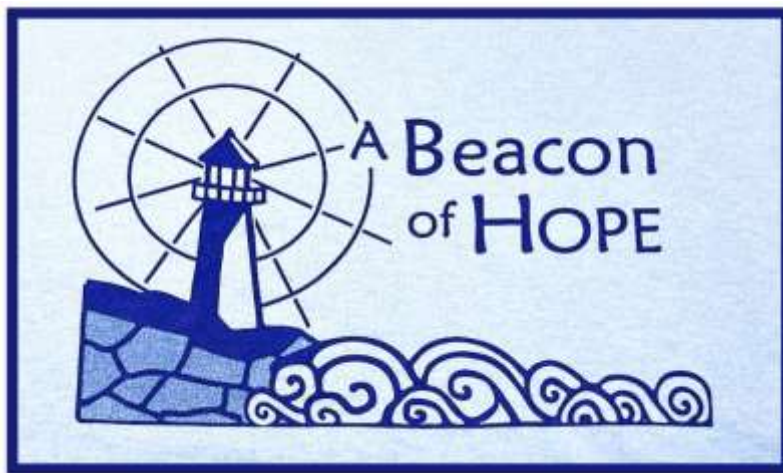


Photo of the church window well last week

Do you have flowers in your garden that might grace the altar on a Sunday? Please contact Marybeth Hanavan ([mbhanavan@gmail.com](mailto:mbhanavan@gmail.com)) if you would like to bring flowers on a given Sunday. Please let Marybeth know one week in advance. Thank you.

First fruits: peppers in the church

garden





## *Outreach News*

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, July 23rd after the Service

**Outreach Food Collection:** Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- July: Packaged Pasta
- August: Canned Baked Beans

### *Wednesday Noonday Prayer July 19*

All are welcome to this Service at 12:00pm each Wednesday. You may join in-person in Rose Hall or via Zoom. Here is the zoom link:

**[http://Join Zoom Meeting](#)**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09>**

### *Upcoming Events*

**July 19:** Noonday Prayer, Rose Hall or Zoom

**July 23:** Outreach Meeting after the Service

**July 30:** End of Life Planning, Rose Hall after the Service

**August 3:** Vestry Retreat, Rose Hall, 4-7PM

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## *PRAYERS*

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Theo, Musa, and Barry. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Zo, Marie, Kerry, and Dan.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Kardi Draper.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

### ***July 16, 2023***

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Response: Psalm 65:9-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

Coffee Hour: Elizabeth Toby and Kardi Draper

### ***July 23, 2023***

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Response: Psalm 86:11-17

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Altar Guild: Patty, Sandy, and Julie

Coffee Hour: Elizabeth Toby and Kardi Draper

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