



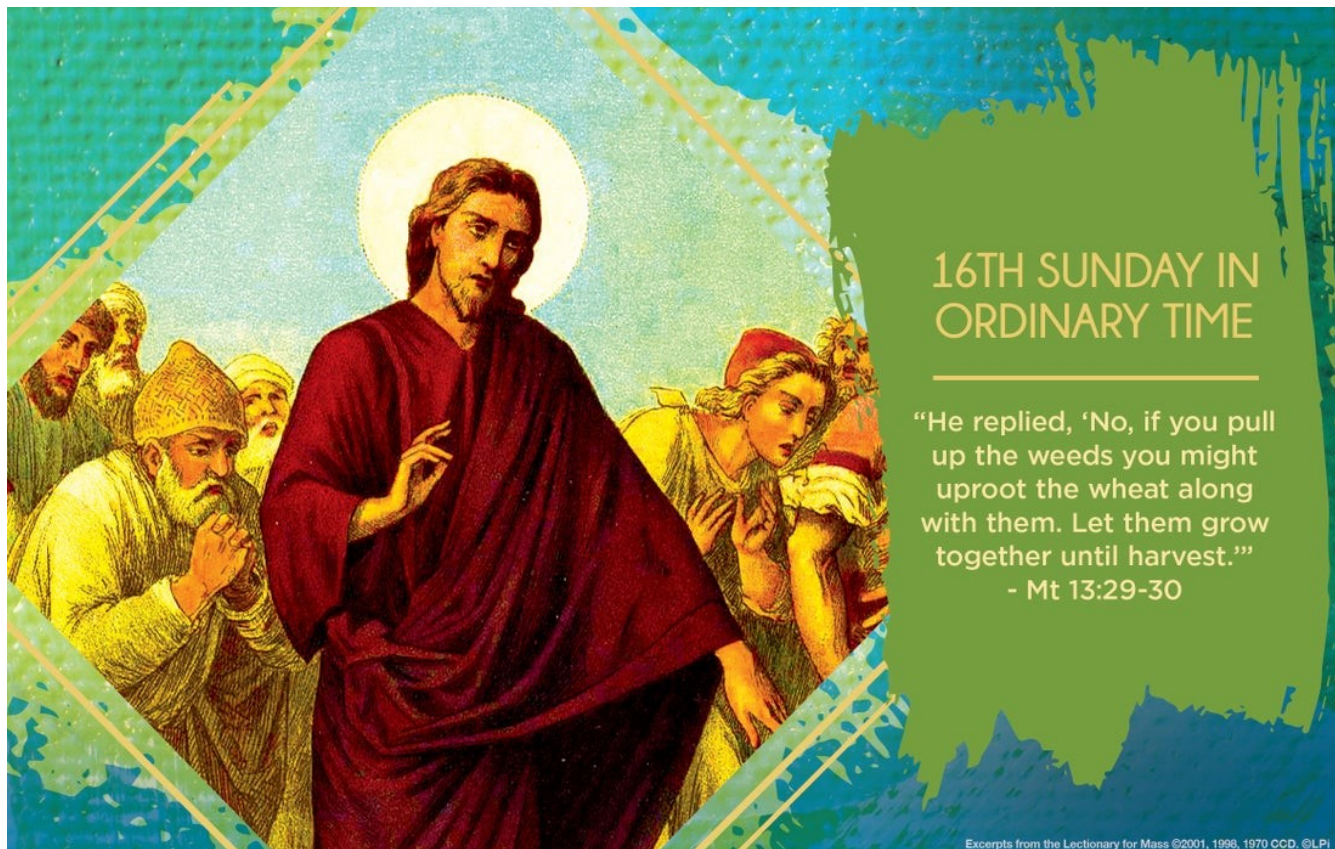
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.'"
- Mt 13:29-30

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GOSPEL MEDITATION – A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis—of happy memory—said the following regarding the parables Jesus taught his listeners: “When Jesus spoke, he used simple language as well as images and examples drawn from everyday life, so that he could be easily understood by everyone. That is why people listened to him with delight and appreciated his message, which went straight to the heart. It was not the complicated language used by the doctors of the law of that time—language that was hard to understand, full of rigidity, and that alienated people. Through this language, Jesus made the mystery of the Kingdom of God understood; it was not complicated theology” (July 16, 2017).

Grant us, Lord, your wisdom through the Holy Spirit, that we may be seeds of good wheat, even when weeds grow alongside us. Remove envy, resentment, and falsehood from our hearts; cleanse the evil from our thoughts and actions with your love. May your Word be the center of our lives. May our faith not be so easily disturbed by the media, the internet, or the celebrity gossip we see and hear every day. May You be the one to guide us toward your grace. Thank you for loving us despite the evil present within us. Open our ears to hear and follow your voice, and may your message today not be in vain. “Let anyone with ears understand” (Matthew 13:43).

Sunday Mass- 9:30 AM English

Misa Dominical- 11:30 AM Español

Confessions/Confesiones: 30 min. before Mass

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FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION OPEN!

Registration for Religious Education is now open for children and youth preparing for the Sacraments and growing in their Catholic faith.

Classes for the 2026–2027 school year will begin on **Tuesday August 11, at 6:00 PM**. Please visit the parish office to register or for more information.

We look forward to another wonderful year of faith formation and spiritual growth!

THE WEEDS WE NEED

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread—these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart—the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be. Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS-INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday, July 19th 2026—9:30 AM

For our Parish Community

Domingo 19 de julio, 2026—11:30 AM

† Jesus Oaxaca (de Luis Oaxaca)

† Luis Zamarron (de familia)

Tuesday July 21, 2026—8:00 AM

† Florinda T. Morgan (by Jessica Rodelas)

JULY WEEKLY READINGS

Sun. 19th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19, Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16,

Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Mon. 20th: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8, Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Mt 12:38-42

Tues. 21st: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Ps 85:2-8, Mt 12:46-50

Wed. 22nd: St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or 2, Cor 5:14-17, Ps 63:2-6, 8-9,

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thur. 23rd: St. Bridget, Religious

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13, Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11,

Mt 13:10-17

Fri. 24th: St. Sharbel Makhūf, Priest

Jer 3:14-17, (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13, Mt 13:18-23

Sat. 25th: St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15, Ps 126:1b-2-6, Mt 20:20-28

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING

Bobby Chavez, David Sanchez, Alex Casillas,
Tina Martinez, Deacon Andy, Mike Lopez, Jose Lopez,
Virginia Rodriguez, Johnny Ray Ortiz & Vemba Martinez

**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi