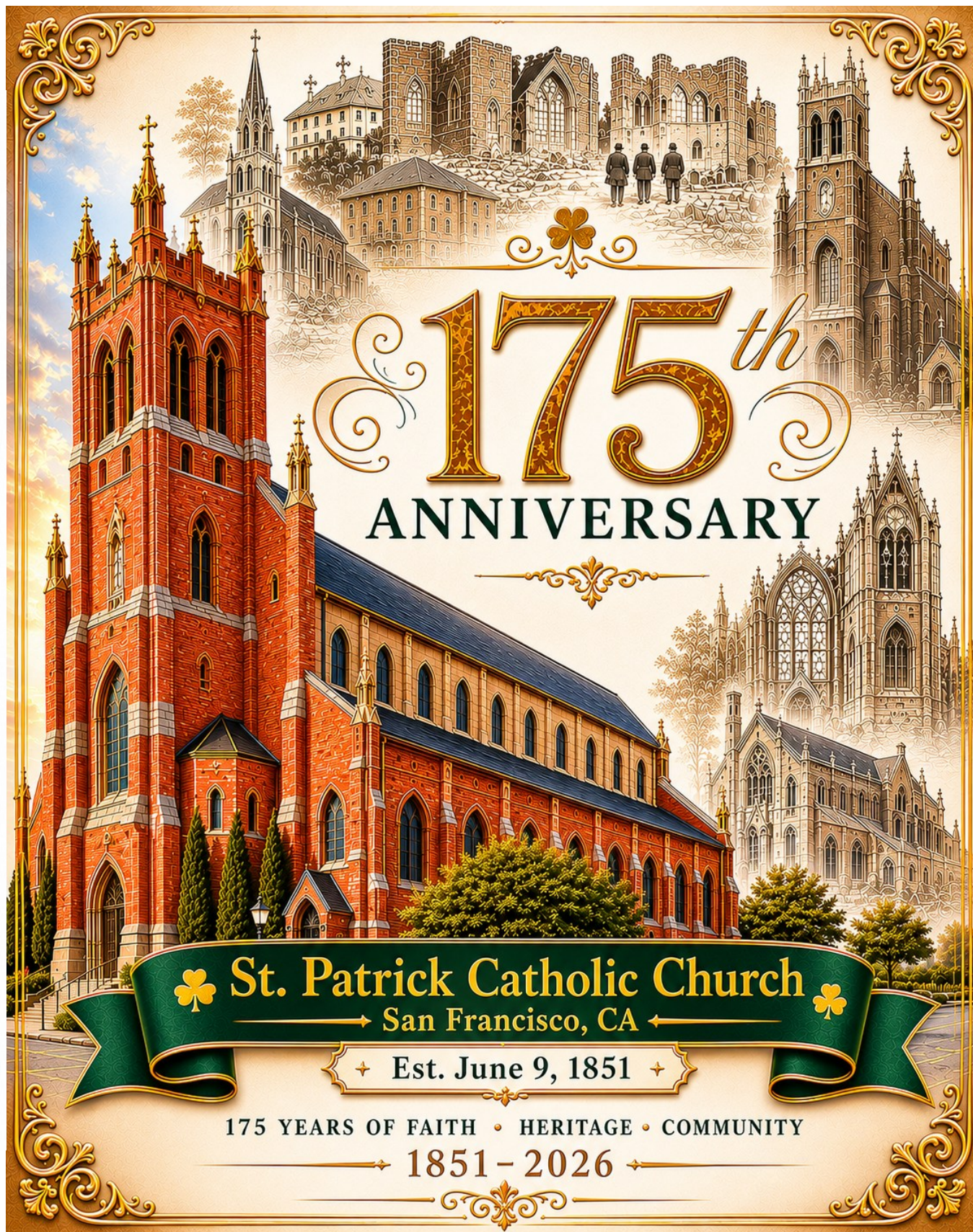


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Living God's Word

We respond by praying: O God, you have given us the gift of life; continue to keep us alive in Christ Jesus. Bring us from death to grow in faith, hope, and love. We remain patient in prayer and faithful to your word, until your glory is revealed.

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Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
celebrating a birthday this week.

Ched Anthony Achas	07/19	Ethan Tyler Bernardino	07/21
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Andrija Zuzul	07/20	Xing Yi Shen	07/26

A Patient and Loving God

A God who judges with leniency and clemency, a Spirit groaning because we know not how to pray, a patient master waiting to separate wheat and weeds, a tiny seed growing into a great bush, and the miracle of yeast and flour! All of these images found in our readings today speak of the unexpected, the countercultural, and of the compassion and intimacy of our relationship with God. Many times we are afraid to come to God in prayer, or we may turn away from our God because of our weakness and sinfulness. We are not presented with a vengeful God who is waiting to smite us, but a God of infinite love and wisdom and patience who will show us the way. What an amazing gift this is!

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Our Fascinating Faith

The Second Vatican Council—More than Documents

The Second Vatican Council was a remarkable spiritual event. Three years of preparation in small commissions followed by four major sessions beginning October 11, 1962 and concluding December 8, 1965, comprising 168 general congregations in St. Peter's Basilica and numerous committee, sub-committee, and informal meetings hashing through documents and amendments to be voted on by the Council Fathers under the leadership of two popes. Apart from the documents themselves, this multi-year event had a transformative influence on all who participated. A palpable "spirit of the Council" arose that guided and inspired the direction of the proceedings right from Pope Saint John XXIII's opening address. Indeed, his inspiring opening prayer has been repeated at countless Church gatherings in the years since. Vatican II was not merely a deliberative body; it was a solemn spiritual assembly whose voice echoes through every one of the Council's constitutions and decrees, each of which received near-unanimous approval. The spirit of this gathering animated the work of all whose task it was to implement the Council's decisions in the months and early years after its conclusion. Any attempt at interpreting the Council's documents must first take into account this animating spirit and give it due consideration.

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Catholic Prayer Corner

Act of Love

O my God, I love you
above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all good
and worthy of all love.

I love my neighbor as myself
for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me
and ask pardon of all whom
I have injured.

AAA Update *(as of 30 June 2026)*

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252
Received	\$15,814
Amount Remaining	\$27,438
% of Goal	37%

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

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Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese of San Francisco

July 31 – Aug 2 Life Giving Wounds Healing Retreat for Adults with Divorced or Separated parents. Life-Giving Wounds is a ministry for adult children of divorced or separated parents. Adult children of divorce or separation often feel alone and lost, and are searching for lasting healing and love. The southern California chapter of LGW is supported by the Dioceses of Orange and San Diego; their next retreat will be in Oceanside, CA. Early-bird registration until June 15. More info/registration at www.rcbo.org/acod

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass

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The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco
KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;
and in Sacramento
KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to *Father-Harry.org*. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

St. Sharbel Makhlūf (1828-1898)

July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "You know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

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Words and Weeds

A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds.

~ Anonymous nursery rhyme

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Those who are just must be kind.

~ Wisdom 12:19

Mass Intentions for Jul 19 - 25

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 19	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Msgr. Fred Al Bitanga † Paul A. Abiva SI All Parishioners Of St. Patrick FH Alicia SI Kenneth Kirby & Grandkids
Monday 20	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong BD Tamlyn Murata FH Ryan
Tuesday 21	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	FH Alicia SI Kenneth Kirby & Grandkids FH Ryan
Wednesday 22	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	FH Alicia SI Kenneth Kirby & Grandkids FH Ryan
Thursday 23	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	FH Alicia † Jose S. Acosta, Sr. FH Kenneth Kirby
Friday 24	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilson Castro SI Kenneth Kirby & Grandkids FH Ryan
Saturday 25	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Kenneth Kirby & Grnadkids † Magdalena Coecuera FH Ryan

God's Word Today

We are in the midst of hearing a string of parables from Matthew's Gospel. Today we hear three about the kingdom of heaven. The passage ends with these words: "Whoever has ears ought to hear." The meaning of Jesus' parables is often difficult to grasp. This is why the disciples repeatedly ask Jesus for clarification. His explanation of the parable of the weeds in the field is chilling. Why not take the time before Mass to read only the explanation of the parable, beginning with the words, "Then, dismissing the crowds . . ."? Knowing the meaning will help set the context for hearing the cluster of parables about the kingdom of God proclaimed today. Let us pray that the meanings of these parables will sink in and strengthen us as children of the kingdom.

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Living Stewardship Now

"Whoever gives to me, teaches me to give."

~ Danish proverb

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Loving Someone

To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.

~ Lao Tzu

Do

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The Kingdom of God is Like...

Jesus speaks in several parables today about the reign of God, including images from several groups of people in order to make his message clear to all who hear. The kingdom of God is like a man who sows good seed. The kingdom of God is like a person who plants a mustard seed. The kingdom of God is like a woman who adds yeast to her flour. All of these very human activities bring home the fact that the reign of God is already among us, working in small ways to bring about mysterious but very great results.

Good and evil are allowed to grow together until the end, lest the good be destroyed with the evil. There is a lesson for us here. It is not that we shouldn't oppose evil when we see it, but that in our zeal to make our world perfect by human force, we must be careful not to destroy the work that God is doing. It is not for us, but for God to judge what is to be kept and what destroyed, and even though we think we know the difference, we must be cautious not to disturb God's carefully planted goodness in others. Violence can never be the means of justice.

Small Yet Powerful

Likewise, the reign of God is like something very small, almost unnoticeable until we begin to see the results. The tiny mustard seed, which can be planted by any person (even a child), grows to be a large tree, amazing to all. A tiny amount of yeast, when added to flour, becomes invisible until it begins to make the whole dough rise, doubling or tripling its volume, and becoming bread in the oven's heat.

Let us not judge what we see, but trust that God's work in the world is gentle and quiet, the results known only in the final chapter. We seek, in humility, to watch for the Spirit working in the ordinary activities of our lives.

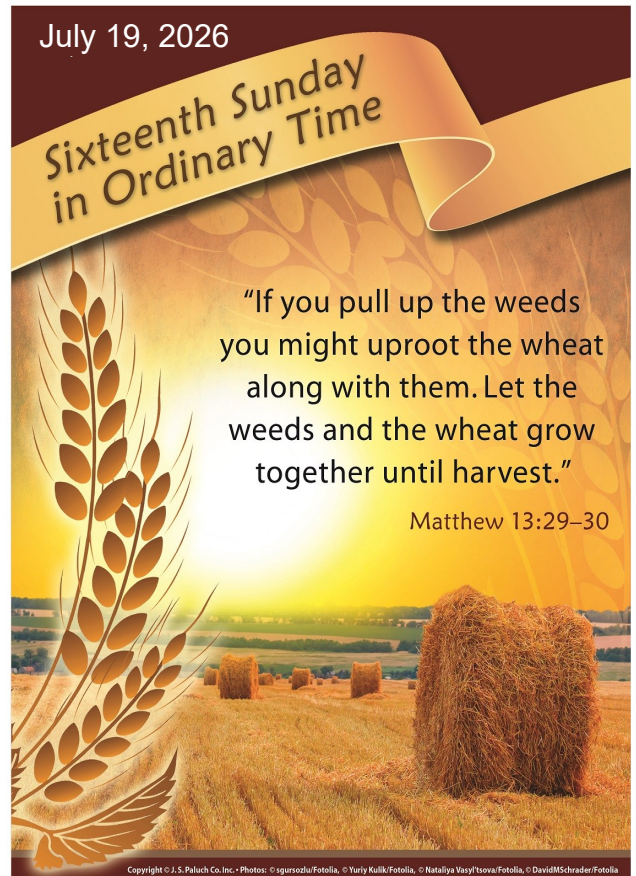
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"If you pull up the weeds
you might uproot the wheat
along with them. Let the
weeds and the wheat grow
together until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30



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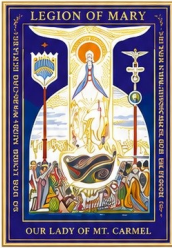
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— ST. PATRICK CHURCH —

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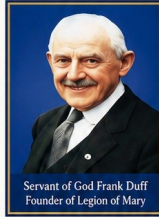


Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall



The Legion Family Worldwide

- On all continents
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- 4 million active members
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Servant of God Frank Duff
Founder of Legion of Mary
1889 - 1980



LEGION OF MARY'S HISTORY

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921. It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.



LEGION OF MARY'S AIM

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.



LEGION OF MARY'S UNIT

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE WORKS

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

"Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

— ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ —

Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables



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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Do to others as you would ...

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E	T	T	O
H		E	Y
A	V	O	U

H _ _ _ _ _ .

Answer: *have them do to you*

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I have seen the Lord!

St. Mary Magdalene

Jewish woman from whom Jesus cast seven demons. She is known as "the Apostle to the Apostles" because she was the first one to see the Risen Lord.

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July 22

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The source of justice is not vengeance but charity.

St. Bridget of Sweden

14th-century mystic, mother of eight children, and one of the patron saints of Europe

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Mercy triumphs over judgment.

—James 2:13

St. James the Greater

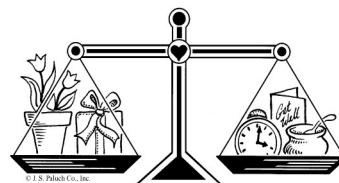
One of the Twelve Apostles, a witness of Christ's Transfiguration, and traditionally considered the first apostle to be martyred.

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July 25

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— Wisdom 12:19

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CATHOLIC CORNER

HOW TO PRAY AS WE OUGHT

In today's second reading St. Paul says that we don't always know how to pray, so the Holy Spirit helps us (Romans 8:26). What prayers do you say most often? How do you usually pray, alone or with others? When you pray, do you say traditional prayers like the Our Father and Hail Mary, or do you speak words from your heart? Both are good because there are different types of prayer.

When we pray we often ask God for things we need. Sometimes we ask God for forgiveness. When we ask for something in prayer it is called a prayer of *petition*. What things do you pray for?

When we pray for the needs of others we are asking God to help those who need love and care. We often hear these prayers during Mass and other liturgies. They are called prayers of *intercession*. Do you remember any of the intercessions that were prayed in your parish this week?

When we think about all that God has given us and how grateful we are, we can say a prayer of *thanksgiving*. What would you thank God for?

We can also give God praise. In a prayer of praise we recognize that God is great, the creator of all things, and source of all we have and are. We say that we praise God's name. Many of the psalms are prayers of praise, and we sing or say the "Glory to God" each week at Mass.

This wheel contains the names of the different forms of prayer and an example of each. Try to pray a different form each day and ask your family to join you. The next week write your own prayers for each form. When you do this, each week you will pray in all these ways that show that you love, trust, and rely on God.

My Prayer Wheel



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. Rom 8:26

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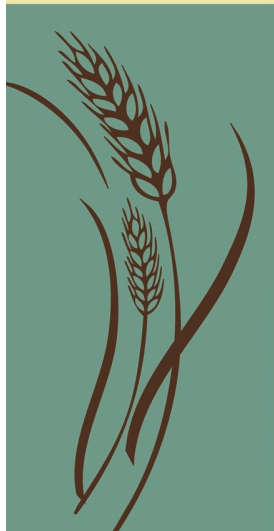


Jesus said,
"The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a
man who sowed good
seed in his field."

Matthew 13:24

July 19, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
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Pastor Al™



"Pastor Al, seeing you out on your own, I'm sure glad that most of the time you have a dress code."

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Today we are faced with the powerful and almighty God, who deals with us, not out of anger and punishment, but out of kindness and forgiveness. God is forgiving and loving to those who ask and persevere in prayer. Even if we don't know how to pray, the Spirit of the Lord helps us, for God knows what the Spirit means, "because [the Spirit] intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will" (Romans 8:27). With God's help, we can be the good seed and not the weeds. If we contemplate the parables, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit, we are able to see ever fresher lessons in these stories.

Parables

These are the weeks of parables, and although we have heard them all many times, they never lose their freshness, for always, if we look, we can perceive a new angle.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat, so simple on its surface, is puzzling enough for the disciples to ask Jesus for an explanation. In our own gardens, we tend to yank up the weeds all through the growing season. But in the parable, the weeds and the wheat are allowed to grow together until the harvest. If the good people and the evil people remain mixed throughout life, it puzzles us sometimes: why are people who do bad things not punished? How is it that God allows bad things to happen to good people?

Those Tiny Things

Our God is indeed a God of might; yet that might leads not to vengeance, but to forgiveness. Everyone is offered an opportunity—many opportunities—for forgiveness. Even a little good can blossom into something wonderful. The mustard seed of the Middle East is so tiny that one can barely pick one up with one's fingertips. (Those familiar with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd know about this wonderful parable, and the tiny dish of mustard seeds that is kept in the atrium for the children to contemplate.) Yeast makes the dough rise to be baked into delicious bread. All of these wonders come from tiny beginnings, if we are ready to hear and understand these mysteries.

Our prayer too is heard by God, even if we do not really understand what we are praying for: "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit . . . intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit" (Romans 8:26–27).

So if our small prayers are offered with a sincere heart, they are heard by God, even if we don't always know what it is we do when we pray. Are we praising, blessing God, asking for something? The Spirit knows and intercedes for us.

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A Mighty God



The first reading says that God's might is the basis for divine justice. We might take this to mean that God uses mighty power to punish sinners, in the legal sense of justice. But the reading also talks about God's lenience and clemency. So maybe God's power is so great that punishment is not necessary. Sinners can be forgiven. After all, we usually punish those we fear will hurt us again. But God is too powerful to be injured by our sins. God can afford to wait for us to

repent. That is the point of the parable of the wheat and the weeds.

We are used to expecting swift justice. We like TV shows in which the bad guy is caught and convicted in an hour. The idea of God giving sinners until the end of time to repent is almost un-American—at least, until we realize that we are sinners, too. "But my sins are so minor." Even the smallest sin says that we know better than God what is right. Yet God is still willing to wait for all of us to repent.

On the other hand, we hear people who say they don't deserve to be forgiven. True, but no one could ever deserve forgiveness. That is the wonder of God's love, that God's Son came to die for sinners, even before we sinned. As we experience that forgiveness, we learn the depth of God's love for us. Hopefully, we also learn to share that love with others.

Of course, that means that we also share forgiveness with others. If God waits till "the end of the age" before burning the weeds, shouldn't we be willing to forgive those who hurt us? The Church encourages us to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation often. Many people today wait till they have a lot of sins, or at least one whopper, to confess. But the more often we go, the more we are reminded of God's love and forgiveness. Those reminders can help us to be more willing to show mercy ourselves. Let us ask God for the courage to seek forgiveness and the strength to forgive.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.

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Patiently Awaiting Judgment

Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house-teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.

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Reflecting on God's Word

Our experience of the world is often an experience of opposites: truth and lies, goodness and evil, beauty and ugliness. They are found in intimate proximity, often on the same page of the newspaper or in the same half-hour news report, and intertwined in the same human heart. Their existence is connected to human freedom as well as to the power of sin and evil in our world.

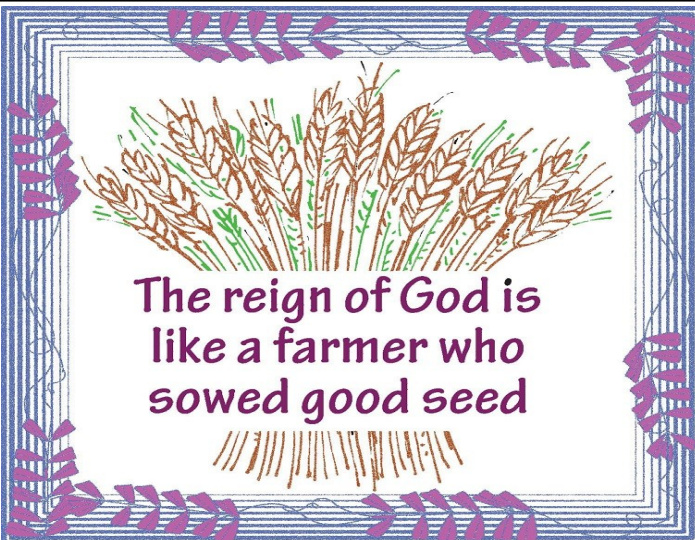
Jesus tells a parable that makes the same point as the author of Wisdom: God's exercise of power is tempered by leniency and mercy; God's justice is balanced by loving-kindness. Our desire to pull up and destroy the weeds prematurely could destroy the good wheat. While the interpretation in the Gospel applies this image to different groups in a community, we can also hear this parable as referring to the weeds and wheat, the evil and goodness residing in the heart.

Jesus says God's active presence in the world is something as small as a mustard seed and as fragile as a pinch of yeast, yet each contains a power that, when released, will bring about growth and expansion.

In the meantime, the challenge is being as patient with others as God is, while working with God to purify our own hearts. Last week Jesus warned about the sluggish heart; today he pictures a contaminated heart, good penetrated by evil. But the power of God is stronger than the power of evil and death. Be patient, and remain open to the workings of God's grace.

~ James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Good Seeds

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

By the dawn of the fourteenth century, the sacrament of confirmation was ripe for a rescue, since vast numbers of the faithful never received it, and when it was celebrated, it was done so in isolation from baptism and Eucharist. A bishop named William Durandus set out to reclaim this liturgy, but he had a creative touch and added some things into the mix that had never been thought of before. One was a slap. Oddly, he replaced the kiss of peace at the end of confirmation with a slap on the cheek that endured to modern times. This "wake-up call" was related in his imagination to a custom in the military, wherein ceremonies of knighthood and investiture involved a symbolic wound as a sign of willingness to suffer.

Within every congregation today there are people who have memories of fretting through their confirmation liturgies, anxious to know how enthusiastic a slap the bishop would bestow. Durandus loved symbolism and had a reason for every ritual and practice, but his creative spin on the celebration shows how sadly adrift confirmation was from its anchorage in baptism, how far off-course from its home port of the eucharistic community.

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Feast of Faith

The Prayer Over the Gifts

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . *per omnia saecula saeculorum*. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Gifts is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Gifts, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

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Toward Heaven

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven.

~ St. Camillus de Lellis

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A God who judges with leniency and clemency, a Spirit groaning because we know not how to pray, a patient master waiting to separate wheat and weeds, a tiny seed growing into a great bush, and the miracle of yeast and flour! All of these images found in our readings today speak of the unexpected, the countercultural, and of the compassion and intimacy of our relationship with God. Many times we are afraid to come to God in prayer, or we may turn away from our God because of our weakness and sinfulness. We are not presented with a vengeful God who is waiting to smite us, but a God of infinite love and wisdom and patience who will show us the way. What an amazing gift this is!

We Need to Grow

We live in an instant world of microwaves and drive-throughs and a disposable society in which things quickly become obsolete, so today's message is very strange. In all the readings today, and especially in the Gospel, we see transformation, but it is not something that happens overnight, nor does it take place without effort. We are met with parables of a patient and loving God who can see a positive outcome at the end and is willing to wait and nourish us and help us all get there. The sower's seeds require a growth period and some careful sorting. To make the bread, one must knead it and wait patiently. In planting a mustard seed, something so tiny yields great results, but not until after completing a period of dormancy and waiting.

What is Our Leaven?

In our own growth, something usually spurs us on and calls us to change. For a young couple who find out they are expecting, this may be the impetus to "grow up" and straighten out their spending habits. For another, perhaps a heart attack or prolonged illness calls one to wake up and gives one a second chance at life. Losing a job or a spouse or surviving a car accident may mean it is time for a "do-over." Isn't it amazing to realize that we are blessed with a tender, loving God who will walk through all these changes in our lives, who is cajoling us into a better self? Here is a God who doesn't pull the plug because of our sins, but is willing to wait and sort and "gather the wheat." Let us be grateful for this gift of loving mercy. Recall the simple prayer found in Psalm 86:15-16: "You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, / slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. / Turn toward me, and have pity on me; / give your strength to your servant."

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Little Things Add Up

Children and youth easily learn from your example when you plant the "mustard seeds" of faith in their lives. Recently, a group of youngsters shared their ideas on how to show the love of Jesus to others.

- I walk my neighbor's dog because she's too old to do it.
- Put money in a parking meter that ran out.
- Don't talk about anyone behind their back.
- Clean the house when Mom and Dad are out.
- I put out the trash without being asked.
- Help take donations to the food bank.
- Invite your friend to go to Mass with you.
- Don't yell at your sister.
- Hold the door open for people.
- When Mom or Dad has a long day I make dinner and look after my younger brother.
- Find something you're good at and do it for someone else.
- Save some of your allowance and give it to help poor people.
- If you're a bigger kid, just help out some of the little guys.
- Say prayers for people who are sick or in trouble.
- I interpret for deaf people.
- Give a surprise present to someone.
- I send notes to my parents at work just to tell them I love them.
- Stand up for a pregnant lady on the bus.
- Wake up early and make breakfast.
- Parents clean up after you every day; you can pick up after them, too.
- I visit people in the nursing home who don't have family or are just plain lonely.
- If the classroom is really messed up, put things away before the teacher asks.
- If a friend looks sad, give them a nice warm hug.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30



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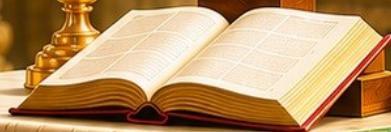
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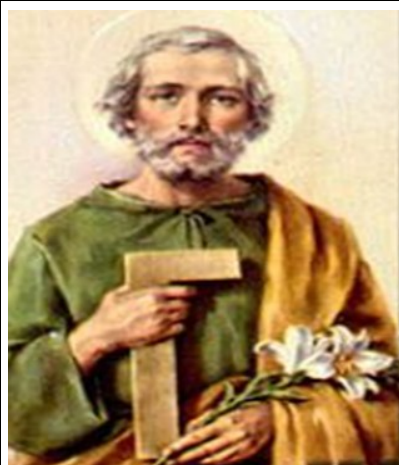
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*Raya & Gamboa
Families*



San Lorenzo Ruiz
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*Fe Macatangay
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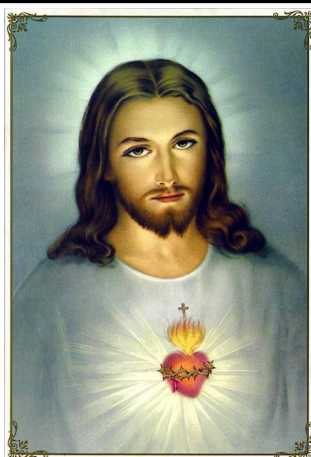
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***Feast Day
July 26***



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***First Friday
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***4pm Holy Hour
5:15 Mass***



***OUR
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The Graceful Chapter

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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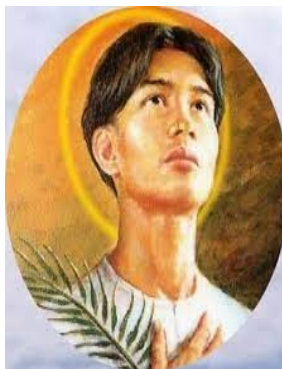


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*Feast Day
December 12*



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