



St. Benedict Catholic Church

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEDS IN THE GARDENS OF LIFE

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save. The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith. Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal. God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind.



For Reflection

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Are there some believers you find difficult to tolerate?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ...and you gave your children good ground for hope ... [Wis 12:13, 16-19](#)

Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving. [Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16](#)

Second Reading: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; [Rom 8:26-27](#)

Gospel: "Whoever has ears ought to hear." [Mt 13:24-43](#)

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The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:15 a.m.

HAWAIIAN MASS

Every Second Sunday

7:15 a.m.

St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

St. John the Baptist

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!



Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Directives and Cold & Flu Guidelines

Bishop Larry Silva has decided to allow parishes to restore Holy Communion under both kinds, on Holy Thursday, April 6th, at the pastor's discretion.

As always, you are reminded to use **common sense** for your health and safety during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from coming to Mass. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matter in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from a physical expression of the sign of peace out of care of our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals Please contact the office for information about available dates *before* making arrangements with the mortuary or cemetery.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions by appointment. Call the office 808-328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.



ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020

National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you give us your flesh and blood
for the life of the world, and you desire
that all people come to the
Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb.
Renew in your Church the truth,
beauty, and goodness contained
in the Most Blessed Eucharist.
Jesus living in the Eucharist,
come and live in me.
Jesus healing in the Eucharist,
come and heal me.
Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist,
come and suffer in me.
Jesus rising in the Eucharist,
come and rise to new life in me.
Jesus loving in the Eucharist,
come and love in me.
Lord Jesus Christ,
through the paschal mystery
of your death and resurrection
made present in every Holy Mass,
pour out your healing love
on your Church and on our world.
Grant that as we lift you up
during this time of Eucharistic Revival,
your Holy Spirit may draw all people
to join us at this Banquet of Life.
You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.
Our Lady of Peace, Pray for us.

PRAYER TO SAINT BENEDICT

Dear Saint Benedict,
admirable Doctor of Humility,
you practiced what you taught,
assiduously praying for God's glory
and lovingly fulfilling all work for God
and the benefit of all.
Grant us against poisoning of the body
as well as of mind and soul,
and thus, be truly a "Blessed" one for us.
Amen.

Pray the Rosary Daily



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY



LITURGY OF THE WORD 16th Sunday Year A (WORD & LIFE)

1st Reading **Wisdom 12:13,16-19**

In today's brief passage, the author of the Book of Wisdom assures us that God's patience and clemency toward sinners are not signs of weakness in Him but of His desire that they may undergo conversion and thereby reach salvation.

2nd Reading **Romans 8:26-27**

We constantly need God's assistance. This is especially true not only in our moral life, but also in our prayer life. As St. Paul reminds us in today's short passage, it is the Holy Spirit himself who prays in us and intercedes for us.

Gospel **Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30**

"The fact that the Kingdom in-the-making" encompasses both saints and sinners is often a source of difficulty. In today's parable, we have the assurance that, one day, the Kingdom in its perfection will be composed only of those who have become worthy of it.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that
You are present
in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You
above all things,
and I desire
to receive You
into my soul.
Since I cannot
at this moment
receive You
sacramentally,
come at least
spiritually into my
heart.
I embrace You
as if You were
already there
and unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated
from You.*

CALENDAR

Monday

July 24
Weekday
Ex 14:5-18
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 25
St. James,
Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday

July 26
Sts. Joachim and
Anne, Parents
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

July 27
Weekday
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,
16-20b
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 28
Weekday
Ex 20:1-17
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 29
Sts. Martha,
Mary, and Laz-
arus
Ex 24:3-8
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

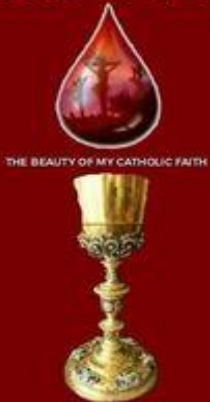
Sunday

July 30
Seventeenth
Sunday in Ordi-
nary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or
Mt 13:44-46

"There is not a single soul in whom Christ is not interested. Each soul has cost Him the price of His Blood."

-St. Josemaria Escriva

MONTH OF JULY
IS DEDICATED TO THE
**MOST PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF JESUS**



THE BEAUTY OF MY CATHOLIC FAITH

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Susan Pegelow, Bill Myers, Noah Mullen, Deb Reed, Ronald Pegelow, Joby Kanda-Alvarez, Clifford Chow Jr., Bernard Labasan, Azarias Dosdos, John Herman, Merton Ogata, Henry Borges, Rafael Ramirez, Robin Crusat, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Best, Jimmy Best.

Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with your peace.





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[Matthew 13:24-43
(Long Version)]

Treasure Hunt

1. In the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares, the one who sows the wheat is the **f** _____ who is the **S** _____ **o** _____ **M** _____; the one who sows the tares is the **e** _____ who is the **d** _____.
2. **What** did the farmer decide to do when he was told that tares were growing among the wheat?
3. **Who** will do the harvesting? What will happen to the tares?
4. In the second parable, **how** is the tiny mustard seed a metaphor for the Kingdom of Heaven?
5. **[Treasure Hunt]** In addition to The Parable of the Leaven, what is the only other parable in Matthew’s gospel featuring women?

BONUS:

For Reflection: What are some good deeds or positive attitudes you have that are moving you closer to the Kingdom of Heaven?

Answers to Last Week’s Treasure Hunt
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- 1- there was a crowd of people on the shoreline —too many to effectively hear His parable; -2- see, listen, understand;
-3- Isaiah; 4- “The Word of God”; -5- *the seeds sown among thorns, the seeds sown on rich soil.*”; -6- sufferings, glory.

June 11, 2023—July 17, 2024

The second phase [of the Eucharistic Revival] will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

WHY NOW?

**BECAUSE THE CHURCH NEEDS HEALING,
AND THE WORLD NEEDS THE CHURCH.**



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Dear Padre

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren’t interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world’s origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious. Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world’s beauty. Details and numbers don’t change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, “all things visible and invisible,” as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life “invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). *Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, PhD / DearPadre.org*

SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The **regular** St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Next Distribution will be on Friday, July 28, 2023.

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT! MORE IS NEEDED!

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their “aloha experience” at the Painted Church.

Many thanks to those who have been donating!