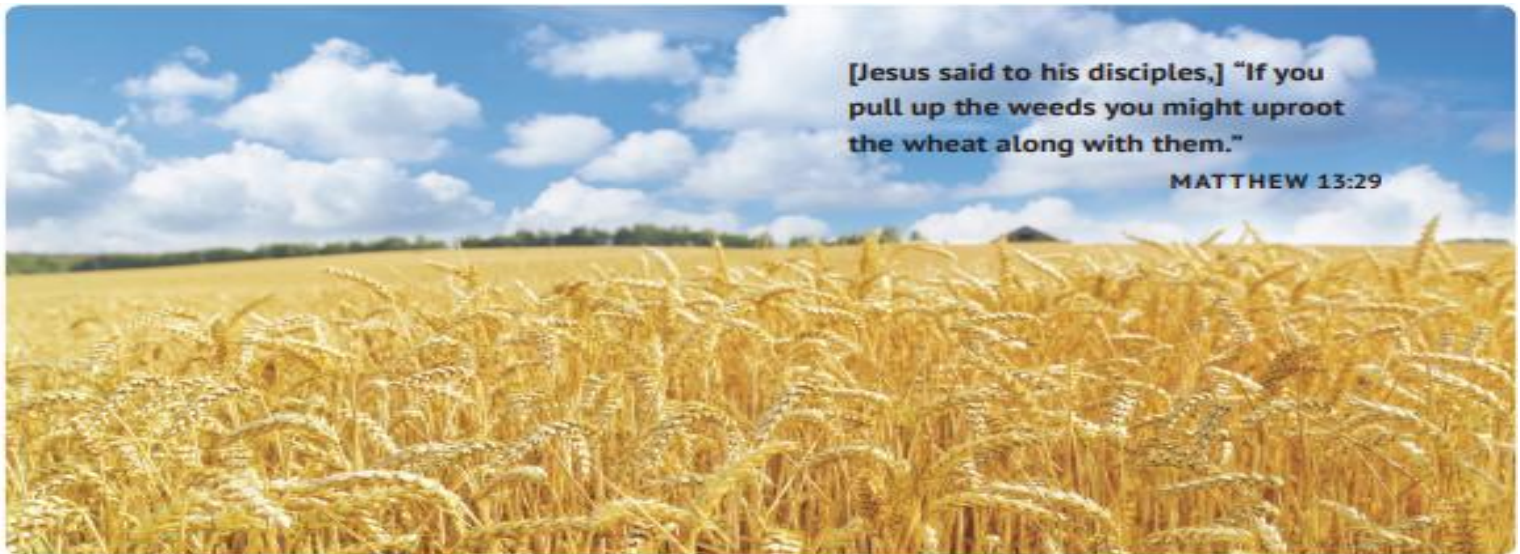


St Benedict Parish
St. John the Baptist Church
July 19, 2026 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34–35). Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn’t force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43). Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it’s his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, Why didn’t God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren? Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it’s difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God’s own time. •

Reflect : **Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?**

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MONDAY July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY July 22
St. Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY July 23
Weekday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt
13:10-17

FRIDAY July 24
Weekday Jer 3:14-17 Mt 13:18-23

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

SUNDAY July 26
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters.... Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

EXTRAORDINARY CONSISTORY, ROME, JANUARY 7, 2026

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Food Pantry	450.00
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St. Benedict Unity Mass
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for St. Benedict
and St. John.



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Mass Intentions

July 18-19, 2026

SATURDAY

4:00pm *Misa Pro Populo

*Rick & Fressia Vargas Spcl. Int.

6:00 *Irene Osifchin, Keri
Zinger, Joan Moran, Sp. Int.

SUNDAY

8:00 AM +John Sanchis

10:00 AM +Nuel Celebrano

Weekdays July 21-24, 2026

Tues +Helen Dearle & +Barry
Brudohan

Wed. +John & Jack Batch

Thurs. +Dorothy Hansen

Fri +Gloria Olive Acosta

Lord, hear our
prayers for these
families and
friends
Who are ill.



*Reggie Lee	*Gwen Menchaca
Geraldine Gabriel	*Deb Reed
*Cindy Pangan	*Gloria Grapa
*Linda Alcain	*William Anderson
*Terrance Terada	*Elizabeth Awa
*Hano Grace	*Johnny Koene
*Craig Camello	*Friends & Family
*Pam Shultise	
*Merla Kline	
*Earl Adkins	
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*Carla Vonderahe	AMEN
*Mahina Kaupiko	
*John Sanchis	
*Kamala Galletes	
*Miriam Janczak	
*Joevelyn Delas Reyes	

As your Parish
Administrator, I would like to
take this opportunity to
express my MAHALO to all
who generously donated for
the improvements of the
PARKING LOT. May God
reward your generosity!

"Generosity is the language
of the heart"

Fr. William Quiamjot

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Today's Gospel passage from Matthew contains several parables that offer both challenge and encouragement to the Christian steward as Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven and our role in helping to build it.

First, He compares the Kingdom to a field where both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. Only then are they separated — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds destroyed. It is a sobering reminder that our choices matter and that God, in His justice, will one day call each of us to account for how we have lived and used the gifts He has entrusted to us.



But Jesus also offers great encouragement. He compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, which grows into a large plant. He also compares it to a small amount of yeast that quietly transforms an entire batch of dough.

These images are especially consoling for Christian stewards. So often, the prayers we pray, the service we offer, and the gifts we share can seem small compared to the needs around us. Yet Jesus reminds us that God works powerfully through even the smallest acts of faithfulness.

God sees and treasures our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. When placed in His hands, they can bear far more fruit than we could ever imagine.

In gratitude for all He has given us, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of His Kingdom .

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Dear Padre,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ● Fr. Thomas

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DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA!

THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART! SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A "MASS INTENTION". THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR A FORM AND ENVELOPE.

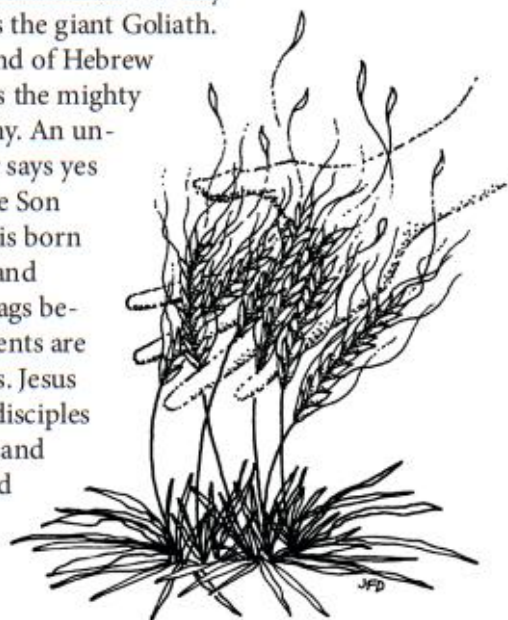
God Works with Small Things

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 • On God's mercy
- Romans 8:26-27 • The intercession of the Spirit
- Matthew 13:24-30 • The parable of the weeds

We are in the midst of a period of hearing Gospel readings about the Kingdom of God and how God is active in the world, sometimes in subtle ways. At the same time, the First and Second readings point out other characteristics of God. The First Reading, from the book of Wisdom, was written about 50 years before Jesus' birth. The author stresses how mighty and powerful God is, yet how God is also tolerant, forgiving, and kind. Paul's words to the Romans teach that the Spirit of our God speaks in and through us, especially when we don't know how to pray. Taken together, all three readings today provide hope that God is alive and active in our lives, whether we always recognize it or now.

The parables of the mustard seed and the yeast which leavens the bread are well-known parables that point to God's ability to bring about great things starting with something small and seemingly insignificant. In fact, that is a theme found throughout the Bible. The entire Jewish race begins because of Abraham and Sarah's faithfulness. The boy David defeats the giant Goliath. The small band of Hebrew slaves escapes the mighty Egyptian army. An unwed teenager says yes to bearing the Son of God. God is born into a stable and wrapped in rags because his parents are poor refugees. Jesus reminds his disciples to have hope and trust that God



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Sheepish Question:
Which is more difficult for me: being good and just, or being kind? What must I fix?

can and does, work through small things to do great things.

On the other hand, the parable about the wheat and the weeds seems to make a different point: we must have patience when we experience good and evil existing side-by-side in our world. Just as the farmer had no control over the fact that weeds were growing amidst his wheat crop, we have no control over bad things that happen to us. We can do all that is possible to cultivate the good (by sowing good seeds), but we have to live with unexpected and disappointing outcomes. As the farmer teaches his crew, it is not their job to sift out the bad from the good. Ultimately that is God's job. In the meantime, God invites us to live, and still grow together, with all that is imperfect in the world.

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you seen some small act of courage or love have a profound effect on others?
- 2 What "weeds" or unwanted problems are you called to accept and live with now?