

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020



At first blush, leniency and mercy appear to be weaknesses. It is easy to take advantage of a person who is lenient and merciful. But Wisdom turns this logic on its head, maintaining that only a mighty and powerful God can show lenience and mercy. We can find examples among people. People who are insecure in their power tend to act cruelly and vindictively. Afraid of their own weakness, they feel they must assert themselves forcefully. Those who are secure in their authority can act with sympathy and tenderness because they have confidence in their ability to keep the stature.

It is not likely that a farmer or gardener will follow the householder's example in the Gospel. Left unchecked, weeds will compete with the plants for water, sunlight, and nutrients. At best, the good plants will not bear as much fruit. At worst, they will wither and die. Good farmers keep their land as free of weeds as possible. Yes, pulling up weeds that are mixed in with plants may damage the crop, but allowing them to grow together just gives them more opportunity to damage the crop. However, as Jesus reveals to his disciples, parables are not meant to be taken literally. God, the wise and merciful judge, is patient with the weeds, allowing them to grow to completion. Growth implies change. Change effected by the Spirit, who comes to the aid of the human weakness, is transformative. Throughout the human growing season—our lifetimes—there remains hope for even the wicked of weeds.

The image of a huge bush with birds flying in from every direction to nest together in its branches is a beautiful vision of the heavenly kingdom. May our example draw others to flock to God's welcoming, loving, infinite embrace.

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Vigil Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Joyce Evans – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao

Sunday, July 19, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Germain Bruno – Albert Pierre – In Thanksgiving

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Michael Braud, Sr. – George N. Bacquet – Intentions of Stacey Martin

12:00p.m. Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, July 20, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Rose Garnett – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Therol Humphrey

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Calvin Tate, Jr. – Henry Martin – In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Moses & Clara Faciane Intentions of Stacey Martin

Thursday, July 23, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Freddie Thomas – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey

Friday, July 24, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Albert R. Pierre – Charles and Harriet Cager – Intentions of Stacey Martin – In Thanksgivings

Saturday, July 25, 2020

8:30a.m. The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10.

No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ca8a822a6fd0-covid19>.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

Deacon Terrel Broussard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study.

Bible Study 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2020

Time: July 20, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88250294033>



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Stephen S. Johnson, III.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. and Lynn Foster.

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 20 2020

8:00a.m. Census Training – Center

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

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Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.