

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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



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."

Today's Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

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PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider **Reconciliation:**

PERMANENT DEACON: Rev. Mr. Leonard "Len" Sanchez & Sunday: 45

before Mass

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion or Baptism:

Mass: Saturday, 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM parish office six

Monday, 8:00AM prior to the

Tuesday, 8:00AM date 903-769-3235

Confessions: Tues., & Wed., 9:00-10:00AM

Welcome Visitors! We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Deac. Sam & Nancy Mullen. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Kathy Fleming. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3R James Morgan (Son-in-Law of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR JULY

Our Families

That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Mass—Intentions

Sat 7/18 Poor Souls in Purgatory (M/M Kelly)

Sun 7/19 Cooper Anderson+ (Ruddie)

Tue 7/21 Communion Service

Wed 7/22 Communion Service

Thurs 7/23 Tommy Coleman+ (Marie Hansen)

Fri. 7/24 Christina Lake+ (Mary Kastl)

Sat. 7/25 Parishioners

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance

Sat. Sun.

Required Weekly Funds: \$ 3,962

Offerings: 7/4 & 7/5 \$ 6,208 28 45

Offerings: 7/11 & 7/12 \$ 3,837 34 45

One can Give without Loving...
But one cannot Love without Giving.

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these bumpy days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Rev. Fr. Mike Snider

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading— You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalms— Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading— The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel— Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21,23; Mt 12:38-42

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

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

WORDS AND WEEDS: A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.—Anonymous nursery rhyme

DO: Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.—Theodore Roosevelt

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Saturday, July 18th at 5:00pm and Sunday, July 19th at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass.
4. **Chairs** are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS**, they are to remain as they are.
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.** Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church

Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tuesday — Friday at 8:00am. NO MASS. COMMUNION SERV. TUES. 7/21 & WED. 7/22.

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church** we ask you to cooperate by **alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

Dear organization/ministry/service leaders,

Along with the list of our Parish Organizations/Ministries/Services in the parish website, the Welcome Committee would like to provide a brief description of each. In that way anyone who is considering becoming involved in our parish can be better informed of the focus/objectives of each organization/ministry/service.

Some ministries with descriptions are already on the website, but below are the ones that do not have any information listed.

We ask that each ministry leader/head provide a brief explanation of their committee. Please send this short summary to Anna Parker at parkerbiz52@yahoo.com or call 903.833.7019 (home #).

Thank you.

Angel Tree
Bereavement Committee
Bible Study Men's & Women's
Cenacle of Life
Church Food Pantry
Cleaning Crew
Community/Parish Events
East Texas Food Bank
Eucharist Minister
Finance Council
Fundraiser Committee
Gabriel Project
Grounds/Maintenance
Lectors
Legion of Mary
Parish Council
Prayer Blankets
Prayer/Meditation Garden
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Respect Life
Ushers

Dispensation: The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

NO CONFESSIONS: TUES., JULY 21ST & WED., JULY 22ND.

If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883. Confessions rain or shine, cold or hot weather. I will be parked in front of the double glass doors that you enter into the Narthex, under the overhang, seated in my front seat of my car. Please drive up and park your vehicle 6 feet from my vehicle and stay in your vehicle. Roll your window down, turn motor off and start your confession. After, your confession, you may drive around to our meditation garden, to say your penance.

Food donations: We are currently doing fine with food. We are still in need of **sundries (i.e. shampoo, deodorant, soap bar & liquid, etc.). Blessings to all of our givers.** Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

Cenacle of Life: Fr. Mike has given us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm began June 24th.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382

Second Collections for the month of July:

18th & 19th: Church in Africa

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. Amen.



Everyone is invited to join us to pray the Patriotic Rosary on the first Saturday of each month after the 8:00 AM daily Mass. This Rosary was inspired by the Blessed Mother as a consecration of our Nation to her Immaculate Heart. It is a powerful prayer for divine intervention for protection and mercy for our Nation and our Church. At these times of serious unrest in America we hope you will join us in praying this special Patriotic Rosary. See you on Saturday, August 1st.

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