



## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Dottie Giver from The Weartz Family  
10:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
12:00 Betty O'Toole from Frank & Stephanie

### Monday, July 20, St. Apolinaris, Bishop

12:10 David Nauss from Steve Leverone

### Tuesday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

12:10 Gene Cordier from Dan Mott

### Wednesday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene

12:10 Marianne Myers from Carol & Larry

### Thursday, July 23, St. Bridget, Religious

12:10 Katty Butt from Bill Hughes

### Friday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

12:10 Marsha Striley from Sondra & James Niemann

### Saturday, July 25, St. James, Apostle

12:10 Mary Dillon from Carol & Larry

7:00 Ed & Sarah Gant from Bill & Jane Stacey

### Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 George Todd from John & Mary Ann Zorio  
10:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
12:00 Elaine Fischer from Tom & Francie Hiltz

## From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL  
BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY  
MASSES at [Strosecincinnati.org](http://Strosecincinnati.org)

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE  
CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience  
and cooperation.**

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE  
DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION  
OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

Oh Lord, You have scrutinized me and You know me. ~Ps 139:1

**Reflection.** Our true worth does not consist in what humans think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be.

~St John Berchmans

**Prayer.** All-knowing God, let me strive always to see myself as You see me rather than as others do. Grant that, with Your help, I may grow into the person that You want me to be for eternity.

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**Congratulations to: Helena Winifred Sisto, Parker James Metz and Charles Patrick Metz** who are receiving the Holy Eucharist this weekend for the first time.

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**Kayla June McCarthy** was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism here at St. Rose Church.

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**Christopher McGonegle** and **Gabrielle Cerchio** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend here at St. Rose Church.

## THANK YOU

Thank you Fr. Rufino Ezama, a Comboni Missionary, for speaking to us about the Sisters of the Visitation of Mary and the good work they are doing in Africa. We raised \$3,193 for this mission. St. Rose made a donation in the amount of \$10,000 for the roof on Fr. Rufino's hometown church in Uganda, St. Daniel Comboni, where most of the community is Roman Catholic

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Since you are home it's time to clean out those closets and give to St. Vincent de Paul. **Bundle Sunday for St. Vincent de Paul** is in August. The truck will be here August 22nd & 23rd.

## Sunday Funnies

~Jellyfish have survived 650 Million years, despite not having a brain... This gives so many people hope.

~I was visiting my DAUGHTER last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century" she said. "we don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my ipad." .. I can tell you this...that fly never knew what hit him.

~ Apart from being exhausted, financially unstable, nearing a mental breakdown and being fat, everything is great. Thanks!

~ Due to my isolation. I finished 3 books yesterday. And believe me. That's a lot of colouring

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and Sisters: 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. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

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### Opening Prayer

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Reflecting on Living the Gospel

This Sunday we continue reading from Matthew 13, the chapter on parables. The shorter gospel reading today is about the weeds and the wheat, whereas the longer reading includes other parables. The parable of the weeds and the wheat occurs only in Matthew. No other gospel includes this parable, causing scholars to wonder whether Matthew had access to a special source, or perhaps he composed it himself. Even if that is so, the passage is still scriptural, still inspired, and still authoritative. One reason scholars query whether Matthew composed it is that so many of the stories that are unique to him fit a pattern of judgment followed by a fiery end. And this story certainly falls into that category.

The good sower expects a harvest of wheat but is unaware that his enemy cast weeds into the field. The precise term for the weed is "darnel," sometimes called "false wheat," which is a plant that looks like wheat. Rather than uproot the darnel, a process that would harm the wheat, both are allowed to grow together. In the end there will be a sorting, and the darnel is destined for the fire.

Such an apocalyptic image requires little imagination. This is hardly the sort of parable whose meaning is difficult to discern. Instead, we see clearly that the followers of Jesus, the "church," is a field of wheat and weeds, the good and the bad. The church does not (or should not) play God and determine who will be uprooted. Instead, uprooting is God's role and he will perform it . . . in the end.

For anyone whose life is bound up in the church (or any institution composed of human beings), today's gospel rings true. There are weeds in the church in every time and place. But it is not our role to uproot. At harvest time God will separate the weeds from the wheat. Our role is simply to produce for the harvest.

### Closing Prayer

Lord God, Father of all, your Son reminds us that there are weeds within the wheat, challenges inherent in being members of the church. Give us the grace and patience to grow in the midst of such challenges, knowing that in the end it is for you to judge. May we be found to have produced a rich harvest on that day, so that we may enjoy eternal life with you. We pray. **Amen.**

### For Reflection:

• Of today's many parables, which one speaks to you the most about the mystery of the kingdom of God? What does it reveal?

### Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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### Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30 (shorter form) or  
Matthew 13:24-43 (longer form)

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man

who sowed good seed in his field.

While everyone was asleep his enemy came

and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.

The slaves of the householder came to him and said,

'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?'

Where have the weeds come from?'

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'



He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.'

Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,

"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

### Readings for the week:

16th Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday St. Mary Magdalene	Thursday	Friday	Saturday St. James, Apostle	17th Sunday in Ord. Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Matt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30	Mic 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 90:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Matt 12:38-42	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 Matt 12:46-50	Song 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 John 20:1-2, 11-18	Jer 21:3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:5-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 Matt 13:10-17	Jer 21:4-17 Jer 31:10, 11- 12ab, 13 Matt 13:18-23	2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 128:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Matt 20:20-28	1 Kgs 2:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Matt 13:44-52 or 13:44-45