

Christ Child Catholic Church
Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
July 19, 2020

First reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

The book entitled “The Book of Wisdom” by the Vulgate is known in the Greek manuscripts as “The Wisdom of Solomon”. Its first section defines the function of wisdom in man’s destiny and compares the fate of the good and the bad during life and after. The last sections, chapter 10-19, celebrates the part played by Wisdom and by God in the story of the chosen people and, if we accept a brief introduction, in one single but critical event in that history, the deliverance from Egypt.

“For there is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly...”

The forces of nature were at least active and productive, idols are dead things and impotent. God himself is “the Living One.”
“Your justice has its source in strength; your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all...”

Description calculated to make the idol appear ridiculous; the wood is of no special

value, the worker an uncultured woodcutter, the work carelessly performed.

Second reading Romans 8:26-27

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.”

When believers are under such pressure and in such pain that they cannot even verbalize their desires, the Holy Spirit Himself intercedes with groans mere words cannot express.

The Gospel Matthew 13; 24-43

The Parables of the Wheat and the Tares; of the Mustard Seed; of the Leaven and the Parable of the Tares Explained.

The parable of the wheat and the tares answers two questions: How can good and evil coexist during this age? What should we do about it?

The servants and the owner have two different plans for protecting the good seed. The servants want to uproot the tares sown by the enemy immediately and dispose of them. But the owner wisely insists that both be allowed to grow until the harvest. Otherwise, the wheat would be destroyed because it could not be distinguished from the tares. After Jesus concluded His sermon, the disciples asked Him to explain the parable of the tares. Jesus teaches that one day He will sort the wheat from the tares and mete out either judgment or reward according to His omniscience. His judgment will be both complete and final.

The mystery revealed in Jesus’ third parable is that the **kingdom** He has inaugurated will one day come to full flower and be recognized for its greatness. The kingdom-like a tree-is a place where people find rest and security.

Yeast or **leaven** describes the process of the kingdom’s growth. Yeast accomplishes its work over time; although it does not produce

results immediately, eventually its presence affects everything around it. Satan does not sow thorns, or briars or brush; he sows darnel, which is impossible to distinguish from genuine wheat until harvest time. In the world today, the children of the kingdom are sown in a field where they are saturated, entwined, covered, and surrounded by the children of the evil one – and sometimes it is hard to tell them apart.

“The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christian, but a school for the education of imperfect ones.”

“The Christians Church is a society of sinners. It is the only society in the world in which membership is based on the single qualification that the candidate be unworthy of membership.”

Let’s close with a prayer:

Lord, help us realize that the Church is not a showcase for saints but a shelter for sinners.

Prevent us from passing judgment on anyone, especially members of our own family and members of our own church. Helps us take to heart Jesus’ words when he says:

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you... The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

Luke 6:37-38

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually, call for an appointment

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

MASS INTENTIONS July 18 -24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. David & Norma

Hammons

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Alexis Oliver

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Oliver Family

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Helen Itdterhoff

ST. FRANCIS SOUP KITCHEN

St. Francis Soup Kitchen need only have non-perishable food donations. Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 12 to 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please call 831-459-6712 for more information. **Thank you for your support!**

ROSARY We pray the Rosary together in your home with your family.

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 – 2:30 pm. **July 22nd!** Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

July 11 & 12, 2020

Plate collection \$ 1,723.00

PRAYER REQUESTS: Can be sent to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com

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