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Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 19, 2020

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Patagonia

8:00am Sonoita

10:30am Patagonia

Daily Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm to 4:30pm

PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

Along with many of you, I too have been carefully following the pandemic's growth here in Arizona. The spike in cases has caused a tremendous stress for our hospitals and the rate of saturation within the general population appears to be moving upward at a serious pace. For these reasons it has been strongly recommended to me that we suspend public worship in our Churches, and I agree. For these reasons, as of today (July 1st) our parishes will no longer be open to the public. My hope is that this suspension will be brief, but we owe it to our healthcare workers (along with the most vulnerable among us) to take this temporary step.

At this time we're returning to the protocols we were following just prior to the reopening of our parishes. To learn how you can safely receive Holy Communion, celebrate Sacramental Penance, or view an on-line Mass, please go to your parish web site or our Diocesan web site, which provides more detail about our current situation.

Again, I anticipate this to be a brief suspension of public worship in our churches. While nothing can fully replace our ability to gather in person, now is a time to let the Church come to you in your homes.

Be assured of my daily prayers for your safety and good health, and I greatly look forward to when we can once again be in one another's company.

+Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **St. Therese Parish continues to work internally and expenses continue to accumulate. The budget of our parish depends greatly on the generosity of all of you, parishioners. Our budget has suffered greatly. I kindly ask for your continued financial support to maintain the parish. May the Lord bless you always, Fr. Alexander Tigga.**

***Ramon Miranda is available Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm for any parish office matters.
Cell phone #520-313-4813, or
email sttheresa@dakotacom.net**

***Angel Wings Thrift & Gift Shop is closed until
further notice.**

Prayer Request

Paco Moreno	Bob Bilodeau	Don Witt
Ruben Mendoza	Dr. Jesse	Art Pena
Virginia Fain	Cruz Quiroga	Delfina Madrid
Paul Mihalik, Sr.	Sadie G.	Amelia Barrios
Lucy Mihalik	Joseph Hann	Harold Swyers
Pam D.	Waclaw Wolosik	Jeannette Swyers
Steve Biddle	Pelagia Wolosik	
Walter Wolosik	Bill Swyers	
Nancy Swyers	John Swyers	

JULY 2020	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$	\$	\$
Goal			\$1,650.00
Over /Under Goal			\$
2nd	\$	\$	\$

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

July 19- CCD Program
July 26- Parish Priest Salary
Aug 2- Parish Priest Salary
Aug 9- Church In Africa

Parish Office News

Dear Parishioners,

Please feel free to contact me with

any parish business as I am

working from my home office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 18, 5:30pm
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday July 19, 8:00am
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday July 19, 10:30am
† George Mercado

Parish Home Office Hours:

Contact Ramon at
520-313-4813 or
sttheresa@dakotacom.net.
Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date
Confirmation: Contact Parish Office for information and schedule
Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired date

Angel Wings Gift and Thrift Shop

is temporarily closed because of the threat of the Covid 19 virus. Cases are spiking in Santa Cruz County.

We ask for you to please hold your donations the time being.

We again thank you for your patience and understanding with us in having to make this very difficult decision.

Angel Wings Volunteers

We Hope Everyone Has Stayed Safe & Sound and We Look Forward to Seeing Your Smiling Faces!

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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TODAY’S READINGS

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

Psalm — 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]).

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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]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday: St. James

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF (1828-1898)

July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "*You* know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

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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.