



July 19 2020

**My dear parishioners,**

Last weekends Masses, we welcomed back a few more familiar faces. As we continue each weekend we hope that more and more of our parish family will feel ready to return to the Eucharistic Celebration. I would like to thank those that have committed to volunteering their time, to ensure everyone's safety. The parish office remains closed, as we await further instruction from the Diocese.

If you have any questions or concerns, Denise, our parish secretary can be reached at [dannett@dol.ca](mailto:dannett@dol.ca) or her personal cell phone 519-384-9588.

At this time, there will be no regular confession times on the weekends. So, if anyone likes to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please give me a call and I will make arrangements.

Regards, Fr Francis

**Tuesday, July 21st 7:00 pm**

t John & Katherine Samko  
 Offered by Margaret Samko and Family

**Wednesday, July 22nd 8:30 am**

† Emile & Elizabeth Strydonck  
 Offered by the Estate

**Thursday, July 23rd 8:30 am**

Cooper Regnier  
 Offered by Jane Regnier

**Friday, July 24th 8:30am**

† Giovanni Bolzon  
 Offered by Lilliana Bolzon and Family

**Saturday, July 25th 8:30 am**

† Repose of the soul of Marie Claude Sin Yan Too  
 Offered by the Sin Yan Too Family

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the great laments of the psalms is, "O Lord, why do the wicked prosper?"

All people—like children at play—have an instinctive desire for justice. And when we see injustice or wickedness seemingly rewarded by prosperity, we begin to question God's oversight of the world.

In response to this concern, there are two reflection's in today's Gospel parable of the weeds and the wheat. First, we may not understand why somebody sows weeds amongst the wheat, but we do experience the reality of the two growing together. Thus, the parable invites us to trust in God's justice, despite what we see, will ultimately be exercised. Meanwhile, there is something important about the wheat—good people—accepting the presence of the weeds and continuing to be faithful to being good despite the weeds.

Then a second thought arises. Do we not all have within us both wheat and weeds? Why do they grow together within us? And what will happen to our weeds? Such a thought, I would hope, should help us not to judge others who we easily demonize as "weeds," while overlooking our own faults. Perhaps we also need to accommodate ourselves, without giving in, to our own weeds. For the concluding phrase of the first reading give us God's answer, filled with hope: "... because you (God) give repentance for sins."

Fr. Mark Miller, C.Ss.R Toronto, Ontario

First Reading: Wisdom 12.13,16-19

Psalm: 86

Second Reading: Romans 8.26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-43

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[www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass daily.

**PLEASE READ.....**

Please arrive early, as there are procedures put in place to assure your safety, and this will take a few extra minutes when you arrive.

The Church will be open 40 min prior to Mass.

To minimize the handling of cash, This might be a good time to try out the on-line donation program Pllenty. Simple go to the Parish website, [www.stphilippet](http://www.stphilippet), and click on "make a donation". This will allow you to set up a one time or recurring donation. This site is completely secure. When things return to normal, you can always cancel and go back to weekly envelopes.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If at this time you are not comfortable returning, we completely understand, and welcome you when you are ready.

**WE NEED YOU**

We can put guidelines into place, but none of this is possible without your help. At every mass we will need a number of volunteers to assist with welcoming and registering our parishioners, seating our parishioners, directing traffic flow in and out of the Church and at communion, and sanitizing the Church following each Mass. At this time we are thinking that a minimum of 7 volunteers will be needed for each Mass.

If you are able to assist in any of these rolls, please contact Denise at [dannett@dol.ca](mailto:dannett@dol.ca) or at her personal phone number 519-384-9588.

With your help, we will be able to successfully resume our Celebration of the Eucharist, safely and as a Parish family.