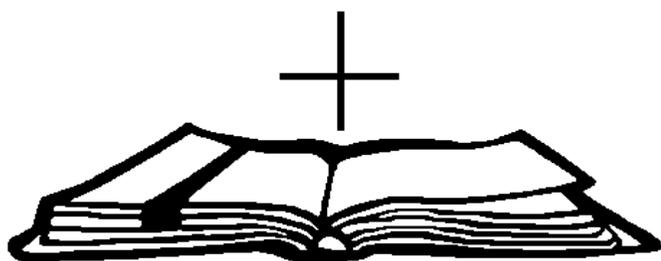


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 19, 2020
 Those who are just must be kind.
 — Wisdom 12:19

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.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., July 18, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Anne Montgomery, Geraldine Perilloux Carter, Walter Henry, Ruby Istre and for the living: Cynthia Lawson (L), Gina Cina (L)

Sun., July 19, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., July 19, 9:15 a.m. Yvonne Morel, David Tucker, Paul Lobre Jr, Trent Meche, Aline Noel

Sun., July 19, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., July 20, 8:00 a.m. Michael Mule' (L)

Tues., July 21 NO MASS

Wed., July 22, 8:00 a.m. Nick Sita

Thurs., July 23, 8:00a.m. Larry Kass Sr.

Fri., July 24, 8:00 a.m. Sarah Mule' (L)

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Dot Willie
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Nita Addotto
Joseph Hadad	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
Pam Addotto	Yolanda Bourgeois
Brandy Toups	Maurice Houk
Larry Ardoin	Alicia Ardoin

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,434.00
Loose	\$ 1,734.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 793.00
E-giving	\$ 210.00

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Fr. Odilo Alt O.S.B.
Blessed Mother	Earline Mauthe
St. Joseph	Jason Stein (L)
St. Ann	Shirley Lungsford (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF OUR FOUNDER:

Anne Magee

MASKS

As I am sure everyone has heard, our governor has issued a proclamation that makes wearing a mask mandatory whenever one goes out in public. There is no exception for churches. Therefore, I am asking everyone (8 years of age and older), unless you have a medical reason that precludes it, to please wear a mask when you come to Mass at St. John's. I have been grateful for our parishioners' willingness to do their part with respect to this coronavirus situation, and I thank you for your ongoing support. I continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers. Fr. Vincent

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.
AMEN

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR SHOW

Due to Covid-19 we regret we will not have our annual car show. However, we will be selling raffle tickets for the \$1,000 prize in front and back of church at all masses on the weekend of July 25th and August 23rd. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to support the K. C.'s Council at St. John's Church.

NORTHSHORE FOOD BANK

The Knights of Columbus transported 400 pounds of non-perishable food to the Covington Food Bank. Your generosity continues to feed your community. In these difficult times we encourage you to continue donating non-perishable foods such as can goods, cereal, powdered milk etc.

IN SILENCE

Registration is now open for the 2020-21 schedule of "In Silence" retreats at Saint Joseph Abbey. The first retreat takes place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-6, 2020. A series led by the Abbey's Fr. Ephrem Arcement, O.S.B., "In Silence" is intended to help adults find spiritual renewal and awakening by entering more deeply into the silent depths of God's presence through exploring the life and writings of the mystics of the Christian tradition. The theme this year is "In Silence with the Cloud of the Unknowing." Visit www.saintjosephabbey.com/in-silence for additional dates and to register.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE-JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed woman, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

Please be considerate of others before Mass begins by keeping a respectful silence in Jonathan Hall which has become our place of prayer. Also, when leaving Mass remember to keep the prescribed social distance. Thank you!

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thurs., 7 p.m.

Church History Study, Mondays at 9 a.m. in Odilo Hall
On Monday July 20th, we will be studying early Christian documents such as "The Didache" and St. Clement's "Letter to the Corinthians" as well as the persecution of Christians under Emperor Domitian.

Knights of Columbus meet Thurs., Aug. 13th at 7:30