

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Decimo-Sexto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

¿Qué tipo de persona se mete en el campo del vecino y planta maleza? Es un ejemplo impactante de la capacidad de maldad que tenemos los humanos. Mi papá me contaba historias similares acerca de las “guerras lácteas” durante la Gran Depresión, cuando las lecherías rivales perseguían los camiones de leche de la competencia e introducían gusanos en la leche que los otros entregaban a las casas de los ricos de Denver. La lechería de mi abuelo perdió su contrato con Molly Brown de esta manera.

En el cine es fácil analizar los corazones de aquellos que se dedican a cosas tan obviamente malvadas. Los tipos malos saben que son tipos malos, y se cuentan a ellos mismos cuentos de crímenes imaginados en su contra para poder convencerse de robar un banco o asesinar a alguien por paga.

¿Qué tipo de cuentos se cuenta la gente mientras se mete a la casa de alguien para robar, o arrebatarle los ahorros de toda la vida a los ancianos? Si estuviesen dispuestos a cavar más profundo, admitirían que alguien tiene algo que ellos desean, y que el daño colateral que resulta de obtener eso es, pues, desafortunado.

Pero nunca lo admitirán, por supuesto. Hasta la gente virtuosa inventa razones totalmente transparentes para justificar su egoísmo. Si pudiésemos ver solo esa realidad- que cada uno de nosotros es capaz, a veces, de comportamientos que nos colocan de lleno en la columna de los “tipos malos”- que gracia sería eso. Imagínate como sería este mundo si la gente que planta semillas de maleza en los campos se detuviera a pensar, “Espera. ¿Qué estoy haciendo?”

Todos nosotros estamos trabajando para convertirnos más y más en el campo fértil que nos fue plantados durante nuestro bautismo, y con un respiro de bondad, soplar lo demás lejos.

¿Cómo está el fruto que ha dado tu vida venciendo algún acto pasado de egoísmo?

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What kind of person sneaks into a neighbor’s field and plants weeds? It’s a shocking example of the evil of which humans are capable. My dad told similar stories about the “dairy wars” during the Depression, when rival dairies would follow the delivery carts and place worms in the milk just delivered to the homes of Denver’s wealthy. My grandfather’s dairy lost its account with Molly Brown in just this way.

In the movies it’s easy to see into the hearts of those who do such obviously evil things. The bad guys know they are bad guys, and they tell themselves stories about imagined crimes against them in order to psych themselves up for the bank robbery or the murder for hire.

What kinds of stories do people tell themselves as they are breaking into someone’s home, or stealing the life savings of the elderly? If they were willing to dig deep they’d admit that someone has something they want, and the collateral damage that comes from obtaining it is, well, unfortunate.

They never admit that, of course. Even virtuous people will invent utterly transparent reasons to justify selfishness. If we could see that one truth—that each of us is capable, at times, of behavior that puts us squarely in the “bad guy” column— what grace that would be. Imagine what this world would look like if the humans planting weeds in fields just stopped and said, “Wait. What am I doing?”

We are all working to become, more and more, the fruitful field planted at our baptism. We trust that the Divine Harvester (using Dag Hammarskjöld’s image), will keep the grain and, with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

How is the fruitfulness of your life overcoming some past selfishness?

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

We will continue registering students throughout the summer for the 2017-18 academic year. Sunday class fees are \$50 per student. Sacramental preparation fees are \$25 for Year 1 (Reconciliation) and \$35 for Year 2 (Eucharist and Confirmation). Sacramental preparation fees for Confirmation only are \$35.

Beginning this year, the process and preparation for sacraments will be as follows: PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE A FEW MINOR CHANGES!

- Sacramental preparation is on a two-year track for all students in grades 2-6 who have not received 1st Communion. The preparation schedule is:
 - Year 1 – Reconciliation preparation and reception of the sacrament
 - Year 2 – Eucharist and Confirmation preparation and reception of both sacraments AT THE SAME CEREMONY.
 - Preparation for all 3 sacraments is completed in the home with the families, with support meetings at the parish.
- Students in grade 6 who have received 1st Communion will prepare for Confirmation with students in grades 7-8. Students in grades 7-8 who have not received Reconciliation or 1st Eucharist will also prepare for those sacraments within the family.

ADULT FORMATION

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is for adults over the age of 18 who wish to become Catholic, and thus enter the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also for Adults who wish to complete the sacraments in the Catholic Church, or for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition. Please contact Laurie at the parish office for more information about this journey of faith.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

If you are interested in celebrating your marriage at St Rose of Lima, please contact Fr Nick at 303-778-7673, ext 116, or via email at revnickt@gmail.com. Couples must contact the parish at least 8 months prior to the scheduled date of the wedding.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY needs—**Peanut Butter and Jelly** for the month of June. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Saturday 4:00pm	July 22 +Chuck Bauer by Family
Sunday 9:00am 11:30am	July 23 +Margaret Huter by Huter Family +Jose Isidro Velasquez & Jeronima Sanchez by Gilbert Velasquez
Monday 8:30am	July 24 Communion Service
Tuesday 8:30am	July 25 +Joseph Nguyen by Family
Wednesday 8:30am	July 26 +Elmira Chavez by Family
Thursday 8:30am	July 27 +Leroy Kress by Family
Friday 8:30am	July 28 +Thomas Nguyen by Family
Saturday 4:00 pm	July 29 +Don Milner by Family
Sunday 9am 11:30am	July 30 +Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society

Please contact the parish office if you wish to request a mass intention. Mass offerings are \$10.

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Dolores Esquibel, Tom Trujillo, Fernanda Gonzalez, Teresa O'Donnell, Reagan Capps, Ronald Petersen, Tate Hallahan, Clarita Rubio

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Matthew 13:24-43

We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the kingdom of heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. *Which parable do you find useful in more fully understanding the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?*

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

According to the Jewish sage who wrote Wisdom, what are some of the attributes of God?

Romans 8:26-27

Paul writes of the Spirit aiding us in our weaknesses. *In this regard, where do you see the Spirit at work in your life today?*

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

Saint James reminds us that "...faith without works is dead." (James 2:26) Enliven and enrich your faith by supporting essential pastoral, educational, and charitable works of mercy through a gift to the 2017 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Your gift will be greatly appreciated. Please visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-715-3111 to make your gift today.



“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

— Mt 13:41-43a

Paraphrase from the Liturgy for Mass (2011), 1998, 1970 C.C.D.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today we are presented with the parable of the weeds and the wheat. We struggle with the imperfection that exists in our world. This imperfection shows itself in human sinfulness with its consequences--disease, natural disasters, suffering, and even death. We wonder why God did not simply make everything perfect right from the beginning so that harmony, peace, and tranquility would be the norm. God builds free will into us and into our world so that we can learn to freely love him. Anything less than this would not provide the freedom to choose to acknowledge and develop our relationship with our Creator. For now, the weeds and the wheat must coexist. Our faith teaches us that we live and walk in hope that when the harvest comes only the wheat of God's love will remain.

