



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2017

“We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!” — Pope Francis

Sunday, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **BW** George Bens from Judy Werring

10:30 **BW** The Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

12:00 **BW** Ronald Koettters from Maureen Dunn

Monday, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhlif, Priest

12:10 Douglas Lambers from Bill and Kay Russ

Tuesday, July 25

St. James, Apostle

12:10 Agnes Baer from Carol and Larry Fobiano

Wednesday, July 26

Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Poor Souls in Purgatory from the Sieber Family

Thursday, July 27

12:10 Marie Wells from Helen Weartz

Friday, July 28

12:10 Richard Walsh from Tom and Mary Ann Myers

Saturday, July 29

St. Martha

12:10 Purgatorial Society

7:00 **BW** George Bens from Carol J. Wirtz

Sunday, July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **DE** George Bens from Judy Werring

10:30 **BW** Al Harsnett from Eileen Harsnett

12:00 **BW** The Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Lectors and Lay Distributors for July 29 and 30

7:00 Joe Christmann, Richard Crawford, Michael Luehrmann, Bill Russ, Lou Solimine

8:30 Steve Culbertson, Jon Hemmer, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta

10:30 Rich Creighton, Jerry McCabe, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld

12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Barry Savage

Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 are invited to attend the archdiocesan **Golden Anniversary Mass**, presided by Bishop Joseph Binzer, on August 12th at 4:30 p.m. at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. No RSVP necessary; all are welcome!

From the Pastor's Desk

Nathan Grider and **Stephanie Brandstetter** were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Friday, July 14th here at St. Rose.

Noah Lowell Edwards was welcomed into the Christian community through the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, July 15th here at St. Rose.

James Sowar III and **Ellen Burke** were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, July 15th here at St. Rose.

Joseph Rogan and **Jennifer Rohrbaugh** were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Thursday, July 20th here at St. Rose.

Next weekend, we will have our quarterly collection for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, which helps the needy in our area. Your generosity is appreciated.

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? St. Rose **RCIA** is starting on September 9th at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the Rectory. For more information, call Fr. Barry at 513-871-1162.

The Comboni Missionaries Auxiliary will hold its bi-monthly **Rummage Sale** on August 4th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Comboni Mission Ctr., 1318 Nagel Rd. 45255 (behind the post office), \$6.00 bag sale. Large selection of Furniture, clothing, housewares, and miscellaneous items.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the next 150th anniversary celebration, our annual **St. Rose Family Parish Picnic** on Sunday, August 27th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a **10-day trip to Italy** next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. If you are interested in an itinerary, call the office at 513-871-1162.

Global Mission Advocates (GMA) are needed from each parish/region of the Archdiocese. The Mission Office is working on a collaborative network to include points of contact in each parish of the Archdiocese. GMAs have an interest in promoting global solidarity, welcoming the stranger, collaborating and building the kingdom of God. Each parish is unique—activities may include assisting, promoting, or collaborating with events in your parish such as: World Mission Sunday, Missionary Co-op Plan, possibly twinning (or sister parish), mission trips, or other mission related initiatives at your parish/school. Is this you? Contact us at mission@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131 ext. 2632.

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

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Opening Prayer

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

“The kingdom of heaven is like . . .” Whatever parable Jesus uses to teach about the kingdom of heaven, always at issue is growth, abundance, increase. While “the enemy” may try to thwart the kingdom, in the end God will prevail and “the righteous will shine like the sun.” So, “the kingdom of heaven is like” those of us who hear and live the Good News Jesus teaches. We ourselves are “the kingdom of heaven” when we live according to God’s ways, accepting the gracious will of God as the rule of our lives. We ourselves become the spaciousness of God’s kingdom, making visible the divine Presence and will to all those we touch with our own presence.

The impulse of the first parable is to pull the weeds. The impulse during our whole Christian living is to be impatient with ourselves as we grow in our discipleship, meeting challenges and temptations along the way. Part of Gospel living is to be patient with ourselves, especially when we have failed. The mercy, forgiveness, leniency, justice, and patience of God encourage repentance. Even our mistakes are ways that we have “ears . . . to hear” and learn better the ways of God. God’s final judgment comes at the “end of the age” when, hopefully, all of us have lived the ways of patience and faithfulness and have borne fruit. As we grow into being God’s kingdom, as we learn better to live our birthright, as we grasp more fully what God’s will is for us in our daily Gospel living and respond faithfully, we become more like the firstborn Son, more like worthy citizens of the “kingdom of heaven.”

Closing Prayers

May we live according to God’s ways and so make visible the “kingdom of heaven.”

May we be wheat that nourishes, shelter that protects, and leaven that raises others to new hope.

Our Father . . .

For Reflection:

- For me, the “kingdom of heaven” is like . . . because . . .
- I hear and live the Good News Jesus teaches about the kingdom when . . . by . . .

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”);
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection”;
5. Pray the “Closing Prayers.”

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Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30 or
Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the
crowds, saying:
“The kingdom of heaven may be likened
to a man
who sowed good seed in his field.
While everyone was asleep his enemy
came
and sowed weeds all through the wheat,
and then went off.
When the crop grew and bore fruit, the
weeds appeared as well.
The slaves of the householder came to
him and said,
‘Master, did you not sow good seed in
your field?
Where have the weeds come from?’
He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’
His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to
go and pull them up?’



He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds
you might uproot the wheat along with
them.
Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the
harvesters,
“First collect the weeds and tie them in
bundles for burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

Readings for the week:

16th Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday St. James, Apostle	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	17th Sunday in Ord. Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Matt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30	Exod 14:5-18 Exod 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Matt 12:38-42	2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Matt 20:20-28	Exod 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Matt 13:1-9	Exod 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Matt 13:10-17	Exod 20:1-7 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Matt 13:18-23	Exod 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Matt 13:24-30	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Matt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46