



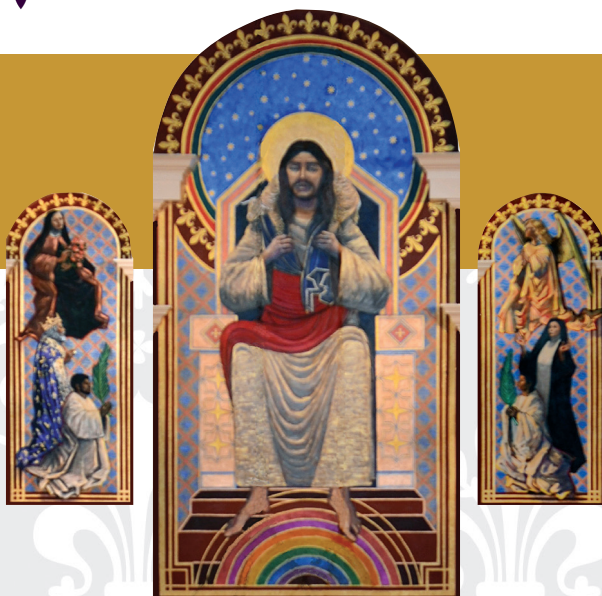
CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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Rev. Mr. John Barbour



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Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

TBA in bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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Monday Noon

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 23 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Wagner & Fox Families
by Leo & Suzanne Fox

Monday, July 24 – St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

9:00 a.m. William Doran (RIP Anniversary) by Mary Doran

Tuesday, July 25 – St. James, Apostle

9:00 a.m. Ella & Marsha Bennington (RIP)
by Gregg & Barb Hinterschied

Wednesday, July 26 –

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Mark Coleman (Birthday) by Paula Coleman

Thursday, July 27

9:00 a.m. Marie George (RIP) by Dorothy Oberfield

Friday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Jan Shea (RIP) by Jim & Pat Ott Family

Saturday, July 29 – Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

5:00 p.m. Frances Starinchak (RIP) by Sally Branson

Sunday, July 30 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Magdalena Meibers (RIP) by Bud & Donna Snider

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 23, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45: *Sostenuto* and *Allegretto* (both in D major, M. Surayński, b. 1866)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (#559)

GLORIA: A New Mass for Congregation (text: inside front cover or p. 6)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 86: Lord, you are good... (p. 179)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 180)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: Faith of Our Fathers (#515)

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Land of Rest Mass

LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass

COMMUNION: Christians, Let Us Love One Another (#486)

COMMUNION 2: TBD

CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: All Creatures of Our God and King (#549)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Beth Spieles

8:15 a.m.: Randy Kerr

10:45 a.m.: Chelsea Zigan



WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOUR RETURN TO ST. EDWARD

*We hope to see you return and be a part of
the parish! We're waiting for you.
Please know that we miss you. You are always
welcome at St. Edward – no matter what.*



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Today's offertory hymn is "Faith of Our Fathers." Fr. Frederick Faber wrote the text in 1849 as a tribute to the Catholic martyrs at the time of Henry VIII. (Sample verse: "Faith of our Fathers! Mary's prayers/Shall win our country back to thee:/And through the truth that comes from God/England shall then indeed be free.") The hymn quickly became popular – in altered forms. Protestant hymnals cut the phrase "Mary's prayers." Most hymnals removed references to Ireland and England, and some verses were entirely omitted. Spin-off versions also appeared, such as Arthur B. Patten's "Faith of Our Mothers." (Sample verse: "Faith of our mothers, living still,/In cradle song and bedtime prayer;/In nursery lore and fireside love,/Thy presence still pervades the air.") Like most U.S. hymnals, ours pairs an edited version of Fr. Faber's text with a melody entitled ST. CATHERINE. As we sing it, may we affirm our promise to be true to our faith in God, come what may.

~ Paul Radkowski, Music Director,
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WITH SYMPATHY



The parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of parishioner Michael Blakely, beloved husband of parishioner, Patricia Blakely. May he rest in eternal peace in the light of God.



For Catholics to Return to Church
For Our Country to Return to God
Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops to
Follow God's Plan for Their Dioceses
That the Parish Warmly Accepts Fr. Hayes
That Msgr. Enke Enjoys Retirement
For Young Men to Heed the Call to Become a Priest
Newly Confirmed, Baptized & First Communion Recipients
For PSR and Youth Programs to Grow
For All Sick & Homebound Parishioners
For All Persons Grieving a Loss
For All Teachers, Volunteers & Members of St. Edward Parish
For the Parish Staff
~The St. Edward Prayer Chain Will Pray for Your Needs~
Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayer requests.



*"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house
of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1*

**WELCOME all visitors and parishioners who have
come to worship today!** To our visitors, you may have come as
a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In
His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship
with us. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will
return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! To become a
member of St. Edward Parish, please fill out this form and drop it
in the collection basket, or stop by the church office, or call us at
740-587-3254. **God bless you!**

I WANT TO JOIN ST. EDWARD PARISH!

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A Bit About Our New Pastor, Father Timothy Hayes Welcome to St. Edward the Confessor Church!

Father Timothy Hayes was born August 23 in Pennsylvania, the oldest of six brothers and two sisters. His family moved to Columbus when he was two years old. He attended Holy Spirit School in Columbus for first grade and half of second grade and then transferred to St. Gabriel's School where he attended through eighth grade. He is a graduate of St. Charles Preparatory High School; Notre Dame University; and Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

Fr. Tim knew he wanted to be a priest when he was in the first grade. His favorite thing about being a priest is meeting people and celebrating Mass. His most favorite Mass to celebrate is the Easter Vigil Mass because of the joy of seeing so many people receiving Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. When asked if he would have a job other than a priest, he said, "No, being a priest is my calling from God."

WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR



Dear Parishioners of Saint Edward the Confessor Church:

I write this message to you in my early days as your pastor, just after leaving a consortium of three parishes in Ross and Pike Counties. I am happy to return



to Licking County to begin a new adventure in territory that is familiar.

Msgr. Enke has served you for 23 years. As many of you may remember, I was pastor at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in the early years, in fact, when our beautiful church was being built. I recall an Amish worker who was part of the building of the new school building at Blessed Sacrament speaking proudly of the fact that he had helped "to build the temple in Granville." I was present for the dedication and have returned to St. Edward's for "First Mass" celebrations. We are blessed with a church building that reminds us of the grandeur of God and is able to welcome many to join us for such events.

In the days ahead, we will continue the journey of Faith that is our call as Christians and learn from one another. Having served as pastor in three different parts of the diocese, I am well aware that each parish is unique. I look forward to discovering the heart of St. Edward's parish family.

It has been my custom to write a column each week for the bulletin. In the weeks ahead, I will let you know a bit about myself and my background, but for this first weekend together, I wanted just to thank you for your welcome and to let you know that I am truly grateful for the privilege of being sent here as your Pastor. May God bless us all as our time together begins.

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes

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Pastor of Saint Edward the Confessor, Granville

P.S. People often ask what I prefer to be called. Given that I grew up in a big family, I learned to respond to whatever I was called. "Fr. Tim" seems to be the most common, but I am also comfortable with "Fr. Hayes," if you prefer.



The Food Pantry needs peanut butter, toilet tissue and laundry soap. Please put donations in the box in the Gathering Space or the wooden box outside of the Parish Office. Your continuous donations are a blessing to others. Thank you!

CUSTODIAN NEEDED FOR ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

We're Hiring!

St. Edward Church is in need of a part-time custodian.

For more information, contact Pushkar Baum by email at church@saintedwards.org or call him at 740-587-3254.

	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
July 22-23: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Karen Kolbe John Martin	June McCarthy	Olivia Priano Aaron Wolf
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Sharon Martin Dianne McDonald (sub req.)	Tori Helgerman	Francis Aransky Paul McDonald (sub req.)
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Joe Krempel Maria McDermott	Robin Krempel	Leah Moberg Peter Moberg
July 29-30: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Lisa Cannon Jerod Long	Christopher Haight	Dean Long Case Long
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Chris Carter Gary Carter	Charles Peterson	Colin Oncken Kiera Oncken
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Emily Dunbar Noelle Gremling	Jason Winterhalter	Amanda Dunbar Rylee Gray



Ministry Scheduler Pro Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, JULY 23 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 24

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Ghiloni

Eucharist Adoration – 9:30 a.m.

Walking With Purpose – Film and discussion – 7:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Tim

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Tim

Men's Rosary & Faith – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Tim

FRIDAY, JULY 28

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Tim

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Saturday Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m.

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

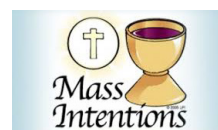
Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Paint & Wine – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.



Schedule Mass Intentions

- NO WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS ARE LEFT IN 2023.**
- There are various weekday Mass Intentions through December.
- When you desire a specific date/s for Mass Intentions, it is recommended to contact Maggie Barno, who schedules Mass Intentions, by phone or email at maggie@saintedwards.org at least six (6) months before the desired date.**
- If the date you requested for a Mass Intention is already taken, we endeavor to reach you to schedule your Mass on a date that will suit you. Your patience is greatly appreciated.
- To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested when Mass Intentions are scheduled.
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maggie at maggie@saintedwards.org.**



Please Register Now for PSR 2023-2024

Please include a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.

THRIFT STORES IN GREAT NEED OF YOUR HELP!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul had its beginnings in 1833 with a question, "...what are you doing in our times for the people?" That question is as true today as it was in 1833. We cannot carry out the SVDP mission to serve others if we do not have enough helpers ~ and we are in dire need of helpers! Some of the great workers at our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores are out of commission due to various reasons. **Teens and adults and Moms and kids off for the summer, we are asking your help** to process clothing, linens and books when the items arrive at the dock. **Are you handy?** Can you help to do minor repairs on electrical appliances? Contact us today! **Email Barb Scholten at bscholten79@gmail.com, call 740-340-1600, or walk in to see a manager at one of the stores at 200 E. Main Street, Newark or 135 Wilson Street, Newark.**

"Truly I say to you, as you did it to the least of these my brothers, you did it to me"

Matthew 25:45

SUPPORTING ST. EDWARD CHURCH

"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY

July 16

\$ 20,714.00

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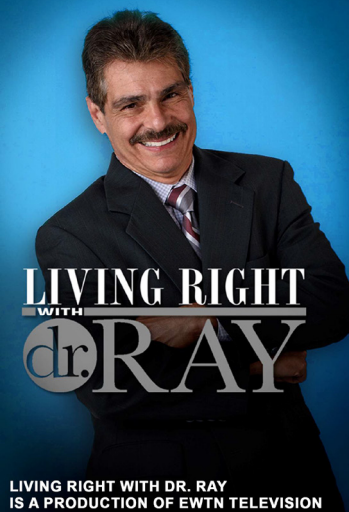
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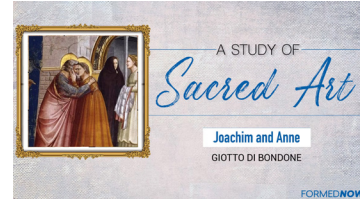
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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

WEEK OF JULY 23, 2023

**Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art**

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."

**The Way of Saint James**

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.

**Catholic Parenting Tips
w/ Catholic Sprouts | FORMED Now**

Join Taylor Kemp and Nancy Bandzuch, who founded Catholic Sprouts alongside her husband Bill, for tips for raising Catholic children!

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Weeds Among the Wheat



Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable

Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



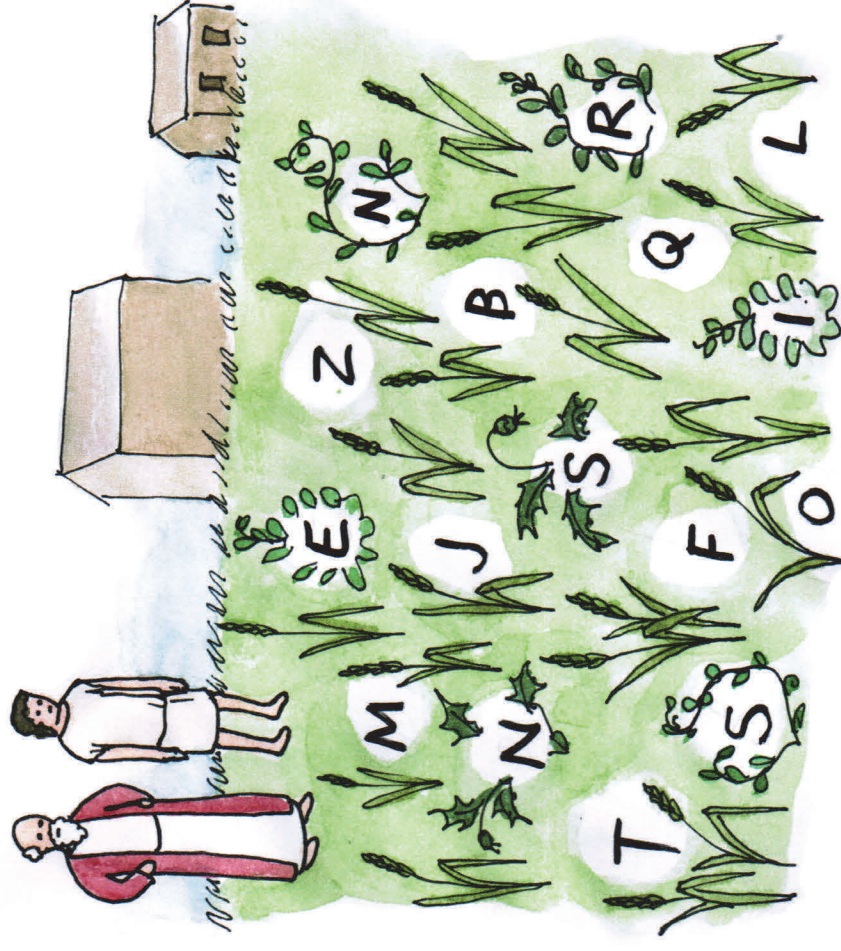
All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.



Answer to front page: sinners
Answers for sort-out-the-pictures: top:3,6
middle:5,2 bottom:1,4 OR top:5,6 middle:4,2
bottom:1,3.

The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23rd, 2023



What did the weeds in today's parable represent?
Find all the letters that are in the weeds and
unscramble them to find out.



The weeds are any plant
that doesn't look like this.



Blessed William Ward

July 26

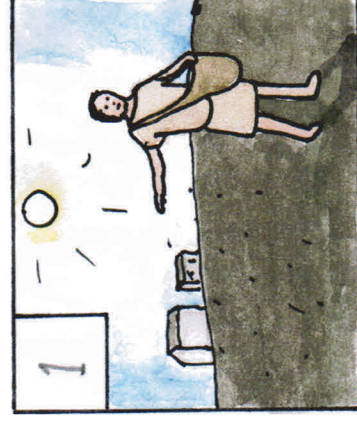
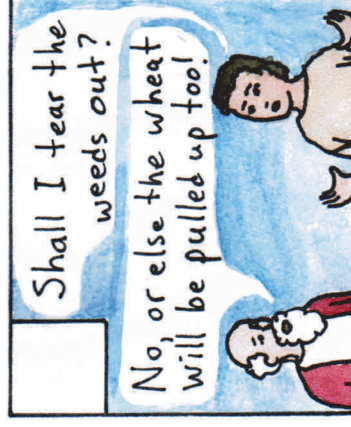


BLESSED WILLIAM CHOSE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE BEING PERSECUTED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US OF DOING WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT EVEN IF OTHERS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, TELL YOU NOT TO. YOU CAN PRAY TO BLESSED WILLIAM IF YOU NEED COURAGE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Sort Out the Pictures: The Weeds and the Wheat

*What happened in today's parable?
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes
to show the order in which the story went.*



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

"Father of truth, Here is Thy Son, the sacrifice in which Thou art well pleased. Accept Him for He died for me. So through Him I shall be pardoned. Here is the offering. Take it from my hands and so I shall be reconciled with Thee. Remember not the sins that I have committed in front of Thy Majesty. Here is the blood which flowered on Golgotha for my salvation and prays for me. Out of consideration for this, accept my supplication. I have committed many sins but Thy mercy is great. If Thou wilt put them in the balance, Thy goodness will have more weight than the most mighty mountains. Look not upon my sins, but rather on what is offered for them, for the offering and the sacrifice are even greater than the offenses. Because I have sinned, Thy Beloved bore the nails and the spear. His sufferings are enough to satisfy Thee. By them I shall live. Glory be to the Father Who sent His Son for us. Adoration be to the Son Who has freed us and ensured our salvation. Blessed be He who by His love has given life to all. To Him be the glory. Amen."

+THE LAST PRAYER PRAYED BY SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF BEFORE HE DIED

Monday, July 24 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42 Some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." He said to them in reply, "An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here. At the judgment the queen of the south will arise with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here."

Meditation: What would the Lord Jesus say about our current generation? Jesus gave a rather stern warning to his generation when they demanded a sign from him. It was characteristic of the Jewish people that they demanded "signs" from God's messengers to authenticate their claims. Jesus faulted them for one thing: spiritual adultery. The image of adultery was often used in the scriptures for describing apostasy or infidelity towards God. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims, he says in so many words that he is God's sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person. The Ninevites recognized God's warning when Jonah spoke to them, and they repented (Jonah 3:5). And the Queen of Sheba recognized God's wisdom in Solomon (1 Kings 10:1-9). Jonah was God's sign and his message was the message of God for the people of Nineveh. Unfortunately the religious leaders were not content to accept the signs right before their very eyes. They had rejected the message of John the Baptist and now they reject Jesus as God's Anointed One (Messiah) and they fail to heed his message. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35). Jesus confirmed his message with many miracles in preparation for the greatest sign of all – his resurrection on the third day.

Prayer: O God, who called the Priest Saint Sharbel Makhluf to the solitary combat of the desert and imbued him with all manner of devotion, grant us, we pray, that, being made imitators of the Lord's Passion, we may merit to be co-heirs of his Kingdom. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Lord Jesus through the gift of his Holy Spirit offers us freedom from sin and ignorance and he gives us wisdom and understanding so that we may grow in knowledge of God and his ways. Do you thirst for God and for the wisdom which comes from above? James the Apostle says that the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. If we wish to be wise in God's ways, then we must humble ourselves before him, like attentive students who wish to learn, and submit our heart and mind to his will for our lives. The single of heart and mind desire one thing alone – God who is the source of all wisdom, goodness, truth, and knowledge. Do you wish to be wise and loving as God is wise and loving? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the wisdom which comes from above and to free your heart from all that would hinder God's loving action in your life.

Tuesday, July 25 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28 The mother of the sons of Zebedee approached Jesus with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something. He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your Kingdom." Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My chalice you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left, this is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Meditation: There are many who seek places of honor, position, and prestige. Many seem to have an unquenchable thirst for fame and recognition, to seek the limelight and be the center of attention, to have their voice or opinion heard through a web site for example. Should we be surprised to see some of the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, authority, and position? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master. They wanted the distinction of being in the highest position of authority and power, next to Jesus, of course! When Jesus called the twelve apostles to be his inner circle of disciples who would rule on his behalf, he did the unthinkable! He taught contrary to their understanding of power and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last!

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who consecrated the first fruits of your Apostles by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray, that your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith and constantly sustained by his protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, challenges, struggles, and temptations. As disciples we must always be ready to lay down our lives in martyrdom for the sake of the gospel and be ready to lay it down each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required. What makes such sacrifice a joy rather than a burden? It is love — the kind of "love which God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (ref. Romans 5:5). An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: "to serve is to reign with Christ." We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service and love for one another, just as Jesus did for our sake. Are you ready to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus has taught and modeled for us?

Wednesday, July 26 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9 On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But

some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Meditation: Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is for ever too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. He or she may work so hard that they are too tired to even think of anything else but their work. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

Prayer: O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you hunger for God's word? Saint Matthew tells us that Jesus taught many things to those who came to listen and learn. Jesus' teaching method was a very simple one. He used parables – short stories and images taken from everyday life to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus painted evocative pictures with short and simple words. As busy as we are in this day and age, we still need to carve out an ample amount of time to listen to the truths of Christ in the gospels, and to learn from him. Saint Apollinarius once said: "We therefore grossly deceive ourselves in not allotting more time to the study of divine truths. It is not enough barely to believe them, and let our thoughts now and then glance upon them: that knowledge which shows us heaven, will not bring us to the possession of it, and will deserve punishments, not rewards, if it remain slight, weak, and superficial. By serious and frequent meditation it must be concocted, digested, and turned into the nourishment of our affections, before it can be powerful and operative enough to change them, and produce the necessary fruit in our lives. For this all the saints affected solitude and retreats from the noise and hurry of the world, as much as their circumstances allowed them." This *Lectio Divina* is an excellent start to carving out time to learn the truths of scripture, to think about them, meditate upon them, in order to apply the teachings in one's daily living. Be a "doer of the word, not a hearer only" (James 1:22).

Thursday, July 27 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17 The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted and I heal them.*" But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Meditation: Saint Augustine of Hippo once said: "I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." Both faith and understanding are gifts of the Holy Spirit that enable us to hear God's word with clarity so we can know God better and grow in the knowledge of his love and truth. Jesus, however, had to warn his disciples that not everyone would understand his teaching. The prophet Isaiah had warned that some would hear God's word, but not believe, some would see God's actions and miracles, and remained unconvinced. Ironically some of the greatest skeptics of Jesus' teaching and miracles were the learned scribes and Pharisees who prided themselves on their knowledge of scripture and the law of Moses. They heard Jesus' parables and saw the great signs and miracles which he performed, but they refused to accept both Jesus and his message. How could they "hear and never understand" and "see but never perceive"? They were spiritually blind and deaf because their hearts were closed and their minds were blocked by pride and prejudice.

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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There is only one thing that can open a closed, confused, and divided mind – a broken heart and humble spirit! The word disciple means one who is willing to learn and ready to submit to the wisdom and truth which comes from God. Psalm 119 expresses the joy and delight of a disciple who loves God's word and who embraces it with trust and obedience. "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation" (Psalm 119:97-99). God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom to the humble and trusting person who acknowledges their need for God and for his truth. The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach God's word with indifference, skepticism, and disbelief, then we, too, may "hear but not understand" and "see but not perceive." God's word can only take root in a humble and receptive heart that is ready to believe. If we want to hear and to understand God's word, we must listen with openness, humility, reverence and faith – nothing else will suffice. Do you believe God's word and do you submit to it with trust and reverence?

Friday, July 28 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23 Jesus said to his disciples: "Hear the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the Kingdom without understanding it, and the Evil One comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold."

Meditation: This parable of Jesus is a warning to those who hear and who preach the word of God. What makes us ineffective and unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say. One lesson is quite clear: the harvest is sure. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit.

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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: To respond to this parable, we need to look at the story as if we are the seed. Many who hear the Gospel never seem to "get it." The message is forgotten before it ever takes root. Statistically, 50% of all Catholic youth who receive the sacraments disappear somewhere between age 18 and 35. Shallow roots fail to equip them to take the heat of our secular culture. Then there are the 89% of lifelong, regular churchgoers who, according to a Gallup Poll, embrace the values and lifestyles identical to those of their secular neighbors, devoid of anything rooted in the laws of God or the teachings of Jesus Christ. Their Catholic faith has been neutralized by poor theology, poor catechesis, and a focus on worldliness. Then there are those who stay away from serious sin, manage to do some good for some people, but all in all produce a mediocre harvest. Finally there are those who are not satisfied with just getting by. They sink their roots deep into the truths of Scripture, tradition, prayer and the sacraments, and as a result produce a bumper crop. So, what kind of seed are you?

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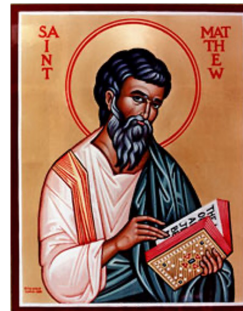
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Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward as Jesus uses several parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven and our role in it.

First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds have been sown. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or "judged" – the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

Next, He says the Kingdom of Heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome – without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. Similarly, He compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown, it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give – in comparison to the immense needs around us – can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth!

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