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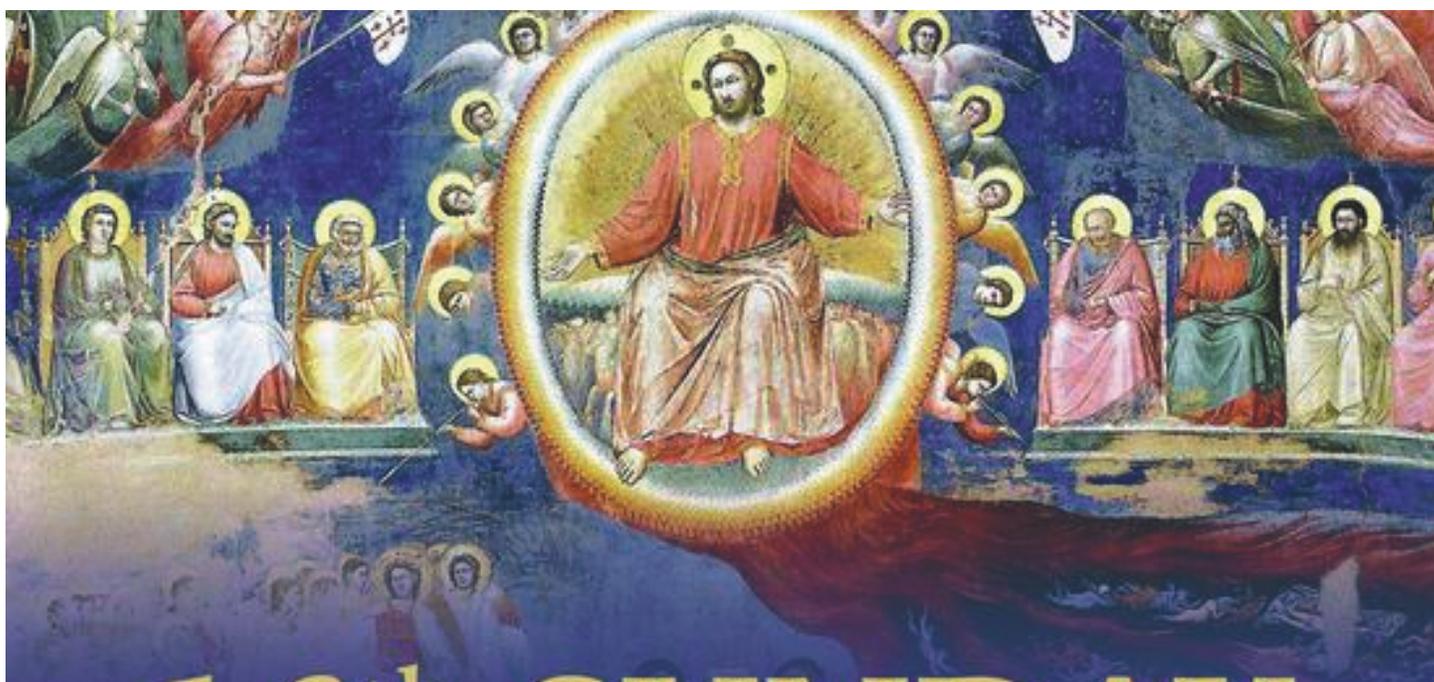
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## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

“Entonces los justos brillarán como el sol en el Reino de su Padre.”

Mt 13:43a

## Calendar for July 19 - 26

**Sunday July 19**

**Monday July 20**

**Must Call to Sign-Up to Attend Limited Mass of 20**  
8am English or 7pm Spanish Masses

**Tuesday July 21**

8am English or 7pm Spanish Masses  
St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am - 12noon

**Wednesday July 22**

**Must Call to Sign-Up to Attend Limited Mass of 20**  
8am English or 7pm Spanish Masses

**Thursday July 23**

**Must Call to Sign-Up to Attend Limited Mass of 20**  
8am English or 7pm Spanish Masses  
Day Shelter 1:00pm

**Friday July 24**

8am English or 7pm Spanish Masses

**Saturday July 25** 8am English Mass

3pm Communal Penance Service  
**Must Call to Sign-Up for Penance Service**  
St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am - 12noon

**Sunday July 26**

**To sign up for Limited Weekday Mass of 25**  
**you must call the office Monday, Wednesday or**  
**Thursday from 11am to 2pm**  
**and speak directly with Terri or Veronikka.**  
**Messages left or emails will NOT be accepted.**  
**Terri or Veronikka will confirm with you.**

During this Summer, weekend Masses will be  
prioritized for those receiving their Baptism,  
First Communion or Confirmation.

Please pray for them as they have been  
anxiously awaiting this important time.

For those not attending a Weekday Mass...  
Masses continue to be live streamed on  
St. Henry website at [sthenrygresham.org](http://sthenrygresham.org)  
Directly after the live stream Masses, the faithful will  
be offered Holy Communion at the ramp of the  
Fireside Room, up to 10 minutes after the Mass.

**Communal Penance Service... Saturdays at 3pm**  
**at which time the doors will be locked, so please**  
**be there on time. The Service will take place in**  
**the Fireside Room. Please call the office Monday,**  
**Wednesday or Thursday to put your name on the**  
**list as the 25 limit is still in affect. There will be**  
**no private confessions heard and visits**  
**with the Priest are to be no more than**  
**2-3 minutes each.**



## Mass Intentions July 20 - 26

<b>M</b>	+Rita Sullivan +Carol Bess White	(Terese Allred & Family) (Joi & Paul Shervey)
<b>T</b>	+Marian Bridenbeck +John & Bernice Schommer	(Ellen O'Keefe) (Ron Welsh)
<b>W</b>	+Marian Bridenbeck +John Schommer	(Judy Giorgi) (Staff)
<b>T</b>	+Marian Bridenbeck +Paige Ferry-Oranje	(Judy Giorgi) (V. Mayer)
<b>F</b>	+Donna Harrison +Marian Bridenbeck	(Judy Giorgi) (Janice Basl)
<b>S</b>	+James Tonert & JoAnn Kelley +Paige Ferry-Oranje	(Dingman Family) (V. Mayer)
<b>S</b>	+Marian Bridenbeck +Marian Bridenbeck +MaryRita Kellett	(Janice Basl) (Janice Basl) (Staff)

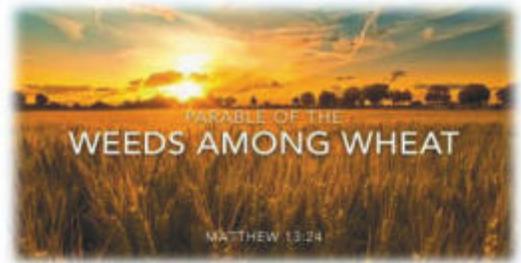
## Prayer List

**“What you ask in my name, I will do” John 14:13.**  
**Please pray for...**Janell Beaudry, Thomas Bourgo,  
Matthew Jude Branson, Imelda Broyles,  
Donald Caldwell, Pete Clark, Bryan Donnelly,  
Sonya Fellis, Brenda Finnerty, Dale Fraser,  
David Heitzman, Harold Heitzman, George Lee Held,  
Lisa Hills, Sindi Jackson, Janna Kelly, Mary Lafferty,  
Sarah Marek, Dawn Martian, Duane Martian,  
Jim Martin, Gladie Mederios,  
Dr. Richard H. Miller, Ayden Mills, Patricia Mulkey,  
David Nadeau, Kerri O'Leary, Connie Ostlund,  
Nicole Price, Gwen Ragnone, Norm Ragnone,  
Vickie Rizzo, Jerry Ruff, Lori Scienski, Rod Spring,  
Tom Stein, Lyn Stevens, Shay Van Smith, Rob  
Walsh, Zabloudil Family. **Please call the office if**  
**you would like to be included on this list.**  
**Out of respect for an individuals privacy, we print**  
**only the names of those who give their permis-**  
**sion to have their names published.**

## Rest in Peace

*Pray For...* those who have recently died,  
especially Mary Rita Kellett  
of St. Henry  
Remember the families in your prayers too.  
No service information  
is available

## Pastor's Note ~ 16th Sunday 2020



My dear parishioners: At harvest time, the crop of wheat and the disordering-weeds will be collected: one for the burning and the other for union and life. This does leave us with the possibility that we are weeds or at least tainted by weeds. What/Who are the weeds in our life? What/Who are the wheat in life? Isn't it amazing how you never have to water your weeds or nurture them and they still give you an unwanted crop? The best-known and simplest definition of a weed is "a plant in the wrong place," that is, a plant growing where you would prefer other plants to grow, or sometimes no plants at all. Ralph Waldo Emerson opted for usefulness and said that a weed was simply "a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." Weeds from a human perspective: Weeds relish the things that we do to the soil: clearing forests, digging, farming, dumping nutrient-rich rubbish. They flourish in arable fields, battlefields, parking lots, herbaceous borders. They exploit our transport systems, our cooking adventures, our obsession with packaging. Above all, they use us when we stir the world up, disrupt its settled patterns. It would be a tautology to say that these days they are found most abundantly where there is the most weeding; but that notion ought to make us question whether the weeding encourages the weeds as much as vice versa. Weeds are, in this sense, paradoxical. Although they follow and are dependent on human activities, their cussedness and refusal to play by our rules makes them subversive—and the very essence of wildness.

We might even use the following term to describe them: demon weeds/plants. The list would include poison ivy (p. oak, p. sumac), thistle, dandelions, kudzu, etc. We might even call them clever weeds. Some are indifferent (rationalizing salvation) about fulfilling the commandments by, for example, worshipping at Mass on Sundays, or shunning fornication because, as some say, "I believe that God takes you anyway." He believes that everyone goes to heaven, and so also believes that he can do as he pleases.

The disciples ask the Lord to explain the parable and he says, "The weeds are the followers of the evil one and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The Son of Man will dispatch his angels to collect from his kingdom all who draw others to apostasy, and all evil-doers. The angels will hurl them into the fiery furnace where they will wail and grind their teeth. Then the saints will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom." The persons I spoke about are sadly mistaken. The life they are leading ends in death. In authentic charity we must speak to others and teach them about the great responsibility they have to choose either Life or Death. We must keep the commandments of the Lord if we are to enter into life eternal. "If you love me you will keep my commandments."

This Sunday and next Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God. To obtain the Kingdom, Jesus makes clear, requires a total commitment. It is not a game. It demands everything. Jesus warns us that the Kingdom is not all sweetness and light. He of course only sows good seed - but weeds do spring up. The weeds come from three sources: 1) The influences of our culture that strangles faith - much of what comes through television, the internet, even our educational system. 2) The disordered desires that emerge from within. and 3) the evil spirits. As Jesus says, "An enemy has done this." Satan cleverly uses mass media to undermine faith. The demons who work under Satan know how to manipulate our desires - to get us to rationalize and make excuses.

As strange as it sounds, heaven is not a reward for doing good.\*\* Heaven is a relationship with Jesus - nothing more and nothing less. In similar vein, hell is not a punishment for doing bad. Hell is the absence of a relationship with Jesus - a turning away from him. Jesus uses the strongest possible language to help us understand that nothing, nothing at all, could be worse than losing that relationship. Jesus himself is the kingdom. He is what heaven, eternal life, is all about.



*Peace and love, dear brothers and sisters, Fr. Charles*

## Reflect on the Gospel

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. ©LPI

### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Justice and Peace ~ Prayer for Peace

Dear Lord,

We have felt the fear and the grief that hatred brings.

Help us to bond together as Your people to heal the pain, cherish the memories,  
and learn to celebrate our differences.

You created us all as Your very dear children. Teach us to live in the example of Your only Son, to live in Faith, be confident in Hope, Act in Charity, and Believe in the power of Prayer.

Help us to find peace within our hearts and among all nations.

Amen (Alice Trumbull)

## Did You Know ~ Why do Catholics eat fish on Fridays?

Answer: For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy. ©LPi

## JV EnCorps

Now is the Time to Serve Our Community! Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates rewarding opportunities for service, community and spiritual formation for adults 50 and better who are committed to social and ecological justice. We are offering new ways for our members (JVEs) to serve from home during this time of increased need for those who live on the margins. JVEs meet monthly online or in-person, creating spiritual community while staying safe. Our values arise from the Catholic Ignatian tradition and JV Encorps is an inclusive and welcoming community. Priority application deadline: August 31st. Opening Retreat in September. For more information visit: [www.jvencorps.org](http://www.jvencorps.org)

## St. Therese 20th Annual Knights Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, September 13, 2020 Bring three of your golfing friends to the St. Therese 20th Annual Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Golf Tournament played at Glendoveer East Golf Club. Join us for a day of fun in the sun with friends as we raise money for local Catholic charitable organizations. To sign up contact Ron Becker at 503.260.5727 or Ken Oliphant at 503.701.4780 to sign up today!

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If you have questions about an email, please contact the purported sender

by phone or other means.

## Weekly Readings for the Week of July 19

<b>SUN</b>	7/19	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
<b>MON</b>	7/20	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42
<b>TUE</b>	7/21	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50
<b>WED</b>	7/22	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
<b>THU</b>	7/23	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17
<b>FRI</b>	7/24	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23
<b>SAT</b>	7/25	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
<b>SUN</b>	7/26	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## Observances for the Week of July 19

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr  
 Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
 Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene  
 Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious  
 Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest  
 Saturday: St. James, Apostle



## Inspiration for the Week

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Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.

## Reflect and Respond for the Week

**First Reading:** The Jewish sage speaks of God as master of all who judges us with clemency and governs us with leniency. What are some areas of your life that make you grateful for a merciful God?

**Second Reading:** Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that the Spirit helps us "to pray as we ought." When do you find yourself most at prayer?

**Gospel Reading:** 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. What do you think makes Jesus' parables such an effective method for teaching about the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?

## Las Lecturas de la Semana del 19 de Julio de 2020

Domingo	Sab 12, 13. 16-19/Sal 86, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16 [5]/Rom 8, 26-27/Mt 13, 24-43 o 13, 24-30
Lunes	Mi 6, 1-4. 6-8/Sal 50, 5-6. 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23 [23]/Mt 12, 38-42
Martes	Mi 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 85, 2-4. 5-6. 7-8 [8]/Mt 12, 46-50
Miércoles	Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Cor 5, 14-17/Sal 63, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 [2]/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18
Jueves	Jr 2, 1-3. 7-8. 12-13/Sal 36, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11 [10]/Mt 13, 10-17
Viernes	Jr 3, 14-17/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13 [cfr. 10]/Mt 13, 18-23
Sábado	2 Cor 4, 7-15/Sal 126, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 [5]/Mt 20, 20-28
Domingo siguiente	1 Re 3, 5. 7-12/Sal 119, 57. 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130 [97]/Rom 8, 28-30/ Mt 13, 44-52 o 13, 44-46

### ~ Meditación ~

La escena tiene lugar en un campo donde el propietario siembra el grano, pero una noche llega el enemigo y siembra la cizaña, término que en hebreo deriva de la misma raíz que el nombre "Satanás" y reclama el concepto de división. Todos sabemos que el demonio es un cizañero, siempre intenta separar a las personas, las familias, las naciones y los pueblos. Los siervos querían quitar en seguida la hierba mala, pero el amo lo impide con esta motivación: "no, que, al arrancar la cizaña, podríais arrancar también el trigo". Porque todos sabemos que cuando la cizaña crece se parece mucho al grano bueno, y está el peligro de confundirlos. La enseñanza de la parábola es doble. En primer lugar, dice que el mal que hay en el mundo no proviene de Dios, sino de su enemigo, el Maligno. Es curioso, este va de noche a sembrar la cizaña, en la oscuridad, en la confusión, donde no hay luz, pero va él y siembra la cizaña. Este enemigo es astuto: ha sembrado el mal en medio del bien, así es imposible separar claramente a los hombres; pero Dios, al final, podrá hacerlo. (Papa Francisco, Rezo del Angelus 20/07/14).

Jesús, da a escoger entre trigo o cizaña, entre ser de su equipo o no ser. La enseñanza también lleva a reflexionar que buenos y malos crecen juntos. La oportunidad de salvación es para todos, los ejemplos de vida son motivo de cambios de corazón. Es por eso muy importante ser modelo para las generaciones futuras. Cada minuto de la vida se puede hacer el bien. ¡Aprovecha!  
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## Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 19 de julio de 2020

Domingo: 16º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: San Apolinar, obispo y mártir

Martes: San Lorenzo de Brindis, sacerdote & doctor de la Iglesia

Miércoles: Santa María Magdalena

Jueves: Santa Brígida, religiosa

Viernes: San Chárbel Makhlouf, sacerdote

Sábado: San Santiago, apóstol

Domingo siguiente: 17º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



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