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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 13:24-43

**The Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat** A bit of botany is helpful in understanding this parable. Matthew uses the Greek term *zizania*, which in modern botanical terms refers to the genus of wild rice grasses. What Matthew most likely refers to, however, is darnel or cockle, a noxious weed which closely resembles wheat and is plentiful in Israel. The difference between darnel and real wheat is evident only when the plants mature and the ears appear. The ears of the real wheat are heavy and will droop, while the ears of the darnel stand up straight. We may find the dualism of this text troubling. It seems that there are two groups of people in the world — children of the kingdom and children of the evil one, wheat and weeds — and that their destinies are fixed from the beginning. Jesus says that at the end of the age, the angels will “collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin (*skandala*) and all evildoers, and will throw them into the furnace of fire” (13:41) Who among us has not questioned why God allows evil to grow and thrive? Who among us has not wanted to take matters into our own hands and root out the evil in our midst? The master stops the slaves from doing anything of the sort. For one thing, it is not so easy to tell the weeds from the wheat, and for another, their roots are intertwined below the ground. Rooting out the weeds would uproot the wheat as well, doing more damage to the crop than leaving the weeds to grow.



## Liturgical Ministries and Why They are Important.

All Liturgical celebrations, especially the celebration of the Eucharistic, are celebrations of the whole Church. They are not private functions. The Church is the “sacrament of unity: the holy people united and arranged under their bishops.” Therefore, liturgical services pertain to the whole Body of the Church. In the midst of this Body, there are individual ministries which serve all the faithful by executing different functions. These functions are integral and necessary parts for the liturgy to be performed in a dignified and reverend manner. These ministries may include: Priest (Main Celebrant), Deacon, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Music Ministers The Priest & Deacon are ordained ministers; the Priest is the single indispensable minister for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Deacon, when present, has specific functions pertaining to his role in the celebration. Lay Liturgical Ministers exercise a “*genuine liturgical function. They ought, therefore, to perform their roles with the sincere piety and decorum demanded by so exalted ministries and rightly expected of them by God’s people*” (USCCB).



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## July 22: St. Mary Magdalene

The Gospel of Luke, lists Mary Magdalene as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating she was probably wealthy. The same passage also states seven demons had been driven out of her, a statement which is repeated from Mark 16. In all four gospels, Mary Magdalene was a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus and, in the Synoptic Gospels, she was also present at his burial. All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women which includes Jesus's mother, as the first to witness the empty tomb; and, either alone or as a member of a group, as the first to witness Jesus's resurrection. For these reasons, Mary Magdalene is known in some Christian traditions as the "apostle to the apostles". Mary's closeness to Jesus results in tension with another disciple, Peter, due to her sex and Peter's envy of the special teachings given to her. It is widely accepted, among secular historians that, like Jesus, Mary Magdalene was a real historical figure. Nonetheless, very little is known about her life. Unlike Paul the Apostle, Mary Magdalene left behind no known writings of her own. She was never mentioned in any of the Pauline epistles or in any of the general epistles. The earliest and most reliable sources about her life are the three Synoptic Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, which were all written during the first century AD. According to Gospel of Luke, Jesus exorcised "seven demons" from Mary Magdalene. The same story is repeated in Mark 16:9, part of the "longer ending" of that gospel. (NOTE: this is not found in the earliest manuscripts and is actually a second-century addition to the original text, possibly based on the Gospel of Luke. In the first century, demons were believed widely to cause physical and psychological illness. Bruce Chilton, a scholar of early Christianity, states the reference to the number of demons being "seven" may mean Mary had to undergo seven exorcisms, probably over a long period of time, due to the first six being partially or wholly unsuccessful.



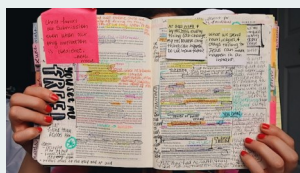
**Join us for  
Bible Study**  
**1st and 3rd Thursday**  
**1:00 & 7:00 PM**  
**Via ZOOM**  
**1:00 pm Meeting**  
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**7:00 pm Meeting**  
**ID 811 5705 8134**  
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## Pope Francis names SoCal priests to become auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

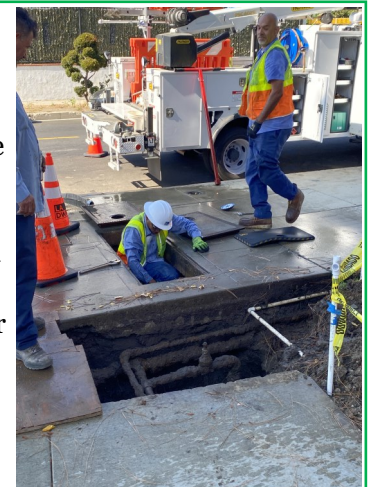
Msgr. Albert Bahnhuth, Father Matthew Elshoff, Father Brian Nunes and Father Slawomir Szkredka were selected as auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and their appointments were announced in Washington, D.C. at 3 a.m. by Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. "This is a day of joy for the family of God in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles," Archbishop José H. Gomez said in a statement. "We give thanks to God, and we thank the Holy Father for this great blessing of new bishops. Each is a man of



prayer who loves Jesus and has a deep desire to share God's love and to serve God's people. We are praying for them, and we entrust them to the tender care of Holy Mary, our Blessed Mother." Archbishop Gomez officially presented the newly designed auxiliary bishops Tuesday morning at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels downtown.

## Our Plumbing Has Been Giving Us Some Problems.

The current church was built in 1960 and the rectory before that. This means our infrastructure (like plumbing, heating and electrical) is over 60 years old. This past week one of our main water supply lines ruptured. Those of you who attended the Vigil Mass last week may have found puddles of water on the restroom floors in the church. Our plumbing contractors, with the support of DWP, are replacing the pipes, to get the problem corrected. So? "Pardon our dust." Or, should we say: "Pardon our mud?"







**Join us for Coffee and Donuts**  
**WHEN? After 10:00 Mass Every Sunday!**  
**WHERE? In the Hall**

*The church is not a select circle of the immaculate, but a home where the outcast may come in. It is not a palace with gate attendants and challenging sentinels along the entrance-ways holding off at arm's-length the stranger, but rather a hospital where the broken-hearted may be healed, and where all the weary and troubled may find rest and take counsel together.*

*James H. Aughey*



**Did to know**  
**We have a Prayer and Petition Request Book???**

**“Prayer Intentions” are different than “Mass Intentions”** A Mass intention applies the infinite merits of Christ and the fruits of His Sacrifice on the Cross to the intention, whereas a prayer petition is simply a believer requesting prayers be said for a particular care, concern or difficulty. PLEASE NOTE: Prayer Intentions may also be prayers of “thanksgiving” Example: A previous prayer was answered. All requests entered in the book are prayed for Daily.

**Our Lady of Fatima**  
**The Fatima Tour for Peace**  
**Spreading the Message of Fatima**  
**Today**

Our Lady travels the world

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is recognized as the primary way in which the message of Fatima spread throughout the world and continues today. Sculpted by Jose Thedim—“the Michelangelo of Portugal”—the statue has been traveling internationally since 1947. She has since traveled to over 100 countries, claiming her dominion and carrying Fatima’s blessings and urgent message to people worldwide. **And, she may be coming to St Bernadette Church. Stay Tuned**



**DON'T MISS THIS!**

**Our Very Popular “Friday Prayer Group”**  
**Resumes Friday, July 14, 2023 in the Rectory**

**For More Information: Dolly Guidry**  
**(323) 293-0056**



**Please submit your Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements**  
**AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**

**If you have questions, pls contact the office at (323) 293-4877**



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**JULY 24, 2023**  
**MONDAY**  
**TO JULY 30, 2023**  
**17TH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, July 24, 2023**

**8:00 am**  
**Communion Service**

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

**8:00 am**  
**Communion Service**

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

**8:00 am Mass**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**\*Thursday, July 27, 2023**

**8:00 am Mass**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**\*Friday, July 28, 2023**

**8:00 am Mass**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**\*Saturday, July 29, 2023**

**3:00 pm Reconciliation**  
**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

**10:00 am Mass**  
**Coffee & Donuts**  
**Parish Hall**  
**Following Mass**

**Other Sacraments**  
**(as Scheduled)**

**Mass Intentions**

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**\*LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

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### 1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to  
work wholeheartedly for the  
church. Help them to remember  
the work they do in the church is  
not in vain as Your Word  
declares Your work is never  
wasted.*



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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday July 22, 2023:**

**Loretta Singletary, RIP**

**Sunday, July 23, 2023:**

**Marie Domino, RIP**

### Did you know? July 22-23 || It's all about the behavior

"It's all about the behavior" is a common reminder for safe adults to be aware that abuse can happen anywhere, and to anyone. Parents and caregivers must be vigilant to any warning signs of inappropriate behavior, even if a suspected abuser does not fit a stereotypical profile. The same is true of abuse victims — there is no demographic "failsafe," such as age, race, gender, background, income, etc., that prevents a certain person from being abused.

For more information, read the  
VIRTUS® article "It's All About the Behavior" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/)  
[https://lacatholics.org/wp-  
content/uploads/2023/06/](https://lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/)



St. Bernadette KPC Ladies Auxiliary, Court #162  
invite you to



**with Our Annual School Supply Round-up July 9<sup>th</sup>  
to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

All Parishioners who would like to participate this year, we are encouraging you to purchase school supplies and backpacks in preparation of our students returning to the classroom; There are several ways to participate this year:

1. Shop at your local stores to purchase school supplies & backpacks (i.e. Target, Staples, Office Depot, Dollar Tree, 99 Cent Store, Rite Aid, Walgreens, etc.) and Bring items to the church rectory.

Or 2. If you prefer to Shop from Home, go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) Then type in  
**Elementary School Supply Pack** and have shipped directly to the church:  
**KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court #162**  
**c/o St. Bernadette Church Rectory**  
**3825 Don Felipe Dr.**  
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Or 3. You are welcome to Mail-in or Drop-off your donation by making the check  
Payable to: "St. Bernadette KPC Ladies Auxiliary, Court #162" and in the  
memo section please put "School Supplies".

Please submit your generous gift or donation on or before August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023.

We will have the School Supply Blessing and Giveaway during Mass  
on Saturday-August 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM and Sunday-August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

School Supplies  
needed:

Lined Paper  
Pad for Preschoolers  
Pens  
Pencils  
Pencil Sharpener  
Eraser  
Glue  
Binders  
Scissors  
Spiral Notebooks  
Coloring Crayons  
Color Pencils  
Washable Markers  
Highlighters  
Rulers  
Pocket Folders  
Pencil Pouches  
Mini Staplers  
Packs of Tissue  
Hand Sanitizers  
Masks

*All backpacks will be  
disbursed to the children  
and teens of our parish*