

PRAYER CORNER

God, my healer and great physician, I come to you with a heart full of gratitude and praise. I know that you are my healer. You are a merciful God who knows my suffering. Thank you for bringing healing in your perfect way and time. In Jesus name I pray.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

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And For the Repose of the Souls

Bettye Dixon
Evelyn Joseph

Well done good and faithful servants. Well done.

Collection Summary: July 16, 2023

Regular Collection	\$1,626.00
Parish Maintenance	\$
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
Mass Intentions	\$
St. Anne's—Candles	\$82.50
Social Outreach	\$
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St. Anne's—Religious Articles	\$
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we have more parables from Jesus about God's good earth, dealing with weeds growing in the midst of wheat and a mustard seed planted in a field. The main point of Jesus' teaching with such imagery, of course, is to drive home the process of the growth of God's Kingdom to those who have ears to hear.

Every person on earth is to be part of building up God's Kingdom and never to give up, even in the midst of setbacks and discouragement. In terms of the parable, weeds are to be understood as obstacles, hindrances, hurdles, annoyances and the like, which inevitably spring up in life. The only way to completely avoid such realities is to live in a bubble, where nothing foreign can touch one's life. However, that is not the call of Jesus to his followers or to each of us.

The important focus of this Sunday's parables, besides the process, is the harvest; that is, the fulfillment of all that has taken place in God's sight for the spread and growth of God's Kingdom, both on earth and in heaven. All of life, here and now and yet to come, is precious in God's sight. All of God's creation and creatures are precious in the Lord's sight and must be cared for and cultivated at all times.

With this in mind, God's harvest at the end of the ages is not so much about punishment for work poorly done, but about the completion of growth, reaching the goal God intends for the world and humanity. We may ask nonetheless: why are weeds allowed to grow with wheat? Wouldn't it be better to have them uprooted at first sight? Weeds seriously hamper growth, of course, as any farmer can tell you. Yet the master of the field, in Jesus' parable, confidently lets both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvesting. In the process, the good grain will not be lost or disap-

pear, but will be properly gathered at the harvest time. This relates to our belief in human free will, the possibility of repentance and final perseverance.

Put in terms of its original context, when Jesus spoke his words to the crowds, in spite of any and all opposition, Christ's work for the establishment of God's Kingdom will not be hindered and will continue to grow to the end-time. At that time the good grain will be gathered in and the weeds will be burnt. "Ouch," we might say, but the point is: be among the good grain, not the weeds, by lives of love, patience, forgiveness, self-giving and the rest, in God's service, whenever and however it is being asked of us.

In our current world context, amidst pandemic and racial unrest, the Gospel parables speak to the attacks that arise in and around seemingly every corner, but despite that, there is still assurance that the work of Christ the King will go ahead according to God's plan. Nothing can frustrate the design of the Master of the harvest. The infinite mercy of our wise God, Who gives time for repentance and growth, is a perfect example of how wise men of every time should treat one another. God's moderation and kindness is a model of the love and concern we must have for others. There is always a need for more of that in the world today, as people grow weary about the world or experience personal crises. God may seem absent, but in fact is never far, at the heart of all that occurs, offering consolation, strength and joy. For this, a deep faith is needed, which leads right into hope and best expressed through love.

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Bulletin Reflections:

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

““El reino de los cielos es semejante a un hombre que sembró buena semilla en su campo...El que siembra la buena semilla es el Hijo del Hombre, y el campo es el mundo; y la buena semilla son los hijos del reino.” - Mateo 13:24, 37- 38

Como hijos de Dios, todos nosotros somos “buenas semillas”. Fuimos bendecidos por Dios con el potencial para hacer mucho bien en el mundo. Cumplimos el plan de Dios cuando pasamos tiempo en oración cada día, cuando utilizamos nuestras habilidades para ayudar a los demás y compartimos nuestros dones financieros para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios en la tierra. ¡A través de nuestro ejemplo de gratitud y generosidad “sembramos” las buenas semillas en la tierra y finalmente ayudamos a otros a llegar al Cielo!

With Prayers and Love



OMOM Air Conditioning Update:
A/C proposal is approved by Diocese. Grant Air Conditioning won the bid at a cost of \$35,998.00. Two brand new Carrier 8.5 ton units will replace old units. More information to follow on fundraising to reimburse savings.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, July 24	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 25	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 26	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 28	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, July 29	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 30	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)

Rosary is Sunday 9:20 a.m. and MTWF @ 6:20 a.m.



Give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please use the commitment envelopes in the pews or donate online at : bit.ly/DiocesaAppeal.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Lectors		
7/22-23	Lydia Salas	E. Rodriguez Zayn Willars
7/29-30	C. Mitchell	L. Peoples Amanda Flood

Live Stream Support

10:00 am Mass	Sunday
7/23/2023	Lisa Jones
7/30/2023	Vanessa Nava

Weekly Readings

7/24—Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
 7/25—2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 2:20-28
 7/26—Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
 7/27—Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
 7/28—Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
 7/29—Ex 24:3-8; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 7/30—1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Announcements

Frank B Staton Golf Classic

Join us for the Annual Frank B Staton Golf Classic. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. at Hidden Creek Golf Course, Burleson, TX, Saturday, September 16, 2023. Putting contest, awards, course prizes, \$10K hole in one, raffle tickets. Register at <https://Kofpcntx.org>. Sponsored by the Knight of Peter Claver Court 89, Benefiting education, scholarship and community.



Don't give up when testing comes your way. Just trust that Jesus will never leave you nor forsake you, no matter how long you have been waiting. Trust Jesus today and accept Him as your personal Lord and Savior.



2023 SENIOR SYNERGY EXPO

Learn about services available in Tarrant County that will empower seniors, family members, and caregivers to live a healthier lifestyle.. Thursday, August 31, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Admission, workshops, parking, and box lunches are provided at no cost. Must register before July 15 for box lunch. LOCATION: Will Rogers – Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall; 3400 Burnett-Tandy Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76107 LIVE MUSIC: Deep Cover Questions, call: 817-884-1441 or email: countyjudge@tarrantcountytx.gov

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!



Bishop Michael Olson invites all Young Adults (18-35) of the Diocese of Fort Worth to a special Mass on **SEPTEMBER 14, 2023.** Location and Details will be made available soon. For more information, or to be added to our contact list please email Victoria Ramon—vramon@fwdioc.org.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O, Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul... I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do...give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that you desire of me, and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your will. Amen



Warriors of the Yarn will be taking a short break. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Please join us at the Parish Life Center 2-4 pm. All skill levels are welcome.



Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School starts this Monday July 24-28!! It's from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. We are on a roll with God. Come and grow in faith through games, arts & crafts, music and bible stories. Free dinner and snacks will be served daily VBS is for children ages 4-10. See you there.



OMM parishioners in support to end gun violence, please wear orange to the church the weekend of August 12 and August 13, 2023.

