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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 17, 2011

# Good News!

July 17, 2011

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16–19 / Rom 8:26–27 Mt 13:24–43  
or 13:24–30

When a car speeds past you on the highway well above the speed limit, do you think, “Where are the police right now?” When a coworker clearly doesn’t put 100% effort into the job, do you wonder, “Why doesn’t the boss fire lazy employees?” When a criminal gets away with a crime, do you question, “Why doesn’t God intervene?”

Our human minds can’t fully grasp God’s wisdom, but today’s Gospel gives us insight into why God doesn’t simply strike down all bad guys with a powerful hand.

In today’s parable, Jesus tells another farming story, this one about weeds sown among wheat. The workers want to pull the weeds (many of us with weedy gardens would agree!), but the farmer instructs them to let the weeds and wheat grow together, knowing that at harvest time they will be separated.

Jesus explains that the weeds in the story are those who don’t follow God’s way, and the wheat is those who do. We may want to permanently label some people as wheat and others as weeds. But the truth is, we’re all both. We all possess within us the divine spark, but we all also possess the free will to ignore that spark and instead pursue a path of sin.

Yet no label of wheat or weeds is permanent— and perhaps that is why God doesn’t smite down sinners. We’re given the opportunity to turn away from our sin and ask for forgiveness, no matter how wretched our sin and no matter how long ago it occurred.

So the next time we’re tempted to call down God’s wrath on someone who has sinned, we should remember our own weedy moments and be grateful for God’s generous mercy to us all.

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Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

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Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

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Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

**THIS WEEK**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 USHERS GROUP I  
 MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

**SATURDAY, JULY 16**

4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
 5:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Evannie Yarnott  
 request of Irene Kehl

**SUNDAY, JULY 17**

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Marion & Bill Miller  
 request of the family

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Elizabeth Van Dine  
 request of the VanDine family

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours

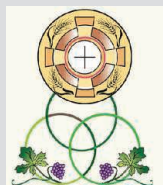
**MONDAY, JULY 18** NO MASS

**TUESDAY, JULY 19** NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Marguerite Hannigan  
 request of Peter Zayas and Bernadette  
 Bolbrock

9:00-12:00 **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**



3:00p.m-7:00p.m.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
 SACRAMENT**

**THURSDAY, JULY 21**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Levi and Isabella  
 Voisine request of Solange Fournier

**FRIDAY, JULY 22**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube request of  
 his niece and nephew

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**

4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass

*That we may allow stewardship to blossom in our hearts  
 by generously sharing the gifts and talents, which our  
 generous God has sowed in our lives.....*

*Let us pray to the Lord.....*

**NEXT WEEK**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME**

USHER'S GROUP II

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**

4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
 5:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Paul Gidius Sr.  
*Altar Servers: Amanda Baum, Stephanie Leiner*  
*Minister of the Word: Kyle Toce*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley*

**SUNDAY, JULY 24**

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Dale Smith  
*Altar Servers:*  
*Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan*  
*Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*  
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Marion and Bill  
 Miller

*Altar Servers Elizabeth Foran, LeeAnn Snuffer*  
*Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'Connor*  
*Eucharistic Ministe: Sharon Scorso*

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, JULY 25** NO MASS

**TUESDAY, JULY 26**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Adam Mancino  
 Rosary after Mass

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Frank Murphy

9:00 -12:00 noon



**CHRISTMAS  
 FAIR  
 WORKSHOP**

3:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**THURSDAY, JULY 28**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Giuseppina and  
 Giovanni Quagliano

**FRIDAY, JULY 29** NO MASS

**SATURDAY, JULY 30**

4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
 5:00 p.m. Mass offered for + Franklin Delany

God's Plan for tithing

Last week's offertory \$ 2,923  
 Mission Co-Op Collection \$ 1,178  
 Last year's offertory \$ 3,032

*"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 see the children of the kingdom." Mt 13:24,*

As children of God, we are all "good seeds" blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in this world. We fulfill God's plan for us when we share our unique talents and our financial gifts to build up God's kingdom. Through our stewardship we blossom!

## July, the Month of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotions. In July, it is devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

In the past, the feast of the Most Precious Blood of Christ was celebrated on the first Sunday of July as confirmed by past Popes and recalled recently by Pope Benedict XVI in His speech after praying the Angelus on July 5, 2009) which explained the devotion's significance and approved its litanies.

### The Old fulfilled in the New Covenant

Sacrifice is the highest form of religious worship which man offers to God as an act of praise, thanksgiving, petition or atonement.[3] The most singular and pre-eminent sacrifice of the Old Law was the immolation of the Paschal Lamb which celebrated the sparing of Israel's firstborn from the fatal sword of the Angel of Death in Egypt at the time of Moses and Pharaoh.

The imagery of sacrificial blood from slain animals is made more vivid and meaningful if we recall Moses' words from the Book of Exodus, "And he took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people, and he said: This is the blood of the covenant, which the Lord

*has made with you concerning all these words."*  
 (Exodus 24:8)

This old sacrifice took a new form in the New Testament when the Immaculate Lamb of God offered Himself on the altar of the Cross to redeem mankind from sin and the slavery of Satan. And during the Last Supper, Our Lord offered Himself in an unbloody yet real sacrifice when He uttered the following words, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many unto remission of sins." (Matthew 26: 28) Truly, this "shedding of blood" or "pouring out of blood" took place and forms one of the glorious mysteries of our Faith.[4]

### The Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Catholic doctrine teaches the faithful that the blood of Jesus Christ is part of His Sacred Humanity and hypostatically united to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.[5]

- And as such, it is worthy of adoration and veneration proper to latreutical worship (*cultus latriae*) which is rendered only to God. In other words, we adore the human nature of Christ because of its intimate and eternal union with the Person of the Divine Word. It is for this same reason that we honor the Most Sacred Heart or the Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### The Devotion to the Precious Blood

This devotion is one of the most ancient of pious Church practices. Meditations are centered on:

2. The Agony in the Garden
3. The Scourging at the Pillar
4. The Crowning with Thorns
5. The Way of the Cross
6. The Crucifixion
7. The Piercing of His Heart

It is still laudable and salutary to continue to see the month of July as dedicated to the Most Precious Blood, just as Blessed Pope Pius IX intended it to be.

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