

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020**

Those who are just must be kind.
— *Wisdom 12:19*



GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	July 20 † Adolph Vannucchi
Tuesday 8:00 am	July 21 † Paul † Theresa, and † Joseph Vella
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	July 22 Communal Service
Thursday 8:00 am	July 23 Vickie Vasallo (L)
Friday 8:00 am	July 24 † Flora Suan
Saturday 8:00 am	July 25 † Neves and † Julian Nunag
4:30 pm	† Anna Cairns
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	July 26 People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection July 12, 2020

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,765.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,235.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

As directed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the City and County of San Francisco: No public Masses until further notice including all weekend and weekday Masses.

Save the date!!

Good Shepherd Gracenter invites you to

**Imagine Having
2020 Vision**

Focusing on Recovery

Our Imaginative Luncheon

no tablecloths required! —viewed from the comfort of your home, during September,

National Recovery Month!

Featuring videos, silent auction, raffle and a special tribute—in which you can participate—to our outstanding volunteer,

Pat Ryan who in 1961, as a professional carpenter, volunteered, at the request of the Carpenters' Union Local #22 to help build Gracenter, and has continued to be a much-valued friend, supporter and very outstanding volunteer over almost 60 years! He is celebrating his 100th birthday on October 10, 2020.

Our Outstanding Graduate is Robin

Boyer because of her long-standing and whole-hearted commitment to recovery. She is a role model for her daughters who are also in recovery and for all women seeking to break free from drug and alcohol addiction to create a hopeful <http://www.gsgracenter.org> for themselves and others.

Stay tuned!! Information will follow in mid-August with more details and will direct you to our on-line platform: GSG2020.givesmart.com which you will be able to access, beginning **September 8th**

For more

info: sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org www.gsgracenter.org

See you there

Parish Office

Our parish office is reopened with limited contact with the public. We ask you to please first call the parish office at 415-468-0820 as we can handle most requests over the telephone. If a visit is necessary, we will be asking that all visitors to the office wear face coverings while in the building and maintain social distancing protocols – as will our parish staff members. We will take your temperature before entry and we will have hand sanitizer available for your use. If you are feeling ill, please call the office rather than come in person.

Dispensation from the Archbishop

The dispensation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in place, and so those who fear becoming infected may remain at home in good conscience. The usual advisories also remain in place for those who should remain at home and avoid exposure to any public gathering, including worship: the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions making them especially vulnerable to infection, those who have recently had contact with someone tested to be COVID-19 positive, etc. Sunday, of course, is still the Christian Sabbath and so must be kept holy, even if in-person attendance at Mass is not possible. You may attend any livestreamed Mass in the Archdiocese remotely via the Archdiocesan website. You will also find there an Act of Spiritual Communion and other resources

sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath).

Volunteers Needed

Do you love the Lord and are you willing to share His message? Do you believe you can make a difference? Our Parish Family Needs You! School of Religious Education needs teachers/teacher aides for the 2020-2021 school year. Please consider volunteering to be a teacher at our weekly Religious Education classes. Classes are 1.5 hours a week. Jesus needs you to share His love for his children! Our students need you. For more information, please Lily Codd at 650-771-3176. (During Covid the projected start date is on hold.)