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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2020

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

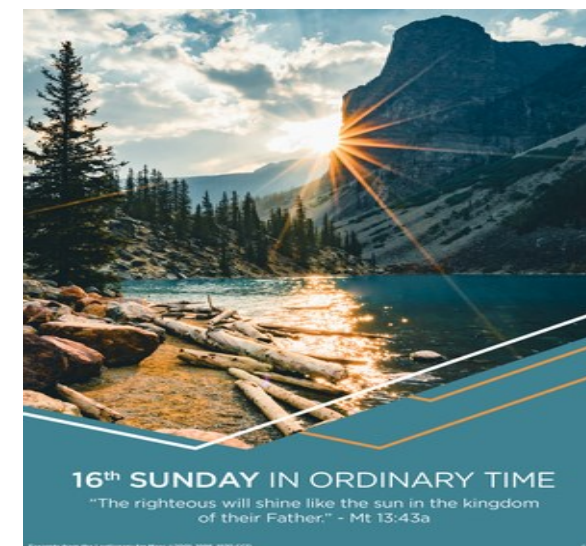
Today's Readings

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).



Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

August 2--Picnic donations due
October 17--Oktoberfest

Diocesan Community Happenings

Pray for this space soon to be filled with Church activities. Remember in your prayers all who are affected through this pandemic--either with health issues or financial issues.



July 12--\$1078

Weekly budget: \$981

MTD collection--\$1901

MTD budget--\$1962

YTD collection--\$1901

YTD budget--\$1962

Candles--\$4



May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scripture for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the one to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right there--HE BREWS!!"

Do what you can with what you have where you are.

--Teddy Roosevelt.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday: St. James

Scrip Rebate

Thanks to those of you who support the Scrip program through OCS, we received a rebate check for \$257.25. Scrip is gift certificates purchased at OCHS

Catholic IQ Answers

1. B, 2. A, 3. B, 4. C

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. Let us 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.

WORDS AND WEEDS

A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds.

IMP--Kroger

Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799

We just received notice that our quarterly check is \$130.44. Thank you for designating Blessed Sacrament as your community reward recipient. Please designate Blessed Sacrament Chapel as your community reward partner.

The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of Peace! Our waiting to gather together without any restrictions is becoming longer. The news about the pandemic does not yet give us much relief. Please continue to pray for peace in our hearts and the world. Let us also think of others. Some are facing bad ripples of this pandemic in their financial and psychological situations. More love! More kindness!

The Gospel this weekend presents the parable of the wheat and the weeds. Jesus teaches of a God who is patient and compassionate to allow the good and the evil to coexist in the world so that the evil ones may come to conversion before their time ends. God calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil is no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal.

Each one of us is a combination of wheat and weeds. There are elements of the Kingdom of God in us just as the elements that oppose it. We need to rely on the Power and Mercy of God to be patient with weeds in us and others and work sincerely to convert from “weeds” to “wheat.” So let us not ask why God allows evil, rather, let us ask what God expects from us.

(“.””) Always
\\,(“.””) Keep
(“.””),.” Smiling!

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

July Birthdays

- 3--Ray Higgs
- 8--Alexis Hatchett
- 10--Chelis Carmona
- 12--Darlina Etienne
- 13--Francine Epison
- 15--Georgia Holland
- 18--Lori Carman
- 20--Tina Gough
- 22--Marcia Wilhite
- 24--Lori Robinson
- 27--Robert Hagan
- 28--Dylan Sanford
- 29--Hugh Moorman
- 30--Yvonne Mundy
- 31--Gloria Adams



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Mass Intentions

- July 5--Grace Medley Ebelhar
- July 12--Hugh Moorman
- July 19--Betty Clark
- July 26--Mary Ann Calhoun

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: LeaAnn Johnson, Minola Aju, Nancy Bumm, Brian Fennwald, Stephen Hall, Ruth Coble, Frank & Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Larry Allen, Camilla Greer, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park .

A WEEKLY REMINDER Without God, our week would be Sindy, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday, Shatterday. Remember seven days WITHOUT GOD makes one WEAK.



Please remember your donation to the picnic fund. We are counting on you.

Lectors

July 19: Layson Brooks

Audrey Mezur

July 26: Kathi Skidd

Jacques Williams

Check Your Catholic IQ

1. What is not on the altar during Mass? A. corporal B. Maniple
C. Paten D. Sacramentary
2. Which is one of the 7 deadly sins?
A. Envy B. Procrastination
C. Smoking D. Lethargy
3. The Marian prayer that begins "Remember O Most Gracious Mary" is the A. Salve Regina
B. Memorare C. Magnificat
D. Exultat
4. Which one of these men was not a son of Noah? A. Shem B. Ham
C. Laban D. Japheth

Answers on bottom of page 7



Discipleship

Anyone who tends even a small garden knows what it's like to deal with weeds at this time of year; they seem to sprout up overnight. The master in today's Gospel (the Lord) definitely shows much more patience than I have, since He lets the weeds and wheat grow together until harvest time! We know, too, that not all weeds *look* like weeds, since some of them have colorful blooms. Throughout our lives, we are called to discern what (or who) the weeds are that might prevent us from growing into mature disciples, from bearing good fruit.

Take a moment to think about a small "mustard seed" that you've experienced that made a big difference in your day, or even in your life. Maybe it was a kind word offered to you during a difficult time, or a card in the mail from a friend. Perhaps it was a word of appreciation from your employer, or a meal brought to you from someone who thought you needed a break. Now, think about a time when you felt that something that you offered to God seemed small or unimportant. Be assured that every little thing offered in love and gratitude—whether time in prayer, a gift of treasure, or giving of your talent and time in ministry service—is like that tiny mustard seed. The Lord will accept it and transform it into something greater, something that helps build God's Kingdom, even if we are not always able to see the fruits of our offering.

What is it that makes saints saints?

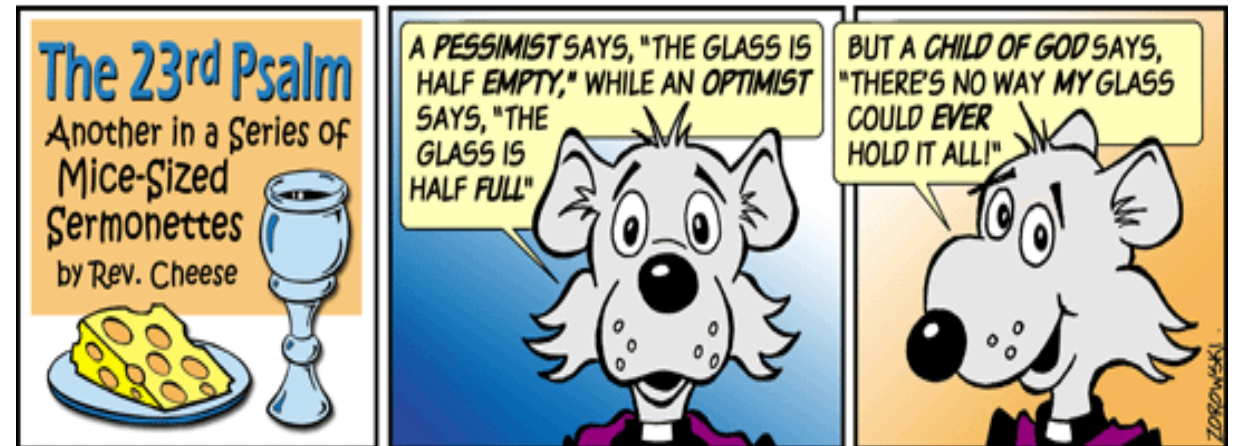
- They were cheerful when it was difficult.
- Patient when it was difficult to be patient.
- Because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still.
- They were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable.

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF (1828-1898) July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "You know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

Church Mice

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July 26 is the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann,

They are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.!!!

Mary continues to accompany life. Do I, like Mary, remain steadfast? How are your parents? How are your grandparents? How are your in-laws? Are you there for them? Do you care about them? Do you visit them? Sometimes it is very painful, but there is no other choice than to put them in a nursing home for health reasons or family situations. But once they are there, do I set aside a Saturday or a Sunday to be with them? Do you care about that life that is fading away and that gave life to you? --Pope Francis