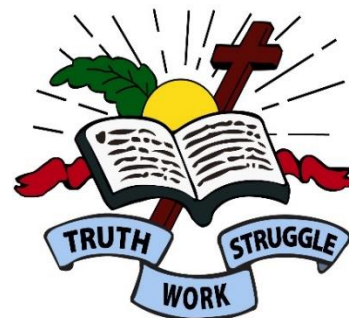




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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Sabbath Thought

It is happening now even as you read these words: the kingdom of God is growing although we may not avert to it. But we can hone our sense to perceive God's reign. We will hear the world percolating, stirring and straining under God's shaping hand.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

What kind of God do we worship? The ancient book of Wisdom offers us some advice: recognize who is the Lord by what he does.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

#### ROMANS 8:26-27

Weakness is not failure. It is the seedplace of God's Spirit who sits in our hearts and sings the songs of love that we must learn.

#### MATTHEW 13:24-43

The signs of God's governance and authority are all around us: in the fields, in the garden, in the kitchen. Simple things like crops, shrubs and bread have much to teach us.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 86:5-6

*V. Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.*

**R. Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

## Worship Services

**TODAY – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**SUNDAY – July 30<sup>th</sup>**

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

### **National United Choirs**

The National United Choirs of the PNCC will be holding their annual Convention and Music Workshop at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, New Hampshire beginning on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. {lease say a prayer for them as they strive to improve themselves and the quality of the Music Ministry in the Polish National Catholic Church.

### **New Vestment**

Sincere heartfelt thanks to the Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (ANS) for their generous donation of a new red chasuble which will be blessed before Mass today. Red is the liturgical color used for Masses to the Holy Spirit, Confirmations and memorial days of Saints who were martyred for the faith. Since most of those fall on week days we don't see the red vestments as often as we would like but it is nice to have such a beautiful new one in our wardrobe. God bless the ladies for their kind and generous gift to our parish.

### **Birthdays – Albeit Belated**

I am told that I also missed Nancy Eaton's birthday last week. My sincerest apologies and best wishes on my behalf and on behalf of the entire parish for many more. Please see the next item to help avoid this in the future.

### **Information Sheets**

On the table in the Narthex near the bulletins, you will find Member Information Sheets. It would be most helpful if everyone took one and filled it out to the best of your ability. Do not be concerned if you do not have all of the answers to all of the questions, just fill in what you can or mark it n/a (not applicable). If you are not a member and wish to join the community of the Church of Our Saviour, *we would like to welcome you with open arms*. Completing this form will get things going. Just write "New Member" in the space marked "Date of Membership". Please give the forms to Peggy Kowalik, Joe Seliga or Father Don when you have completed them. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

## INTENTIONS:

**My Brothers and Sisters:** Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Bob Rush, Bill Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Bob Agans, Victor McAlanis, Tom Goff, Macy Coram and June Didun.

**Our Father...**

## *Today's Hymns*

***The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books in the pews.***

***Please, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord!***  
***Silence is much worse than singing off key!***

### **Processional Hymn**

#1 – Hymn Of Faith

### **Hymn to the Holy Spirit**

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

### **Offertory Hymn**

#221 – Turn Your Eyes To Jesus

### **Communion Hymn**

#114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights

### **Recessional Hymn**

#151 – O Ever Holy Sacrament