

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

The Lord sustains my soul!



Masses For The Week

Sun 19 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

+Juan C. Flores (Belia Flores)

For the Health of Juan L. "Nayo" Garcia (J. de Leon)

For the Health of Gracie Chaves (Josie P. de Leon)

Thr 23 Weekday

12:05 pm NO MASS – Fr Nolasco on Vacation

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Christ's parables today make this point: God in his providence will use even the apparent evil that attends us in life to some perfecting purpose; out of our littleness, our emptiness, our nothingness, God's greatness will flower in an astonishing way. The parables show that our God is the God who has "the care of all"—of every situation, every circumstance, every moment. God shows his might precisely when "the perfection of his power is disbelieved." "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." We can cave in to our weakness out of despair... or we can pray with faith: "Power, whenever you will, attends you."

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Wisdom 12:13, 16–19 / Romans 8:26–27 / Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

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Jesus loved 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]'" (Matthew 13:34–35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn't force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: "Whoever has ears ought to hear" (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it's his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn't God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it's difficult to tell the difference. Those who are "wheat" should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be "weeds." The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God's own time. •

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.

CCD REGISTRATION SET TO BEGIN

Registration will take place on August 23 and 30 after the 9 a.m. Mass. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER DURING THESE DAYS. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

To Register Your Child(ren) in our Parish's CCD Program (First Communion & Confirmation):

1. Parents must be active [already have been coming to Mass with child(ren)] and registered members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. If not registered, parents must register at Parish Office in person. Then the family must remain active for one year to qualify to register for the following year in our CCD Program.

2. Parents must bring a copy of the child's **Baptismal Certificate** and **First Communion Certificate** to Registration.

NO CERTIFICATES.
NO REGISTRATION!
NO EXCEPTIONS!

**All CCD Classes will be held on Sundays
From 10:15 am to 12:00 pm
beginning on September 6**

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Any adolescent [(already have been coming to Mass with parent(s))] who has reached the age of 14 by September 1 of this year and has not been confirmed is encouraged to register.



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GATHER AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,391.00

Loose: \$ 30.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 0.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,421.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,138.94

Dear Padre

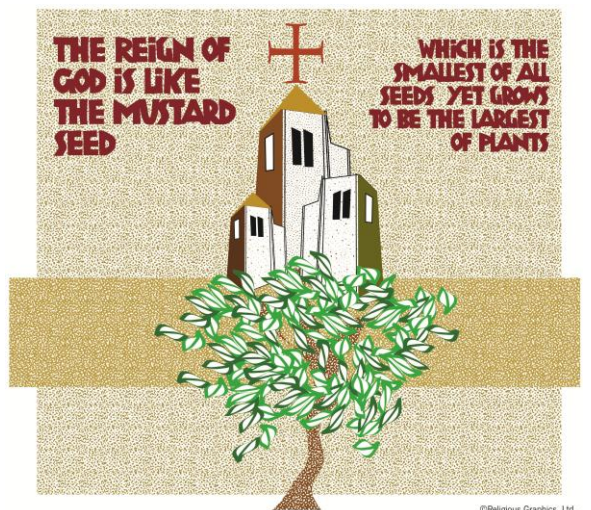
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My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. •

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