

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 9, 2017**



Dear Friends in Christ:

We know from the teachings of our Lord Jesus that God is love and that God loves all that has been created in Him. God loves us, even with our

sinfulness. God invites us to share eternal life and to leave our sinfulness aside, knowing that to leave that sinfulness aside will cost us our whole lifetime. We can hear this teaching clearly in the Gospel today, where there are many images for us to ponder. One of them is that the wheat and the weeds are always together and we need to leave the sorting out to the Lord. Did not create everything good? Then where did the evil come from? We don't need to answer that question. We need only to keep striving to live in the good and to do good and to speak good and all shall be well. That we fail to live completely in the good, that we fail to do good always and that we fail to speak the good is part of our human condition. Every day we need to start afresh, living the joy and the love of our Lord Jesus, no matter what our previous failings.

When we are completely worn out and see only the evil in ourselves and our failures. The second reading today can help us: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. The same is true when we do not do the good which is possible because it seems impossible in the moment. The Spirit is there and will take our hands and help us do what we can.

The challenge of living a truly Christian life is a very simple challenge: trust completely even when it seems hopeless. Trust always and in every situation. Call to the Lord when we fail and when we fall. Keep asking the Lord to help us. All of this is so simple and even small children realize its truth.

For sure there is a punishment for those who cause others to sin and there is a sorting out of the weeds and the evils at the end of time. We are all guilty and so we belong to that category as well. We need not fear. God love is a consuming fire and will purify us with love if we only call out to Him. Let us practice calling on the Lord today and always.

St. Henry

Feast Day: July 13

St. Henry was born in 972. He was the son of Henry, Duke of Bavaria, and Gisella, whose father was the King of Burgundy. When his father died in 995, [Henry](#) became Duke of Bavaria, and when his cousin Otto died in 1002, he was elected emperor. Henry was fortunate to be born into a royal family; they were able to give him an excellent education and they made sure he was very well schooled in his Catholic faith.

During his schooling, Henry learned how to meditate. This special form of prayer helped him to keep the great truths of his faith alive in his heart. Even though he was an emperor, he was not impressed with his wealth and power. He was humble and tried to do everything for the greater [glory](#) of God. He watched over the Church in his country. Several times, he was forced into war, and was always victorious. He led an army to the south of [Italy](#) against the Saracens and the Greeks, and drove them from the country. The [humility](#) and [spirit](#) of [justice](#) of the Saint were equal to his [zeal](#) for religion.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

5:30 P.M. Eleanor Bolshan
John Renick
Dorothy Weir
Doris Wright – 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Regerick Tindoc
Cecelia Sagan
10:00 A.M. Marcelino Glorioso
Virginia Taylor
12:00 P.M. Irma Mimi Boswell

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017

8:00 A.M. Joan Brisson

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

8:00 A.M. Robert Weigand – 21st Anniversary

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017

8:00 A.M. Dan & Charlotte Bolan

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

8:00 A.M. Nunzio DiLaura

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017

5:30 P.M. Marie D'Avanzo
Jackie Nordby
Intentions of Ernest Poeggel

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Basil Bovun
Joe Mastrogiacomio
Isabel Yu Cubillan
10:00 A.M. Marcelino Cayetano
Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian
Marie DeFazio
12:00 P.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

Pray daily for the safety of our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK: Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Ron Moebius
Nina Margossian Veny Hongo Tom Guzowski
Gary Ragusa Silverio Conte Alex Haines
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso Carmela Fusco Frank Morici
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Gabe Bellantoni Millie Farina Eileen McPartland
Rosemary Liebman Cenelia Soto Ann Langley
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz John Carolan
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone

Evelyn Means Barbara Kincaid Frank Sanclementi

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$4,695.50

Thank you for your continued support.



Later in life, Henry wanted to give up the throne and retire into a monastery, but the [Abbot](#) of Verdun advised him against it, so he retained his crown. Both he and his wife, St. Cunegundes, lived in perpetual chastity. Henry gave many large donations to religious institutions and built the [Cathedral](#) of Bamberg.

St. Henry showed us the meaning of humility by the way he lived. Even though he was a king, he realized that his true purpose in life was to serve the one true king, the Lord Jesus. He died at the castle of Grone, near Halberstad, in 1024. He is the patron saint of the childless.

KIDNEY NEEDED

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

SUMMERTIME, VACATIONS AND MASS



If you are traveling to new territory and don't know the Mass schedule there, it is easy to find out. Go to www.masstimes.org on the computer and you can find the schedule for places around the country and the world. Have a great summer and drive safely.

**DIOCESE OF PATERSON – MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
OCTOBER 21, 2017**

This September will be the final sign-up for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. The full-day trip includes Mass, devotional prayers, Catechetical Presentations, and the opportunity for reconciliation.

Please mark your calendars now for the important spiritual day on October 21st. Cost is \$49.00.

LADIES GUILD

Save the dates:

Junk in the Trunk is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th with the rain date of Saturday, September 23rd.

So you can get started on collecting the items you no longer need to turn them into cash. Applications are available at the rectory.

Bus Trip to: Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ. Sept. 7, 2017 – Included tour and lunch – details to follow.

Praying the Hail Mary



The first prayer I learned as a boy was the Hail Mary. (Don't ask me why it wasn't the Our Father: maybe it had something to do with not attending a Catholic school!) Sometimes when I wanted help from God, I would pray the Hail Mary on the way to school, my feet hitting the sidewalk in sync with the

prayer's cadence: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. . . " Mainly I used the prayer as a kind of "payment" for what I wanted from God. The bigger the favor from God, the more Hail Mary's I would say.

Not until I was a Jesuit novice was I able to appreciate the underlying beauty of the prayer, and was able to see it as a twofold prayer, of Scripture and tradition. The first part of the prayer is taken almost directly from the greeting of the angel Gabriel to Mary in the Gospel of Luke. The second part of the prayer is a brief compendium of Marian tradition, which invokes one of her traditional titles, "Mother of God," and asks for her prayers.

Some of us (myself included) recite the Hail Mary almost as if in a trance --- for example, when we say the rosary – perhaps without pausing to reflect on the beauty of the individual words. But that's okay, as long as this ancient prayer reminds us that we are asking for the aid of someone who has long been listening to human hopes and desires. Whether we are a child asking for help at school or a sick or elderly person "at the hour of our death," Mary hears our prayer. And prays for us.

Fr. James Martin, SJ From Give Us This Day

JUST ONE TOUCH

Mountains bow to His humble heart,
Ocean waves grow still...
Just one touch formed the earth and sky
As God's mission was fulfilled.

The universe reflects the light
Of a supernatural man...
God alone holds every soul
In the palm of His gentle hand.

Jill Lemming

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017**

Pat Demarest & Hatima Omolon
LECTORS

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

7:30 A.M. Jay Markot

10:00 A.M. John McMurray

12 NOON Armando Haro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017

5:30 P.M. Maria Invernon & Karen Cisco

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon

10:00 A.M. Melissa & Jackie Rivera

12 NOON Barbara Garruto & Linda O'Connell

The Threshold of Faith



Jesus is the door. He is the entrance to salvation. He leads us to the Father, and the door that is Jesus is never closed. This door is never closed; it is always open and to all, without distinction, without exclusion, without privileges. Because, you know, Jesus does not exclude anyone. Some of you, perhaps, might say to me: "But, Father, I am certainly excluded because I am a great sinner: I have done terrible things, I have done lots of them in my life." No, you are not excluded! Precisely for this reason you are the favorite, because Jesus prefers sinners, always, in order to forgive them, to love them. Jesus is waiting for you to embrace you. Take heart, have the courage to enter through his door. Everyone is invited to cross the threshold of this door, to cross the threshold of faith, to enter into his life and to make him enter our life, so that he may transform it, renew it and give it full and enduring joy.

In our day we pass in front of so many doors that invite us to come in, promising a happiness which later we realize lasts only an instant, exhausts itself with no future. But I ask you: by which door do we want to enter? And who do we want to let in through the door of our life? I would like to say forcefully: let's not be afraid to cross the threshold of faith in Jesus, to let him enter our life more and more, to step out of our selfishness, our closure, our indifference to others so that Jesus may illuminate our life with a light that never goes out. It is not a firework, not a flash of light! No, it is a peaceful light that lasts forever and gives us peace.

Pope Francis

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Gospel Today

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus continues to teach the people with parables, or stories. He shows how tiny seeds or yeast cells are like the Word of God. When planted they sprout and grow great in size. As The Word is spread, the believers become many.

Cycle A

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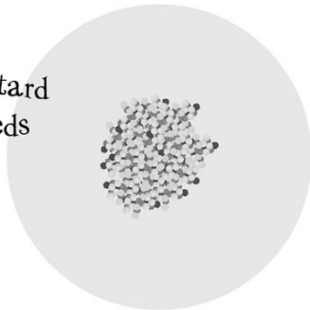
Jesus' parables show Small beginnings become marvelous expansions

Draw a line from Column A to Column B to match the "Seeds of Faith" to the "Expanded Kingdom."

Column A



Mustard Seeds

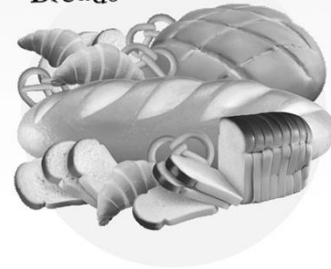


Yeast Cells



Column B

Risen Breads



Mustard Tree



Many Believers



Parent / Child Activity

Watch a seed sprout - Take a clear cup and line it with a wet paper towel. Put a dried, uncooked seed between the paper and cup. Keep wet and in the sun. **Watch what happens!** (try watermelon seeds dried for one week)

ANSWERS
A X B