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Children's Liturgy: September - June

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Tuesday 6:00 pm
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Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

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Ministry Schedule - July 25/26 Hospitality:

5:00pm - Terry Law, Victor Gatt,
Tom Lannan
9:00am - Lisa Shibley, Derek Koiter,
Dan Tonello
11:00am - Susan Brown, Sam Zuvic,
Albert DeLaat

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Faith, the size of a mustard seed.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Dino Sicoli
9:00 am - Tim Grawey
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

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July 19, 2020 A.D.

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering

- Tues July 21 6:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Marcel Borg by Tom & Carmen Lannan
Wed July 22 St. Mary Magdalene 8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Mary Gibbs-Therrien by family
Thurs July 23 8:30 am +For the repose of the souls of David Hendriks Sr. & Frances Pinch by the Hendrik family
Fri July 24 8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Trevor Eden by Tony & Jane D'Uva
The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat July 25 5:00 pm +For the repose of the souls of Leonard & Rose Donnelly by the Law family
Sun July 26 9:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish by Tony & Jane D'Uva
11:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Trevor Eden

REMAIN FAITHFUL ALWAYS

We see that our God is just as well as kind, all-powerful as well as merciful. "For you show your might when the perfection of your power is dis-believed... But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency." God is indeed kind and loving, but He is also a just judge, and the day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that He entrusted to us during our lifetime. We will be judged by God for the part we played - or did not play - in the building of His kingdom.



We are never alone in this work. "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning." We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom. He will reveal to each of us the unique mission the Father has given us, as individuals and as a parish family, in the building of the kingdom of heaven. And He will give us the strength we need to remain faithful to our mission.

Jesus uses several parables to describe this Kingdom. He compares it to a man who sows wheat in his field, but in the darkness of night an enemy comes and sows weeds in the same field. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or "judged" - the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So it will be for each of us

at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

But Jesus also gives us comfort and hope. He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome - without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. Jesus also compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

It is those latter two descriptions that are especially encouraging to the Christian steward. So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give - in comparison to the immense needs around us - can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and the mustard seed, that is not the truth! Far from it.

God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. If we are but faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, the day will come when we "will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father."

In justice, in gratitude, in love, then, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven. reflections@catholicsteward.com

A PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Father, Creator of all, thank you for summer. Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation. Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to you this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence and light my path with your word and counsel. As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for you. Amen.



HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER

THIS WEEKS ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE

- There will be no printed Bulletin for a while. The Bulletin will continue to be on-line so if you have access to a computer and internet, please read it.
We need to up-date our data base with your current email address, phone number and mailing address. Please include a note with your offertory envelopes. Thank you.
Please listen and be respectful to the guidance of the ushers since there are many changes. These changes are for your health and safety and those around you.
When taking your seat in a pew, please start at the front pews. Please be considerate of others and sit in the middle of the pew first. This will prevent passing each other and maintaining social distancing.
We have just finished painting the windows and all wood surfaces of the rectory and passages way to the hall
During the summer months, July and August, the office will be open on Fridays only.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Saint Augustine



