



July 19th, 2026

Watch over me, Father, so
that everything I do may
be with the intention of
pleasing Jesus.
~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Lord in the unjust steward has placed before us an example of the manner in which the children of the world act, and in it, has shown their wisdom “in their generation,” that is to say, in their mutual intercourse. The steward wisely sought to employ the time which yet remained of his stewardship in making rapid use of his authority to further his own interests. And so, in general, the children of this world are wiser in their worldly affairs and more astute in the advancement of their own interests than are the children of light in what they have before all things to do and to provide for, namely, the things of the kingdom of God, the things that refer to God’s honor and their own eternal salvation. The wicked provide in a wiser and more far-seeing manner for the temporal than do the good for the eternal. ... In this general proposition there was at the same time included an appeal for the exercise of prudence. For all the disciples could easily understand that the good should not allow themselves to be outdone by the wicked in providing for their true interests.

Christ then added a second admonition, one which should explain more distinctly the application of that prudence with regard to the example which had been related: “And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.” The exhortation was addressed especially to those among the disciples who had control of the riches of this world. Many commentators are of the opinion that the words were spoken to the converted publicans in particular, although the general instruction is not to be limited to these exclusively.

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Of Wheat and Weeds : Reflection on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions

4pm – English Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30am – Latin Mass

9:00am – English Mass

11:00am – Latin Mass

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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WEEKDAYS

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

MONDAY, JULY 20TH

5:30pm Mass *Tom Schweitzer* †

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST

8:00am Mass *Arlene Monetta* †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *McKay Family* (*Thanksgiving for Safety*)

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD

8:00am Mass *Doheny Family* (*Conversion*)

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

7:30 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

Seven Sisters

Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week.

If you are interested, please contact
Patty Parra at (509) 362-8646



Lectors for 9am Mass

If you would like to help with the readings at the 9am Mass please let Janet Provinsal know, she is available after Mass, or by

Email: janetrose.p@gmail.com

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Everyone should employ his wealth in making friends for eternity, and thus make better provision for one's future than this steward did. In what way this is to be done our Lord does not state more explicitly. The majority of commentators, however, rightly understand the words as applying to the employment of earthly riches for purposes good and pleasing to God, whether in almsgiving, or by helping to maintain and to propagate the Faith, or by supporting other religious works.

Commentary from The Parables of the Gospel by Leopold Fonck, S.J. (1865-1930).

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, July 21st

St. Lawrence was born at Brindisi, Italy, and at age of sixteen entered the Capuchin Franciscan community at Verona. At the University of Padua he made rapid progress in his studies of Philosophy and Theology and showed a remarkable facility for languages. He mastered Greek, Latin, Hebrew, French, Spanish, German, and Bohemian and acquired a wide knowledge of the Scriptures. After his ordination he labored as a domestic missionary and was called to Rome by Clement VIII to work for the conversion of the Jews.

In 1598, St. Lawrence was sent with eleven other Capuchins to establish Capuchin community throughout Germany and Austria which were threatened by Lutheranism at that time. While in the imperial realm, the fame of his holiness, wisdom, and administrative ability led the Emperor Rudolf II, to appoint him to organize the Catholic princes against the invading Turks. At the Battle of Stuhlweissenburg, though the Christians were outnumbered four to one, St. Lawrence roused the low spirits of the soldiers with a powerful oration, mounted a horse and rode before the army with a crucifix held high. The Turks repulsed and Europe was saved.

At the successful conclusion of his other German projects, the Saint returned to seek seclusion in Italy, only to find that he had been elected the Minister General of the Order. He died in 1619 at Lisbon, Portugal, while on mission to present the grievances of the people of Naples to their sovereign, King Philip III of Spain. Though he was a very active person, St. Lawrence was also a man of prayer as well as of deep learning. He was canonized in 1881 by Pope Leo XIII, and in 1960 he was made a Doctor of the Church by Pope John XXIII.

PRAYER: God, for the glory of Your Name and the salvation of souls, You favored St. Lawrence, Your Priest, with the spirit of wisdom and fortitude. Grant that the same spirit we may recognize our obligations and with his help carry them out. **Amen.**

St. John Vianney



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