

DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 20	16 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV St Apollinaris	Mic 6: 1-4, 6-8; Mt 12: 38-42.	5:30 PM
Tues 21	16 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV St Lawrence of Brindisi	Mic 7: 14-15; Mt 12: 46-50.	5:30 PM
Wed 22	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Song 3: 1-4 or 2 Cor 5: 14-17; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18.	5:30 PM
Thu 23	16 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV St Bridget of Sweden	Jer 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12- 13; Mt 13: 10-17.	5:30 PM
Fri 24	16 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV St Charbel Makhluuf	Jer 3: 14-17; Mt 13: 18-23.	12:15 PM
Sat 25	ST JAMES, APOSTLE	2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28.	5:30 PM
Sun 26	17 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week I	1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12; Rom 8: 28-30; Mt 13: 44- 52 (or 13: 44-46).	8:00 AM 5:30 PM



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16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Reading I: Wisdom 12: 13,16-19

Responsorial Psalm: 85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Reading II: Romans 8: 26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43 (or 13: 24-30)



Revised Roman Missal: 534 (Bahasa 1228)

REFLECTION: Darnel Among Wheats

In the Gospel, Jesus shares a parable about a sower who plants good seeds (wheat) in his field, but an enemy scatters weeds (darnel) among them. When they grow together, the servants want to remove the weeds, but the master says to wait until harvest to separate them. This parable shows God's patience, allowing time for growth and conversion.

This is encouraging news for us because we often find both wheat and weeds growing side by side in the fields of our hearts. We nurture the wheat of faith, love, and kindness, but we also struggle with the weeds of selfishness, pride, doubt, and resentment. God does not give up on us just because we have flaws. He patiently works with us and waits for us to take the steps toward change over time. We are called to have the same patient love for others in our lives. Often, we regard someone as "bad" because of some faults we notice in them. The parable invites us not to judge others too harshly, but to recognize that there is good in everyone, and to be patient, as God is also at work in them. Let us practice patience and recognize that there is more to someone than their faults

Reflective question:

How is God inviting me to be patient with myself while I work towards change, and how can I also be patient with others, knowing there is hope for their growth and transformation?

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Second Collection

Today's second collection will be for the Parish Event Fund.

Novena to Saint Anne (17th – 25th July)

The Novena to Saint Anne is prayed daily from 17th to 25th July. On weekdays, it is recited after the 5:30PM Mass. On Fridays, the Novena is incorporated into the 12:45PM Holy Hour. On Sundays, it is recited after the 5:30PM Mass.

COOL Fitness (22nd July)

Come and join our 2nd COOL Fitness Session on Wednesday, 22 July, from 7:00–8:30PM at the Parish Hall. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend along too!

6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (26th July)

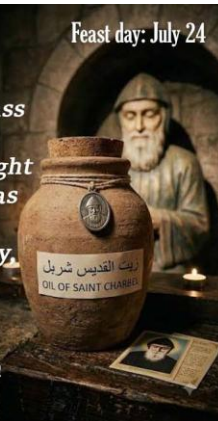
The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives.

This year, we want to place a special emphasis on closeness to others. We ask parishes and diocesan communities to reach out directly to those who live alone, are staying in care homes, or have no visitors. Let this Day be a tangible opportunity for everyone — especially young people — to spend time with their grandparents, the elderly in their families, and most importantly, those who are completely isolated.

St Charbel Makhlouf

A remarkable event has been reported through the intercession of Saint Charbel Makhlouf. During a recent Mass in Naples in honor of St. Charbel, a parish priest anointed more than 500 faithful with blessed oil that had been brought from Rome. After the container appeared to be empty, it was reportedly discovered a short time later completely filled again—holding even more oil than before. The following day, pilgrims said the oil carried the distinctive fragrance of Lebanon's cedar trees, a symbol closely associated with St. Charbel's homeland. That same morning, a 20-year-old woman testified that she had been healed of what had been described as an incurable breast tumor.



Feast day: July 24

Weeds Among the Wheat



Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.

