

Monday

JULY 21

Weekday

Mt 6:1–4, 6–8

Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday

JULY 22

Saint Mary

Magdalene

Mt 7:14–15, 18–20

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Wednesday

JULY 23

Weekday

Jer 1:1, 4–10

Mt 13:1–9

Thursday

JULY 24

Weekday

Jer 2:1–3, 7–8,

12–13

Mt 13:10–17

Friday

JULY 25

Saint James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

Saturday

JULY 26

Saints Joachim

and Anne,

Parents of

the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Jer 7:1–11

Mt 13:24–30

Sunday

JULY 27

Seventeenth

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52 or

13:44–46

Ordinary Time

JULY 20, 2014 ♦ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

When our children were small, my husband would periodically clean out my car. I always found his method interesting: Into a bag would go receipts, empty juice boxes, stray books, mittens, pens, loose change, and anything that would get in the way of vacuuming the floor.

He made no distinction, collecting even things that were obviously trash and could be thrown out. Then

he'd bring me the bag to sort through. I used to laugh at him: "Really, you kept the empty soda can?"

I've come to realize that his method of cleaning echoes today's parable. Young shoots, whether wheat or weeds, look very much alike. What if, in our zeal to toss out weeds, we toss out wheat as well? Jesus tells us it's better to wait until the end, when they look more like their true selves, and deal with them then.

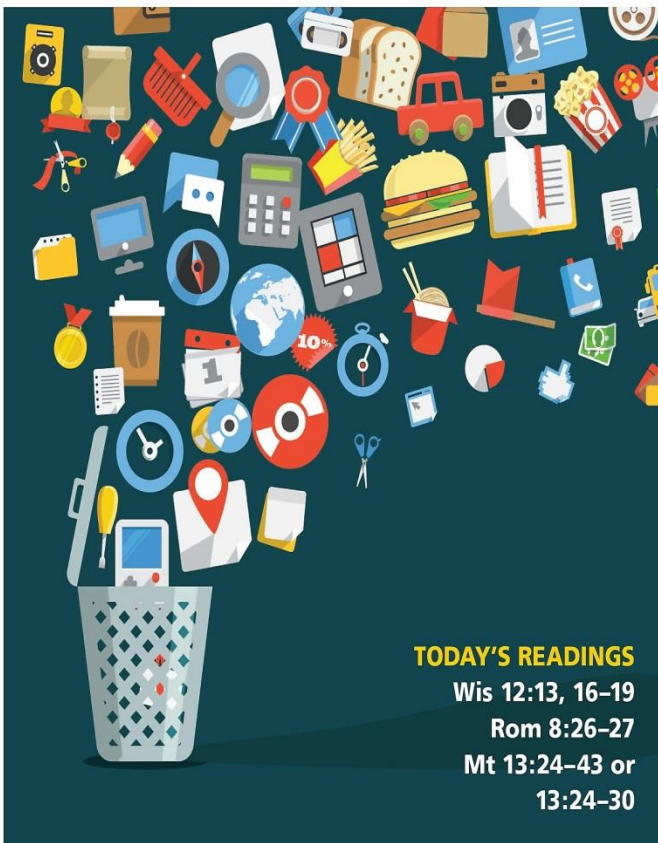
Perhaps there's some final use for the juice box or the soda can before we throw it away. I find this a remarkably hopeful attitude. While we would always end up throwing out a lot, we occasionally uncovered treasures that would have been lost forever.

Maybe building the kingdom of heaven is also like cleaning out a car.

Whether field or car, I'd like to think that God watches over what he plants and carefully looks for new strains of wheat among the tried and true stalks.

And in his mercy, God carefully examines all before he lets go of the weeds altogether.

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 20, 2014

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration 8:30am to 9:30a.m

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am +Fr Pete (Special Intention)

Tues 8:00 am +Vermon Saucier

Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete (Special Intention)

Thursday 8:00 am +Fr Pete (Special Intention)

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From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On this 16th Sunday, we listen to three of the parables of Jesus. Each parable appeals to our common ordinary experience and helps us understand how the Kingdom of Heaven takes root in our lives. The latter two parables speak of the Kingdom as something small and seemingly insignificant but possessing the creative energy of God. However, my favorite of the three is the first parable.

Like last Sunday's story, the Kingdom is compared to a farmer who sows seed in the soil. What is different in this parable is that a second person comes along and sows **weeds among the wheat**. In spite of the suggestion to rid the field of the weeds, the farmer decides to let the good and bad seed grow to maturity together. "If you pull up the weeds, you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest." The decision is made to be patient and wait. It is best to allow God's judgment to make the final assessment. The parable suggests a healthy realism about ordinary human life and encourages a kind of tolerance with ourselves and with others that is prudent and quite necessary at times. Most of us realize after we have lived life for a while that nothing is perfect in this world. We soon arrive at the painful realization that every group to which we belong is flawed to some degree: one's ethnic group, family, close friends, colleagues at work, and even church leaders.

A concern for absolute purity and perfection can actually be destructive. We live in a world whose dominant values are rarely those preached by Jesus or espoused by some of our own elected officials. It is hard to know what to do or say when confronted by such opposing forces. At times it is even difficult to communicate a conviction about Kingdom

values to our children and close friends. We are tempted to despair or to lash out at the destructive presence of "weeds" in our lives. Jesus assures us through this parable that God's grace and presence remain active in our lives. Essentially the "Kingdom of Heaven" is about the power of God that is generously bestowed upon us humans. Everything depends radically upon God and God's grace, but it flows out to the world through human instruments like ourselves whom God has called and gifted. Most often the Kingdom of Heaven works its effect in the quiet and surprising way that wheat grows even when planted alongside weeds. Let us be aware that through Baptism God's Kingdom has already been planted in our hearts and God continues to nurture the growth of that Kingdom in us on a daily basis and especially when we gather for Eucharist. Have a great week and may God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Fr. Khoa Vo Installation As Pastor of St Ann and Our Lady of Chartres

We welcome Bishop Roger Morin, our shepherd, to the Mass for the installation of Fr. Khoa Vo as the new pastor of St Ann and our Lady of Chartres. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend.

Bible Study: We study the **Gospel of Matthew** on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm. And on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building.** For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:** **59** identifiable: **\$1,524.00;** Loose: **\$1,065.00;** Total: **\$2,333.00;** Children: **\$10.00.** Building Fund: **\$161.26.**

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat July 19 5:30pm	Richard Dunlap	Doris Snowden, Sharon Ladner, Henrietta Ladner	Katelyn Casey Boots Moran	Doug Ladner Ira Necaise	August & Ruth Schonowitz
July 20 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun July 20 9am	Beverly Saucier	Henrietta Ladner, Kim Wood	Conner & Nicholas	Robert Lizana Pat Leimer	Gary Thomas Family
Sat July 26 5:30pm	Lisa Cuevas	Mike West , Mike Mays , Diane Mays	Katelyn Casey Regan	Doug Ladner Kermit	Mike & Ellen West
July 27 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun July 27 9am	Chantel Crabtree	Dale Rabin, Carolyn Brewer, Robin Peterson	James Rines & Nicholas	Robert Lizana Tyler	Danny & Kim Wood Family

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: **\$135.00**; Loose: **\$82.00** Total: **\$217.00**.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Project Hope and Compassion: We would like to thank 33 students and adults from Vacation that Gives, MA.

We will have 85 students from St. Matthew and St Anne in Southborough, MA on July 26th to August 2. For more information, please contact **Jodi Troclair**.

Religious Ed: K-11th Sunday 10a.m.– 11a.m.

DRE: Robert Lizana

RCIA: Wednesday 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel/Meeting Room. Please contact Tim Brogdon.

Parish Council: meet on third Saturday after 5:30pm mass.

Lizana Light: Fridays 9am-12 noon.

Church Cleaning: Church Cleaning: We thank Linda Bangs and Karen Cadle who cleaned the church for July 5-6 and July 12-13. David and Joretta Bass will clean on July 20-21 and 26-27. Please contact Ellen West if you want more information.

Altar Society: If you are interested in participating, please contact **Lenell King**.

CYO: Weekly meeting on Sunday 6:00pm. Visit us on www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo or contact **Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner**.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560 or in emergency, 234-6005.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive information: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding ceremony.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William & Sherrie DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette Moran, Darlene Billingsley.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.