



July 23, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

.A PATIENT AND LOVING GOD

A God who judges with leniency and clemency, a Spirit groaning because we know not how to pray, a patient master waiting to separate wheat and weeds, a tiny seed growing into a great bush, and the miracle of yeast and flour! All of these images found in our readings today speak of the unexpected, the countercultural, and of the compassion and intimacy of our relationship with God. Many times we are afraid to come to God in prayer, or we may turn away from our God because of our weakness and sinfulness. We are not presented with a vengeful God who is waiting to smite us, but a God of infinite love and wisdom and patience who will show us the way. What an amazing gift this is!

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Second Vatican Council—More than Documents

The Second Vatican Council was a remarkable spiritual event. Three years of preparation in small commissions followed by four major sessions beginning October 11, 1962 and concluding December 8, 1965, comprising 168 general congregations in St. Peter’s Basilica and numerous committee, subcommittee, and informal meetings hashing through documents and amendments to be voted on by the Council Fathers under the leadership of two popes. Apart from the documents themselves, this multi-year event had a transformative influence on all who participated. A palpable “spirit of the Council” arose that guided and inspired the direction of the proceedings right from Pope Saint John XXIII’s opening address. Indeed, his inspiring opening prayer has been repeated at countless Church gatherings in the years since. Vatican II was not merely a deliberative body; it was a solemn spiritual assembly whose voice echoes through every one of the Council’s constitutions and decrees, each of which received near-unanimous approval. The spirit of this gathering animated the work of all whose task it was to implement the Council’s decisions in the months and early years after its conclusion. Any attempt at interpreting the Council’s documents must first take into account this animating spirit and give it due consideration.

LISTEN

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind

(Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Our good Lord forgives (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Monday: St. Sharbel Makhluf

Tuesday: St. James

Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

Saturday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus



United in Faith

St Regina Received a check for **550** from the Diocese as part of the 50-50 split.

JULY 2ND

LECTOR MARY

SERVERS LESLIE & MAX

COUNTERS MARY C. & ANN F.

JULY 9TH

LECTOR ANN F

SERVERS CARLOS & MARINA

COUNTERS TOM & BEVERLY

JULY 16TH

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVERS JESUS & MARINA

COUNTERS MARY C, & ANN F.

JULY 23RD

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVERS BRYAN & JESUS

COUNTERS TOM & BEVERLY

JULY 30TH

LECTOR JEFF

SERVERS CARLOS & MARINA

COUNTER MARY & ANN F.

Lectors for Wednesday

August 2nd Beverly

August 9th Peggy

August 16th Sherry

August 23rd Beverly

TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Act of Love

O my God, I love you

above all things,

with my whole heart and soul,

because you are all good

and worthy of all love.

I love my neighbor as myself

for the love of you.

I forgive all who have injured me

and ask pardon of all whom

I have injured.

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