16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”
Matthew 13:43

Mass Schedule Horario de Misas

Monday-Friday | Lunes-Viernes
12:10 PM—LIVESTREAM ONLY

Saturday | Sabado
NO VIGIL MASS

Sunday | Domingo
English:
7:30—Alley side of Cathedral
11:00AM—LIVESTREAM ONLY

Espanol:
9:00—Callejón de la catedral
1:00PM—Transmisión en vivo solamente

Chinese: No Chinese Mass

Confessions
Monday-Friday:
11:30AM to 12:00 NOON
Join us in praying a Rosary Novena for 54 days

Many of us are worn from the ongoing opening and closures of churches and businesses over the last five months, and it is understandable the weight of the uncertainty weighs on us. For this we invite you to unite your prayers with ours in praying for our faith community, Church leaders and wider community.

What is a 54 Day Rosary Novena?

On February 16, 1884, an afflicted girl and her relatives commenced a novena of Rosaries. The Queen of the Holy Rosary favored her with an apparition on March 3rd. Mary, sitting upon a high throne, surrounded by luminous figures, held the divine Child on her lap, and in her hand a Rosary. The Virgin Mother and the Holy Infant, accompanied by Saint Dominic and Saint Catherine of Siena. Mary looked upon the sufferer with maternal tenderness and the patient saluted her with the words: “Queen of the Holy Rosary, be gracious to me; restore me to health!” “Child”, responded the Blessed Virgin, “... this name is most precious and dear to me. Make three novenas, and thou shalt obtain all”. Once more the Queen of the Holy Rosary appeared to her and said: “Whoever desires to obtain favors from me should make three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary, and three novenas in thanksgiving”.

How do you pray the Novena?

The 54 Day Rosary Novena consists of five decades of the Rosary each day for 27 days in petition; then immediately five decades each day for 27 days in thanksgiving, whether or not the request has been granted. The meditations vary from day to day. On the first day meditate on the Joyful Mysteries; on the second day the Sorrowful Mysteries; on the third day the Glorious Mysteries and on the fourth day the Luminous Mysteries; and so on throughout the 54 days.

To help you navigate each day of the Novena, we will send out to subscribers the daily prayers to their email box. This is a great way to unite our efforts and petitions for an end of the virus’ spread and healing for our land and community.

Mary, Queen of the Rosary, Pray for Us!

SUBSCRIBE FOR DAILY PRAYERS TO ARRIVE IN YOUR INBOX:
https://is.gd/novenas2020

The Sign of the Cross
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory Be
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Fatima Prayer
O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Our Father
Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. But we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also too quick to pass judgment on those whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as an understanding that God is ultimately the collar of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the weeds in the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire from God, he can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining they can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give in to them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our test to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only are own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this well they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

“I give praise to you, Father the Lord of Heaven and earth...” - MT 11:25
Esquina del Pastor

He estado recordando estos días, pensando en una época de mi infancia en la que las cosas parecían mucho más despreocupadas y los veranos me la pasaba corriendo sobre los rociadores de agua y llenando canasta con moras. La vida cambia y los recuerdos de mi infancia contienen momentos misteriosos de paz y alegría que quizás solo los niños puedan experimentar.

Extraño ver a todos los niños en misa y tener la oportunidad de dar y recibir abrazos y sonrisas. Echo de menos cargar a los bebés y sentir la calma que proviene de alguien que confía en ti hasta el punto de quedarse dormido en tus brazos. Me dije a mí mismo que la crisis del clero no me impediría ser una persona física que aún haría todo lo posible por amar y ser amado. Ahora, al parecer, el mundo se abstiene de la intimidad necesaria que nos ayuda a saber que realmente estamos vivos y viviendo. En estos días oro por todos los niños que experimentan las dificultades y los miedos que existen en nuestro mundo.

Sé que esta experiencia de distanciamiento social y caras cubiertas con máscaras eventualmente pasará. Sin embargo, existe tensión en la vida y la sociedad de las personas. También sé que no estoy solo al sentir la separación de las relaciones y la sensación de desconexión. Algunas personas se sienten abandonadas o carecen de tener un propósito, por lo que también rezo por todos aquellos que están experimentando estos momentos dolorosos.

Habiendo dicho y recordando todo esto con algo de melancolía, una cosa es cada vez más clara; Cristo no hace el distanciamiento social. Durante los muchos momentos difíciles desde Marzo y los cambios inevitables que provienen de la vida diaria, Jesús llena de una u otra manera los vacíos que se han hecho. Oro para que todos podamos ser abrazados por el mensaje de Dios de ser uno solo y estar conectados con el Padre. Además, para aquellos que viven en familia, tómense este tiempo para darse un abrazo de mi parte.

Padre Miguel

Our Saints want you to know:
I’ve been doing some reminiscing these days, thinking about a time in childhood when things seemed far more carefree and summers were filled with running through sprinklers and filling up basins of blackberries. Life does change and my childhood memories hold mysterious moments of peace and joy as perhaps only children can experience.

I miss seeing all the kids at mass and having the opportunity to give and receive hugs and smiles. I miss holding babies and feeling the calm that comes from someone trusting you to the point of falling asleep in your arms. I told myself that the clergy crisis would not prevent me from being a physical person who would still do my best to love and be loved. Now, it seems, the world is refraining from the necessary intimacy that helps us to know that we truly are alive and living. These days I pray for all children experiencing the difficulties and fears that exist in our world.

I know that this experience of social distancing and face-coverings will eventually pass. Nevertheless, there is a strain in individuals’ lives and society. I also know that I am not alone in feeling the separation of relationships and sense of disconnection. Some people feel abandoned or lacking purpose and so I too pray for all those who are experiencing these painful moments.

Having said all this rather melancholy reminiscing, one thing is ever more clear; Christ does not social distance. Throughout the many difficult moments since March and the inevitable changes that come from simply living, Jesus seems to somehow fill in the spaces that are made. I pray that all of us can be embraced by His message of being One and connected with the Father. As well, for those who live in households, please take this time to hug one another for me.

Fr. Michael.

Don’t try to social distance from God.

“Come to me ... and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

SUN 7/19  
Ws 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:25-27/ 
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

MON 7/20  
Mt 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/ 
Mt 12:38-42

TUE 7/21  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

WED 7/22  
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 62:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 
11-18

THR 7/23  
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

FRI 7/24  
Jer 3:14 17/Jer 31:10, 11 12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

SAT 7/25  
2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

SUN 7/26  
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/ 
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr  
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious  
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest  
Saturday: St. James, Apostle  
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 18  Brandon Keaton +  
Monday July 20  Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Tuesday July 21  Liezet Arnold, S.I.  
Wednesday July 22  Anthony Page +  
Thursday July 23  Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Friday July 24  Ruben Arocan S.I.  
Saturday July 25  Victor Amador S.I.

PREPARATION and CELEBRATION of the SACRAMENTS

RCIA for Youth

Lessons: Student/Sponsor/Parents  
JUL 19, JUL 26, AUG 2 - 9:00 AM  
Retreat: Youth Elect/Sponsors  
Sat AUG 8 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
Sacraments of Initiation  
Fri AUG 14 7:00 PM Mass

RCIA for Adults

Mondays - break for July  
Sun Online BOW - 9:30AM  
Retreat: Adult Elect/Sponsors  
Sat AUG 1 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
Sacraments of Initiation  
Thu AUG 6 7:00 PM Mass

1st Communion

The Retreat (online) for the candidates of 1st Holy Communion will be in August, followed by the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Due to Covid-19, the candidates will be assigned to a Sunday Mass along with four to six others and their families. We are working on a Schedule and will notify families this week.

Youth Confirmation

The Retreat for Second Year Students for Confirmation will be online in August. This is postponed to have it closer to the time of the final prep for Confirmation! A date for the Rite of Confirmation is not yet confirmed.  
Thank you for your patience. Let us continue to pray for our youth!
This week we continue to look at parables using images of farming. We are told that farmer sows good seed in his field and finds when the stalks start to appear that there are weeds among the wheat. The landowner knows he planted quality seed, and knows the weeds must have been planted by his enemy.

Any farmer will tell us that it often takes an expert to tell wheat from weeds; in their early stages they look essentially the same, and by pulling them up early they may mistake the good wheat for the weeds. The only way to preserve the wheat is to let them grow together until harvest to be sure. As mentioned last week, Jesus uses parables to help us understand who God is and what Heaven is like.

The kingdom of God is like at the harvest, the harvesters will separate the weeds from the wheat, but until then they must wait and see. Jesus is teaching on a lot of levels here: the work of the evil one trying to destroy what is good; the farmers judging the wheat/weeds and wanting to pull up some and risk pulling up the good with them; and the patience of God who waits for the time of the harvest where all will be made known.

Are you able to be patient like God when you see someone who is not ‘good’, or who does not think the same as you? Do you want to dismiss them and ‘unfriend’ them on social media. Or will you be a good servant and concern yourself with the need to keep tending the harvest and wait, and let God judge who is worthy of heaven and who is not.

Esta semana continuaremos examinando parábolas utilizando imágenes de la agricultura. Se nos dice que el agricultor siembra buena semilla en su campo y se da cuenta cuando los tallos comienzan a aparecer y que hay hierbas entre el trigo. El terrateniente sabe que plantó semillas de calidad en su campo, y sabe que las hierbas deben haber sido plantadas por su enemigo.

Cualquier agricultor nos podría decir que a menudo se necesita un experto para distinguir el trigo de las hierbas; en sus primeras etapas se ven esencialmente iguales, y al tirar de ellos temprano se puede confundir el trigo bueno con las hierbas. La única manera de preservar el trigo es dejar que crezcan juntos hasta la cosecha para estar seguros. Como se mencionó la semana pasada, Jesús utilizaba parábolas para ayudarnos a entender quién es Dios y cómo es el Cielo.

El reino de Dios es como en la cosecha, los cosechadores separarán las malas hierbas del trigo, pero hasta entonces deben esperar y ver. Jesús está enseñando en muchos niveles aquí: la obra del maligno tratando de destruir lo que es bueno; los agricultores juzgando el trigo/hierba y queriendo jalar un poco arriesgándose a jalar lo bueno con ellos; y la paciencia de Dios que espera el tiempo de la cosecha donde todo se dará a conocer.

¿Eres capaz de ser paciente como Dios cuando ves a alguien que no es ‘bueno’, o que no piensa igual que tú? ¿Quieres despedirlos y ‘bloquearlos’ en las redes sociales. O serás un buen siervo y te preocuparás por la necesidad de seguir cuidando la cosecha y esperar, y dejar que Dios juzgue quién es digno del cielo y quién no.

Registration for 2020-2021
Online Registration for Family Faith Formation begins July 20th. See the Cathedral website for details.

Inscripción para 2020-2021
La inscripción en línea para la formación de fe familiar comienza el 20 de julio. Vea el sitio web de la Catedral para más detalles.

“Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart...” Matthew 11:29
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do What Needs to Be Done

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We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

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SACRAMENTS and PREPARATION

The HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
Until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, Masses are broadcast daily via livestream on our Facebook and YouTube channels. See bulletin cover for details.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION (Covid schedule)
Mon—Wed—Thu: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friday: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Make an appointment by calling the parish office.

MATRIMONY
To celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral, contact Titi Kila at tkila@cathedralsacramento.org.

CONVALIDATION of MARRIAGE
If you would like your civil marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, or if you have been together for a number of years and would like to be married in the Church, contact Deacon John at extension 11, or gisla@cathedralsacramento.org. No weddings until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
The Diocese requires all engaged couples to prepare for their union with a marriage preparation program no less than two months before the date of their wedding. Contact Deacon Omar & Janet Bardales at matrimonyprep@att.net or 916-427-9160.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION
No registration is required. Classes are held:
- 1st Thursday of the Month, 7 pm (English)
- 2do Jueves del mes, 7 pm (Espanol)

QUINCEANERA
While not a Sacrament, a Quinceanera celebrates a young lady’s coming of age (approx. 15th birthday) with Mass, stressing the virtues of family and social responsibility. For more information contact Titi Kila at tkila@cathedralsacramento.org.

BAPTISM
Registration is required to schedule a baptism of children (6 years of age or younger). Contact Deacon John at the Parish Office. Baptisms are scheduled:
3rd Saturday of each month, 9 am (English), and 4to Sabado del mes, 9 am (Espanol)
For anyone six years or older, contact Sr. Lisa Marie.

HOLY EUCHARIST
Children prepare for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist over a two year period. Teens and Adults prepare for the Sacrament through the RCIA. Contact Sister Lisa Marie for details.

CONFIRMATION
The diocese admits young people in eighth grade or older for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a teen or adult, contact Sister Lisa Marie to register.

HOLY ORDERS
Priests and deacons are ordained to perform ministerial roles in the community. To know more about the priesthood and/or deaconate, contact Fr. Hernandez at 916-733-0258.

FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION
English Classes—Saturdays, 10 am
Spanish Classes—Sundays, 11 am
The Cathedral offers weekly religious education classes for pre-K through Eighth grade, sacramental preparation for children, teens and adults, in both English and Spanish groups.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children (RCIA)
Adults: Mondays, 7 pm
Children and Teens: Sundays, 9 am
RCIA is for those wanting to explore the Catholic faith in a community of prayer, scripture and lessons. For more information, Sister Lisa Marie at 916-444-5364, or lmdoty@cathedralsacramento.org.

“...my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” - Matthew 11:30
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