

“The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...”

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and of a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don't always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Lest wheat be inadvertently pulled up, let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation.

So, what's the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the

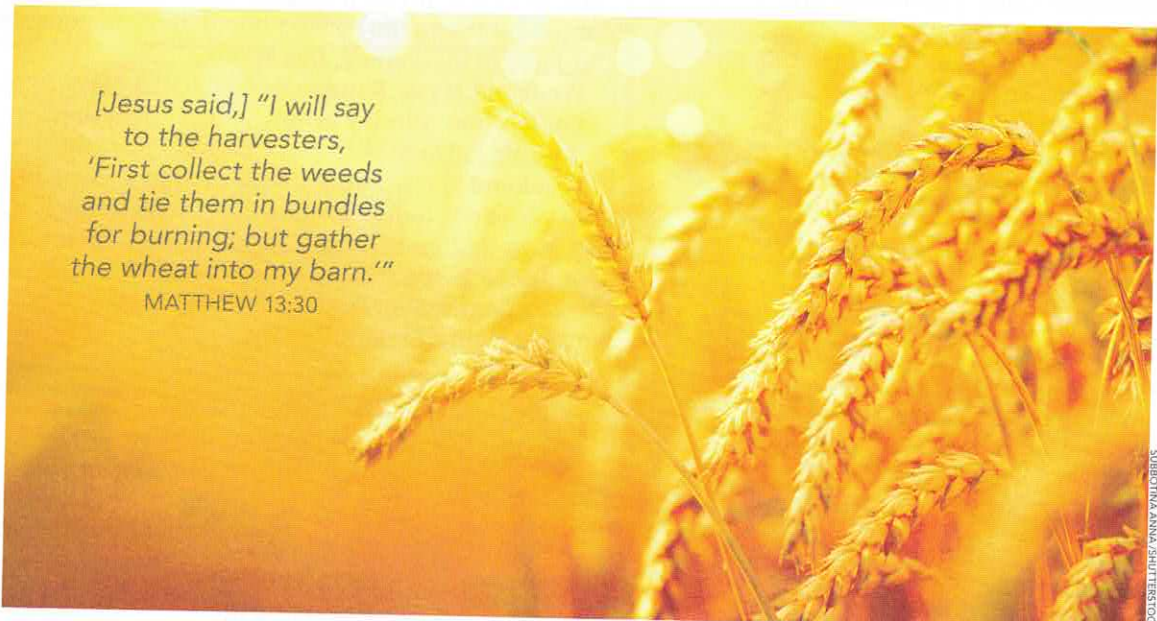
yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field (society), even the Church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God's time, and in God's hands.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *We belong to this kingdom. Are we open to all manner of people? Do our lives transform society?*
- ✦ *How do you interact with people you think are living wrongly?*



*[Jesus said,] "I will say
to the harvesters,
'First collect the weeds
and tie them in bundles
for burning; but gather
the wheat into my barn.'"*

MATTHEW 13:30



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Sacrament of Baptism

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Contact Pastor

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(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

JULY 19TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration (Holy Hour): Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM


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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered July 2020*

*+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families*

**Sat, July 18, 2020** +Lorri Montoya by Ross & Shelley Carter  
si Britt Fisk by Ross & Shelley Carter  
si Rozann Lee by Ross & Shelley Carter

**Sun, July 19, 2020** +Elsie Martinez by Martinez Family  
+Pauline Montoya by Tommy & Lucine Montoya  
si St. Patrick-St. Joseph Parish

**Sat, July 25, 2020** +Lorri Montoya by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Stephen 'JR' O'Donnell by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Jim Sintas by Teri, Connie, Kaitlyn

**Sun, July 26, 2020** +C.A. Bleiker by Mary Bleiker & Family  
+Jean Talley by Tommy & Lucine Montoya

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You can also find us on the Web at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## ACA Pledge Goal Report

**St. Francis Xavier-Clayton**  
% of Participation - 11.2  
Number of Families - 312  
Parish Goal - \$13,500.00  
% Goal Pledged - 64.40%  
% Goal Paid - 62.51%  
Total Pledge - \$8,694.00 Short - \$5,061.00

## Weekly Collections Summary: June/July 2020

|            | SFX         | OLOG      |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
| July 11-12 | \$1,638.00  | \$ 300.00 |
| July 04-05 | \$ 1,457.00 | \$ 357.00 |
| June 27-28 | \$ 1,810.00 | \$ 229.00 |
| June 20-21 | \$ 1,682.00 | \$ 390.00 |

## Lectors-Sanitizing after Masses

Sat, July 25 5:00pm Ross Carter - Shelley Carter  
Sun, July 26 10:30am Sammy Wood - Donna Kimble

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# Dear Padre,

**In Scripture, we hear about the “reign of God” or the “kingdom of God.” How does this notion of “kingdom” fit with modern Catholicism?**

**R**ecently I heard a father tell his son: “I am the master of my domain!” The ten-year-old son was acting up and the father issued a statement clarifying that he, the father, was in charge, and the son was not!

When we hear “reign of God” or “kingdom of God,” we are reminded again that God is “master of our domain.” We acknowledge that it is God who runs the show. Remember when Jesus first began to preach, he asked the people to repent because the kingdom of God was at hand (Matthew 4:17). This “kingdom” is the reign of justice and compassion that had been the core of the Jews’ hopes for centuries preceding Jesus. This reign comes now in the person of Jesus. His preaching and work proclaim the birth of this new regime. It is a kingship where God, in the person of Jesus, now lives among the people (Luke 17:20–21).

What virtues must we practice as members of the kingdom? These are outlined by Jesus in the beatitudes given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3–10). Jesus pronounces that those who are blessed are those who live such a life as Jesus chose for himself. Our rewards are also outlined here. God will comfort us, fill us with good things, and make us children of God.

It is our task, then, to proclaim the kingdom of God by living like Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through the Sunday liturgy. It is there that we both hear how Jesus lived and prayed for “your kingdom come.”

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*There are no unemployed people in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end...the salvation that Jesus Christ acquired for us with his death and resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated.*

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

JULY 20

Weekday

Mi 6:1–4, 6–8

Mt 12:38–42

### Tuesday

JULY 21

Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Mt 12:46–50

### Wednesday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

### Thursday

JULY 23

Weekday

Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13

Mt 13:10–17

### Friday

JULY 24

Weekday

Jer 3:14–17

Mt 13:18–23

### Saturday

JULY 25

St. James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

### Sunday

JULY 26

Seventeenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52

or 13:44–46

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