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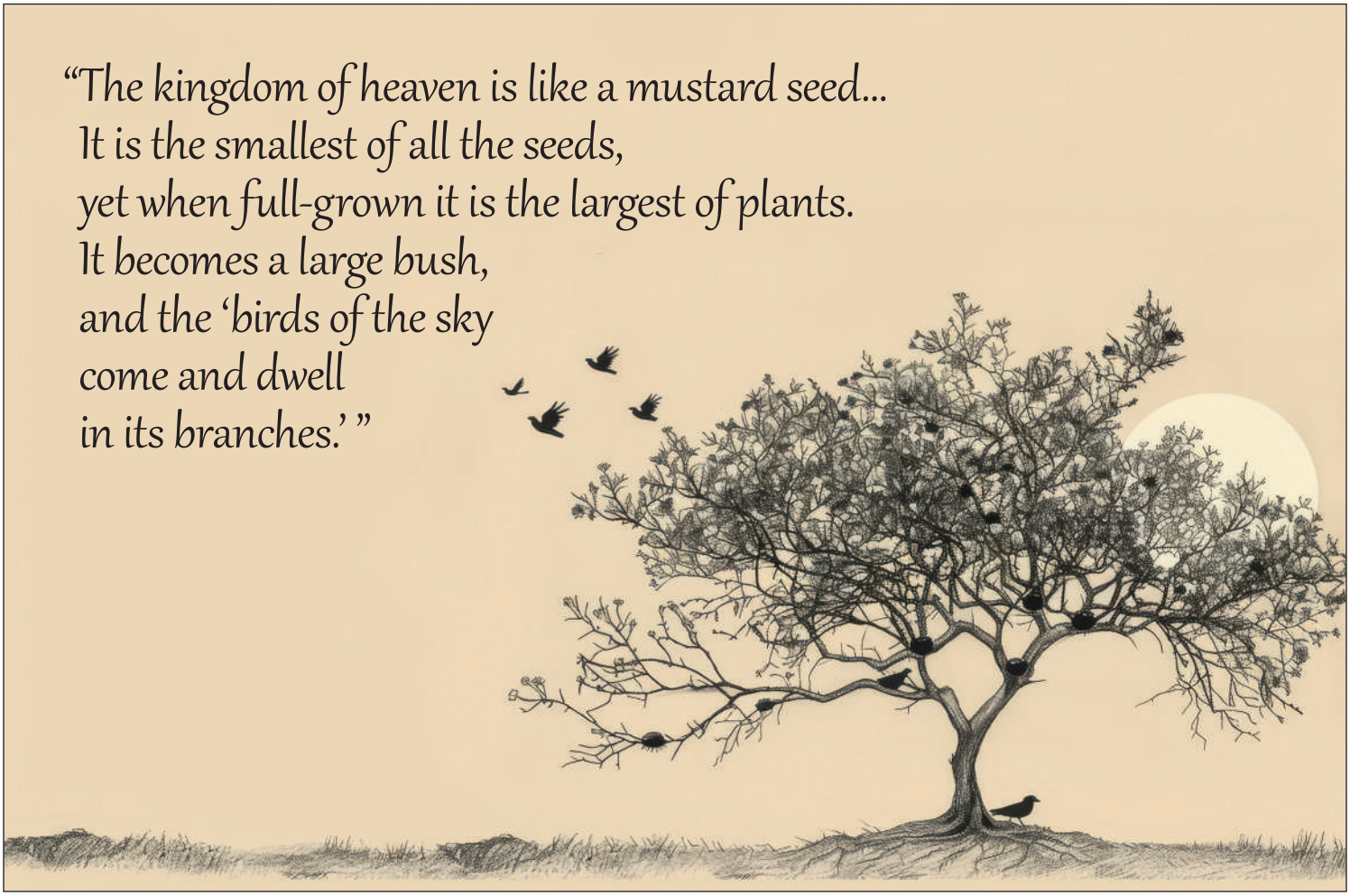
JULY 19, 2026 – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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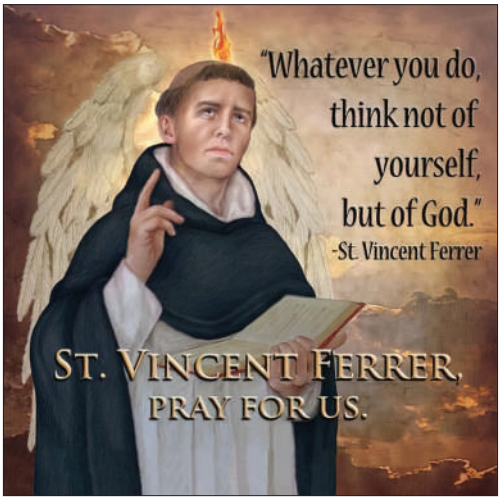

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18 **5:00 p.m.**
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Georgette Germain Nau — Birthday Memorial
Requested by The Augustin and Givens Families

Sunday, July 19 **8:00 a.m.**
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Raymond Wagner — In Memoriam

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
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Gwen Wilson — In Memoriam
Requested by the In His Light Charismatic Prayer Group
Daniel St. Vil — In Memoriam
Requested by Esaie St. Vil

Monday, July 20 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
All the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 21 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Fabiola Pernier — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Armelle Jean Baptiste

Wednesday, July 22 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Mary Magdalene
Michele Gittens — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Jamie Bambara

Thursday, July 23 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious
Barbara Miller — In Memoriam
Requested by Jamie Bambara

Friday, July 24 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Charbel Makhlūf, Priest
Rev. Monsignor John F. Keppler — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Saturday, July 25 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint James, Apostle
All Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Lyn Duplessy — Blessings and Healing

MISSION APPEAL
July 18th & 19th

A representative of the Marian Sisters of Eucharistic Love in Ghana will be visiting our parish for a mission appeal during the weekend of June 18th & 19th. The Sisters provide a home for children with special needs who are often rejected or even ritually killed by their families and communities due to superstitious beliefs that associate congenital disabilities with witchcraft. In addition to providing care, the sisters also focus on raising awareness and educating the community. To learn more about the work of the sisters visit: www.SisterStansChildren.org

Your generous donations will directly impact on the lives of these children by providing them with a safe home and education. Please make all checks for this appeal payable to: **St. Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church**, noting "2026 Mission Appeal" in the memo.

Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel offers us the parable of the wheat and the weeds (cf. Mt 13:24-43). A farmer, who has sown good seed in his field, discovers that an enemy by night has sown weeds in it, a plant that looks very similar to wheat, but is invasive.

In this way, Jesus talks about our world, which in effect is like a large field, where God sows wheat and the evil one sows weeds, and therefore good and bad grow together. Good and bad grow together. We see this in the news, in society, and even in the family and the Church. And when, along with the good wheat, we see bad weeds, we want to tear them up immediately, to make a "clean sweep". But today the Lord warns us that to do this is a temptation: one cannot create a perfect world, and one cannot do good by hastily destroying what is bad, because this results in even worse effects: one ends up, as we say, "throwing the baby away with the bathwater".

There is, however, a second field where we can clean up: it is the field of our heart, the only one where we can intervene directly. There, too, there are wheat and weeds. Indeed, it is precisely from there that both expand into the great field of the world. Brothers and sisters, our heart, in fact, is a field of freedom: it is not a sterile laboratory, but rather an open and therefore vulnerable space. To cultivate it properly, it is necessary on the one hand to take constant care of the delicate shoots of goodness, and on the other, to identify and uproot the weeds, at the right time. So let us look within a bit and examine what is happening, what is growing within me, what grows in me that is good and evil. There is a good method for this: it is called an examination of conscience, which is seeing what happened today in my life, what struck my heart and which decisions I made. And this is precisely to verify, in the light of God, where the bad weeds and the good seed are.

After the field of the world, and the field of the heart, there is a third field. We can call it the neighbour's field. They are the people we associate with every day, and whom we often judge. How easy it is to recognize their weeds, how we like to "flay" others! And how difficult it is, instead, to know how to see the good grain that is growing! Let us remember, though, that if we want to cultivate the fields of life, it is important to seek first and foremost the work of God: to learn to see the beauty of what the Lord has sown, the sun-kissed wheat with its golden ears, in others, in the world and in ourselves. Brothers and sisters, let us ask for the grace to be able to see it in ourselves, but also in others, starting from those who are close to us. It is not a naïve perspective; it is the perspective of one who believes, because God, the farmer of the great field of the world, loves to see goodness and to make it grow to make the harvest a feast!

So today too, we can ask ourselves some questions. Thinking of the field of the world : Do I know how to resist the temptation to generalize, to sweep others aside with my judgments? Then, thinking of the field of the heart : Am I honest in seeking out the bad weeds in myself, and decisive in throwing them into the fire of God's mercy? And, thinking of the neighbour's field : Do I have the wisdom to see what is good without being discouraged by the limitations and sluggishness of others?

May the Virgin Mary help us to cultivate patiently what the Lord sows in the field of life, in my field, in the neighbour's, in everyone's field.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23, 2023

Daily readings for the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 19
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday, July 20
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8
Matthew 12:46-50

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Matthew 12:46-50

Friday, July 24
Jeremiah 3:14-17
(Psalm) Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Matthew 20:20-28

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVEAWAY
LAST CALL TO SIGN UP!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
AT THE 11:00 AM MASS

All are invited to join us for our Back-to-School Family Mass to ask God's blessings for the coming school year.

Backpacks containing school supplies along with rosaries and prayer cards from the School of Religion will be distributed, and there will be a Blessing of the Backpacks during Mass.

Children MUST be present to receive a backpack.

The sign-up sheet is located in the back of church near the statue of Saint Vincent Ferrer.

SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION TO AID THE VICTIMS OF THE VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES
July 24th & 25th

In an effort to give aid and support to our Venezuelan brothers and sisters in need, I ask that every parish in the Diocese take up a voluntary second collection as soon as possible. The monies collected will be sent by our Diocese to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is working through Caritas Venezuela, for distribution and direct assistance with shelter, food and other humanitarian aid to the affected in Venezuela. I thank the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens for their continued compassion.

— Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn

ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The next Virtus training class will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.

Please call the Rectory to register.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

School of Religion Registration has begun for new and returning students for the school year 2026-2027. Classes begin in September.

The registration forms can be found online at saintvincentferrer.org under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718 859-9009 and we will mail the form to you.

If you are registering a new student, please bring the original copies of the Birth and Baptism certificates along with the registration fee to the Rectory.

The registration fee is $50.00 per family and can be paid by cash or money order. Please bring the payment to the Rectory, 1603 Brooklyn Avenue. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend office hours.

Please check the website and your email for further updates.

If you have any questions, please call Miss Margaret Bambara at 718-859-9009, ext. 4.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

Saturday, July 25th, 2026

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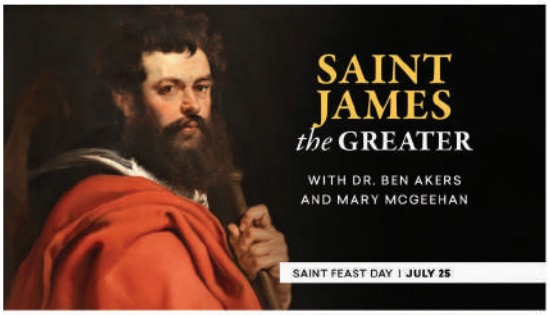

St. James the Greater | Catholic Saints

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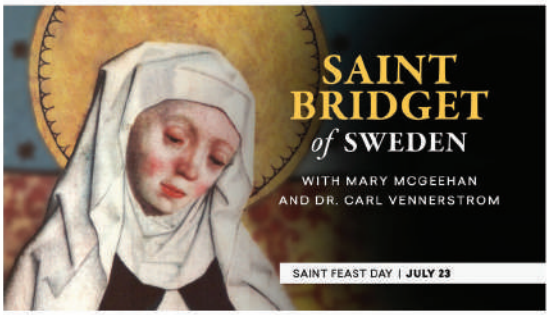

St. Bridget of Sweden | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of this medieval saint: St. Bridget of Sweden. A wife, mother, and visionary, St. Bridget was an evangelist both inside and outside the home. St. Bridget's visions of Christ's Nativity have greatly influenced its depiction in Christian art. Watch to find out more!

Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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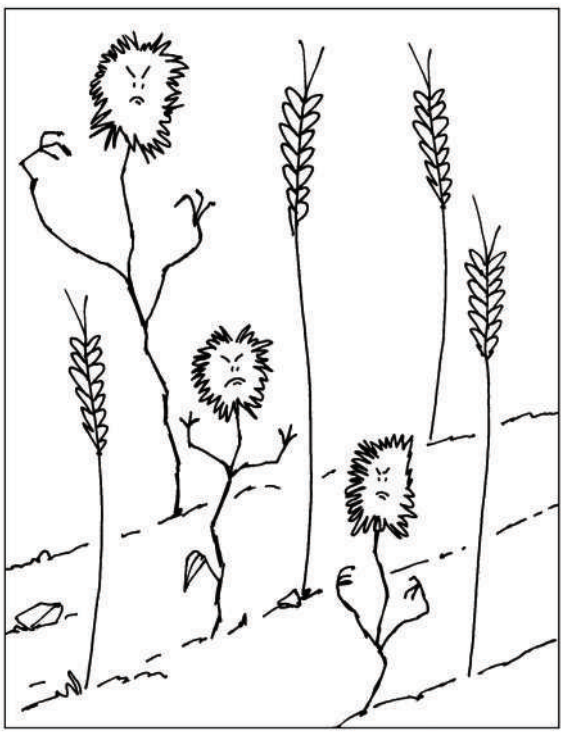
A bad man planted weeds
with the good seeds.

Make a circle around the wheat.



What does this story tell us about the people who follow God?

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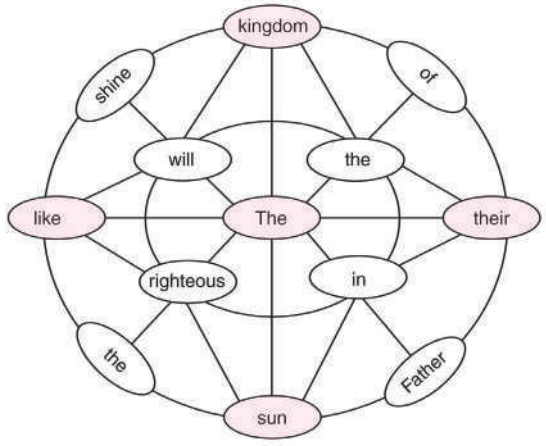

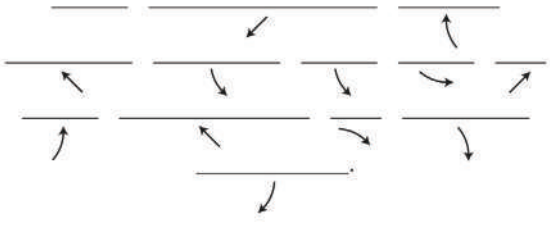

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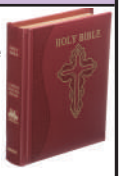

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