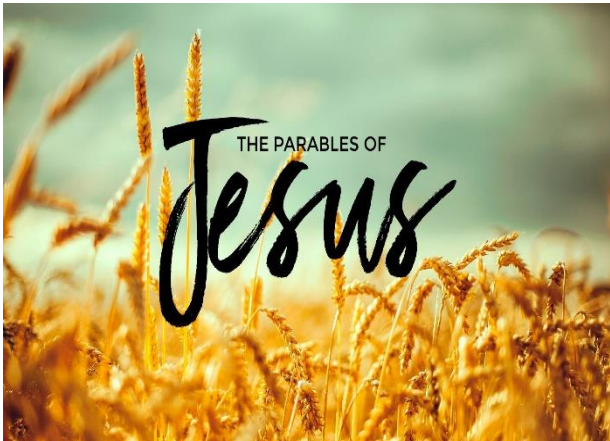


Reflection and Prayers

for 26th Sunday Ordinary Time



Jesus asks us to think whether our words and actions are in agreement. It is easy to talk, to pronounce and to make statements. It is more difficult to give time, effort and attention. I profess my faith not only in Sunday words but also in the time I give to working for the reign of God during

the week. Jesus values a few small acts more than many fine words. To live in the kingdom is to be ready to rub shoulders with all kinds. God's love is given freely and is accepted by many. I pray for a heart that is open to those who are not like me.

Dear Parishioners, when you pray you are not alone. You are part of a global community.

For all migrants and for refugees who, like Jesus, have been forced to flee, that the nations of the world will work together to give them safety and shelter.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For the many in our midst whose mental health is under great stress, that the support of family, friends and professional services will lead them to peace of mind.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For the citizens of countries with oppressive regimes, that the courage of peaceful demonstrators will help create a new era of justice, freedom and solidarity.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For health workers and administrators in places overwhelmed by the spread of the coronavirus, that they receive all the support and resources they need.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For children and young people at critical stages of their education, that they succeed in overcoming the disadvantage of a disrupted school year. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

For older persons around the world, that they be cherished, cared for, and enabled to live full and fruitful lives. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

For the recently deceased, . . . , and all the faithful departed, that they will for ever acclaim Jesus Christ as Risen Lord. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

Holy God, you raised your Son from the shame of the cross to the glory of heaven. Raise us, we pray, from the shame of sin to the glory of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.