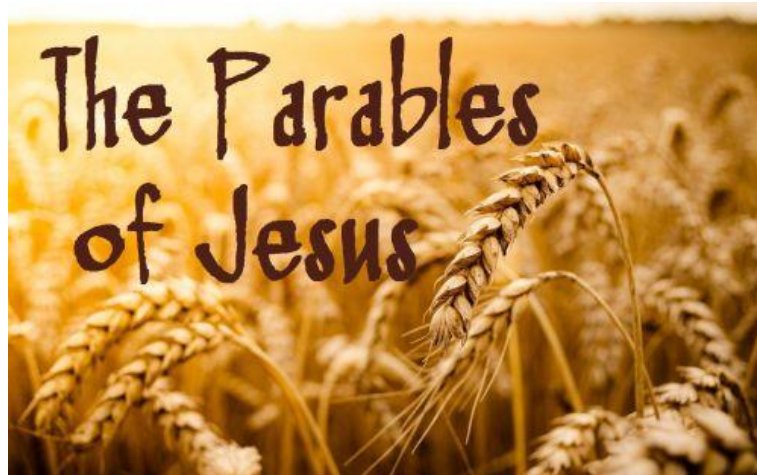


Reflections and Prayers for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In three parables Jesus describes the kingdom as we presently experience it: there are weeds among the wheat, a bush is in growth, and the dough is rising. In this present age we are to live with patience and confident assurance that the kingdom will become fully manifest: there will be a harvest, there will be a large bush, and there will be a loaf of bread.

As we journey towards the Day of Judgment, we seek God's help to assist us in all our needs, especially these this day. And so we pray:

For the leaders of all nations, that they truly seek peace and justice for their own citizens and for those people whose countries they border, we pray to the Lord.

For guidance by the Holy Spirit for all those who do not know how to pray or who find it difficult to do so, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for all those who are subject to forced hard lockdown, that they will be provided with all the resources and pastoral care they need, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for front-line health care personnel and their support staff, that they stay safe and well and take good care of themselves, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for Christian leaders in Hong Kong and China, that they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to truth, justice and freedom, we pray to the Lord.

For all those who are terminally ill and for those who care for them, we pray to the Lord.

For all from our parish who have died in recent days and for all who are now grieving for them, we pray to the Lord.

Gracious God, your Son Jesus has asked us to be attentive to the message he gave us while he lived among us. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, help us to be ever attentive to him who lives among us forever and ever. Amen.