

Sunday, July 19, 2020

**Readings: 1) Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 2) Romans 8:26-27 3) Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30**

## **Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is that God is patient and kind.

Growing in faith is like striving to grow as wheat in a field mixed with weeds. We are faced with temptations, we do not pray as we ought, we are weak and in need of forgiveness. But God is just and kind; he judges with leniency, sends his Spirit to our aid, lovingly nurtures us, and patiently awaits our growth.

Wisdom speaks of the might and clemency of God, saying, *you would permit repentance for their sins*. Paul tells the Romans that the Spirit intercedes when we know not how to pray. In the Gospel, Jesus shares three parables about the kingdom of heaven, explaining the meaning of the parable of the weeds to his disciples.

## **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

### **PRIEST:**

Let us approach the Father with our prayers, confident of his infinite love for us.

**For all members of the Church,  
may the Lord strengthen and protect us, his servants.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our world,  
may God bring peace to every nation, every home, and every heart.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, body and spirit,  
may the Lord bring them hope.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all of us here, may God's love dwell in our hearts.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions... (long pause).**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

### **PRIEST:**

**God our Father,  
please hear our prayers and grant them according to your holy will,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.**