



### WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is offering the whole of humanity, the field sown with wheat and weed, the opportunity to be included into God's Kingdom. There is no sorting out first before the offer is made, the offer is there for all and the sad reality is that some will reject this inclusive offer of love. It is a reminder to us not to



judge those around us because what might appear to be 'weed' and hence unworthy, may respond to God's invitation. Sometimes we can become rather zealous about rooting out evil rather than promoting good or even looking for good before we label the bad. It is not for us to judge but rather for us to pro-

mote the inclusiveness of the Reign of God. Sometimes we can dismiss something as small and inconsequential but in doing so we can overlook the mustard seed, or the leaven. God uses everyday items to remind us of how surprising the Kingdom of Heaven is and how something small can change the world.

### WISDOM'S CORNER

#### Patience...

**We need to practice patience.** First of all, we need to be patient with ourselves. We may not get everything done perfectly this week, but so what? Then we must be patient with the others – those who annoy us by the way they drive their cars, those whose opinions differ from ours, those who make too much noise and disturb us and those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us by their bad example and counter-witnessing. Let's practice patience, remembering that, in the end, it is God who controls. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven, especially by our good example and our fervent prayer for their conversion.

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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"It is not ."

— Dr. Schweitzer

### Patience!



#### Dear Friends,

A life filled with many responsibilities is a life filled with stress. We all have somewhere to go and somewhere to be at a certain time...certain place. Our lives in this society have become increasingly fast-paced. With this fast pace there is an increase in expectations and an increase in even more responsibilities.

Since we are a society used to getting everything "express"...on the go...instantly...the need for patience when things are not so is necessary. To be patient will become an admirable quality and something for which we will all search for and strive in our society. What is patience? How do we define it? The wise will say that it is a condition or the capability to withstand or endure in difficult, stressful, painful situations without a negative reaction.

Patience is in fact the test of an individuals' character in which we see how much they can stand it without becoming negative, and attacking. We can even say it is a test of how strong and persevering a character is when it comes to dealing with serious or most often times insignificant and silly realities. The test of patience is most commonly the test of character. Patience is a virtue and quality found in individuals who are aware of the depths of reality within themselves and to whom character is an important feature.

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## *Velika Gospa Assumption feast announcements:*

### **Would you like to help?**

If you are willing to help at our Velika Gospa feast on Aug. 15, please give us a call, send us a note, or email us: velikagospa@gmail.com

### **Did you get our Big Raffle mailing?**

If you didn't get our mail, please contact our office at 312-842-1871 because we would like to keep in touch with you. Our Velika Gospa Feast mailing (with schedules, announcements, Novena schedule) will be mailed soon.

### **Velika Gospa Posters**

We have several large posters with the image of Our Lady of Sinj. They are \$55 each. Made of high quality material, they are resistant to the elements and can be placed in your homes or displayed in your windows on Velika Gospa day. You can see a sample in our church.

### **Velika Gospa Soccer tournament**

This year we will once again hold the Velika Gospa soccer tournament at Armour Square Park, on Saturday, Aug. 6. To sign up your team, please call Stanko Seggo at 773-410-4396.

### **Velika Gospa Golf Outing**

The 8th annual Velika Gospa golf tournament will be held on **Sunday, August 28** at Links of Carillon Golf Course in Plainfield, IL. 18 holes shotgun style will be played. Dinner will be served with a two-hour open bar with a raffle to follow. We are also asking for sponsors to support this cause of helping children in need. For reservations, please call Miro at 773-983-9818.

## **Holy Land meeting**

Our parish pilgrimage to the Holy land will take place from November 1-12 of this year. Our second meeting will take place on Monday, August 1st, at 7 pm in our school hall. Those of you who signed up, please plan to attend as we will discuss more details of this pilgrimage.



### **Something new at St. Jerome**

Weight Watchers is interested in coming to our parish. In order to do so, they need at least 20 people to sign up. Whoever is interested, please call 312-282-0097, or stop by the rectory.

## **The Big Summer Shoe Drive!**

SHARE YOUR SOLES is a non-profit organization that collects gently worn shoes (men's, women's, children's, dress & casual) and gives them to people in need throughout the U.S. and all over the world. Bring your "gently worn shoes" to St. Jerome's, until July 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Youth Service Corps will do the rest. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be placed in the offertory basket with an envelope clearly labeled "Share Your Soles."

**St. Barbara Parish fest** is this Sunday, July 17. Free entertainment — grilled delights — games. 2859 S. Throop St. Chicago. For info, call 312 842 7979.

### ***Congratulations to our St. Jerome School alumni***

Congratulations to **Joseph Segvich** on being on the Dean's list in the College of Arts and Sciences at Lewis University. This honor is given to those who have shown excellence in their academic work. Joe, Congratulations.

<b>VELIKA GOSPA RAFFLE</b>	<b>July 31 after the 9:30 Mass.</b>	<b>Winners also have a chance for the \$20,000 Grand Prize</b>	<b>drawn on Aug. 15.</b>	<b>by buying them or selling them to friends and family.</b>
<b>The second drawing is Sunday,</b>	<b>early bird</b>	<b>\$20,000 Grand Prize</b>	<b>by using the 2 raffle tickets you received,</b>	