

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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• [Wisdom 12:13, 16-19](#) • [Psalm 86](#) • [Romans 8:26-27](#) • [Matthew 13:24-43](#) •

In his parables, Jesus often made use of familiar, everyday objects to capture his listeners' imagination and help them see God's work from a new perspective. In today's Gospel, he uses a tiny mustard seed to illustrate the surprising nature of God's kingdom. "It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet . . . becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches" **Matthew 13:32**. Great things, Jesus is saying, can come from small beginnings.

We see this principle play out in the history of the Church. From their hiding place in the upper room, Jesus' disciples took the message of his resurrection to the whole world. Through the power of the Spirit and the preaching of those first apostles, the Church grew - and still does - in phenomenal ways. Sometimes, though, God's work may have such tiny, unimpressive beginnings and grow so slowly that we barely notice it. That kind of growth is often hidden, like the yeast that the woman put into "three measures" of flour **Matthew 13:33**. We may not see dramatic signs of Christian maturity in ourselves or our loved ones right away. On the contrary, it can be easy to spot the "weeds" in our lives and our world that seem to take root and grow so quickly. And that can be discouraging!

That's why Jesus encourages us to remember the mustard seed. He wants us to trust in the goodness of the seed of faith he has placed within us and in his Church. He wants us to keep looking for the green shoots of his kingdom. And he wants us to keep asking for the grace to nurture their growth in ourselves and the people around us.

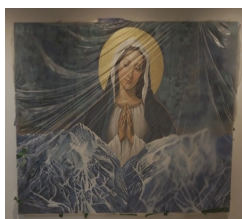
the Word among us, July 2026

Couples for Christ - Christian Life Program, at Our Lady of the Mountains

The third session of the Christian Life Program, at Our Lady of the Mountains, continues this Sunday at 11:30am with the final session on Sunday 26th July. All Catholics are invited to join this program which focuses on the strengthening of Christian family life. Even if you missed the other sessions, you are welcome to join. Refreshments will be available.

Construction Update - See this week's drone footage:

<https://vimeo.com/1195487464>
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Mass Times

Our Lady of the Mountains, Whistler

Sunday Mass 5:00 pm Saturday (anticipatory)
9:00 am Sunday
Weekday Mass 20th-25th July 6:00 pm Thursday, Friday
9:00 am Wednesday, Saturday

St. Christopher's, Mt. Currie

Sunday Mass 11:30 am
Weekday Mass 11:00 am Wednesday

St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton

Sunday Mass 1:00 pm
Weekday Mass 11:00 am Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Andrew L'Heureux: Cell: 1-778-257-4203

OLOM: 6:30-7:00 pm Friday, 4:25-4:55 pm Saturday, 8:25-8:55 am Sunday, or by appointment

St. Francis of Assisi: Sunday 12:40-12:55 pm, Friday before Mass, or by appointment

St. Christopher's: Sunday 11:10-11:25, Wednesday before Mass, or by appointment

Church Building Update Video

Check out the video created by Manuel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPdcKlizLZk>

Grow in Faith Together

Our Lady of the Mountains, Whistler

Rosary – 30 minutes before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church

Bible Study – Tuesdays at 5:00-6:00 pm – all parishioners and visitors are welcome to join

Holy Hour and Confessions – Friday at 6:30 pm

“The first thing about the angels that we ought to imitate, is their consciousness of the Presence of God.”

St. John Vianney

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2026

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Church Chair Giveaway – Pick Up Before 1st August

Our Lady of the Mountains is replacing the old green chairs. If you would like any for free, please contact Fr. Andrew or Elena in the office. Any remaining chairs will be taken to the dump on 1st August.

Prayerful Wishes

Prayerful wishes to Fr. Peter Altamirano, OMI who celebrates his 20th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on 16th July and to Msgr. Jerry Desmond who celebrates his 88th birthday on 23rd July.

SAVE THE DATE! - Tuesday 25th August

Bishop Joseph's Episcopal Ordination Anniversary

Bishop Joseph will celebrate 9:00am Mass on Tuesday 25th August at Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by a social. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate.

Second Holy Family Camino with Fr. Andrew- 26th - 30th July

We will journey from St Joseph's, Squamish, to Our Lady of the Mountains, Whistler, total distance 96km. You will want to be in good shape for this one, as you have to pack your gear and supplies for the whole time. A well packed person could get away with a 15-kilo pack including water. Accommodation: Wilderness camping five nights. Contact the office for more details.