



23 JULY 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



INTRODUCTION:

We worship God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and loves and cares for all of us irrespective of who we are. We bring to the Eucharist our readiness to treat all of God's children with respect so as to be able to live in harmony.

READINGS:

First Reading:	Wis 12: 13, 16-19
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 86: 5- 6, 9-10, 15-16a
Second Reading:	Rom 8: 26- 27
Gospel:	Mt 13: 24- 43

CELEBRANT:

God is good and forgiving and listens to the prayers we make with faith in His generous love. Our response is: **HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD**

That the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious and the lay faithful may always reflect the patience and mercy of God, we pray...**R/**

That leaders of governments may work for the well-being of all people irrespective of their religious, financial and social orientation we pray... **R/**

That all of us gathered for this Eucharistic celebration may set aside our prejudices about others and be more accepting and understanding of them as children of God, we pray...**R/**

That all grandparents and parents may be open to the promptings of the Spirit as they seek strength in their weaknesses, we pray...**R/**

That God may be generous in His blessings as we pray for peace and healing in violence-torn parts of the world, for sufficient monsoons and protection from harm when the weather is irregular...
(Pause for 7 seconds)... we pray... **R/**

We pray for our personal needs and intentions, [pause] we pray... **R/**

CELEBRANT:

Gracious Lord, we thank You for listening to the prayers we have made with faith in Your boundless love and mercy through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.