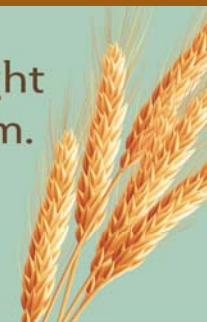




"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30



July
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Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

FRESH LESSONS

Today we are faced with the powerful and almighty God, who deals with us, not out of anger and punishment, but out of kindness and forgiveness. God is forgiving and loving to those who ask and persevere in prayer. Even if we don't know how to pray, the Spirit of the Lord helps us, for God knows what the Spirit means, "because [the Spirit] intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will" (Romans 8:27). With God's help, we can be the good seed and not the weeds. If we contemplate the parables, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit, we are able to see ever fresher lessons in these stories.

PARABLES

These are the weeks of parables, and although we have heard them all many times, they never lose their freshness, for always, if we look, we can perceive a new angle.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat, so simple on its surface, is puzzling enough for the disciples to ask Jesus for an explanation. In our own gardens, we tend to yank up the weeds all through the growing season. But in the parable, the weeds and the wheat are allowed to grow together until the harvest. If the good people and the evil people remain mixed throughout life, it puzzles us sometimes: why are people who do bad things not punished? How is it that God allows bad things to happen to good people?

THOSE TINY THINGS

Our God is indeed a God of might; yet that might leads not to vengeance, but to forgiveness. Everyone is offered an opportunity—many opportunities—for forgiveness. Even a little good can blossom into something wonderful. The mustard seed of the Middle East is so tiny that one can barely pick one up with one's fingertips. (Those familiar with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd know about this wonderful parable, and the tiny dish of mustard seeds that is kept in the atrium for the children to contemplate.) Yeast makes the dough rise to be baked into delicious bread. All of these wonders come from tiny beginnings, if we are ready to hear and understand these mysteries.

Our prayer too is heard by God, even if we do not really understand what we are praying for: "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit . . . intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit" (Romans 8:26-27).

So if our small prayers are offered with a sincere heart, they are heard by God, even if we don't always know what it is we do when we pray. Are we praising, blessing God, asking for something? The Spirit knows and intercedes for us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]

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Msgr. Terry



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TODAY'S READINGS

Reading 1

Wis 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved;
and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.

But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Reading 2

Rom 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Gospel

Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

[He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

I will open my mouth in parables,

I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of July 20-25, 2020

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Apollinaris

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: St. Bridget

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: St. Sharbel Makhluf

Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: St. James

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]





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Healing ...

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Glenn Hoskins
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Arlene Tan
Carmen Gomez
Meilani Rodriguez
Marlyn T. Rodriguez
Hyuk Jin Kwon
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 Victor Nava †
 Adelina Sebastian
 Estella
 Francisco Choi †
 Raphael Yoon †
 Cho Soon In †
 Uy Kui Guat †
 Bonnie Cura
 Adelaida Warfel

Monday, July 20th

Leonor Dungo Bravo †
 Rufino Paroni Bravo Jr. †
 Bert Quinto
 Yelba Chilingar †
 Macario Bueno Jr. †
 Erlinda Rodriguez †

Tuesday, July 21st

Ana Domingo †
 Leonor Dungo Bravo †
 Rufino Paroni Bravo Jr. †
 Yelba Chilingar †
 Cho Soon In †
 Uy Kui Guat †

Wednesday, July 22nd

Leonor Dungo Bravo †
 Rufino Paroni Bravo Jr. †
 Manuel Venturina †
 Marcelino & Pat Reyes †
 Amparo Gregorio †
 Lucila Hernandez †
 Josefa B. Garalde †
 Uy Kui Guat †

Thursday, July 23rd

Leonor Dungo Bravo †
 Rufino Paroni Bravo Jr. †
 Betty Mitra †
 Onor Vergel De Dios †
 Rodolfo Vicencio Jr. †
 Matthew Chin †
 Uy Kui Guat †

Friday, July 24th

Leonor Dungo Bravo †
 Rufino Paroni Bravo Jr. †
 Beth Mitra
 Victoria Cabatcan
 Mayin Manzano
 Adele Voorhees
 Melissa Ramirez
 Kim Ocol
 Mimi Arcega
 Ishmael Manzano

Saturday, July 25th

Magdalena Chung †
 Leonor Dungo Bravo †
 Rufino Paroni Bravo Jr. †
 Jeanette S. Kelley †
 Yelba Chilingar †
 Cho Soon In †

In Memoriam

Mary Catherine Hawley
Bradwell Smith
Elba Manzo
Santos Angeles
Thomas Hodgkiss
George McCarthy
Randy Roque
Mary Frances Fenady
Andrew Fenady
Fernando Rojas
Allan Graf
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Catherine Crahan
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