

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus speaks in parables (story) to us in the Gospel for this Sunday. It is the Parable of the Sower. God has given us the seed of faith and provides us the challenge and the opportunity to plant it in our lives so that it may bear fruit.

If we say that we have faith, but don't live it in the everyday reality of life then the seed of faith will wither and die.

If we keep our faith in God's love for us alive in good times, bad times and ordinary times, then our friendship and relationship with God will grow each day of our lives.

Matthew 13:1-23



The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.



And he told them many things in parables, saying:

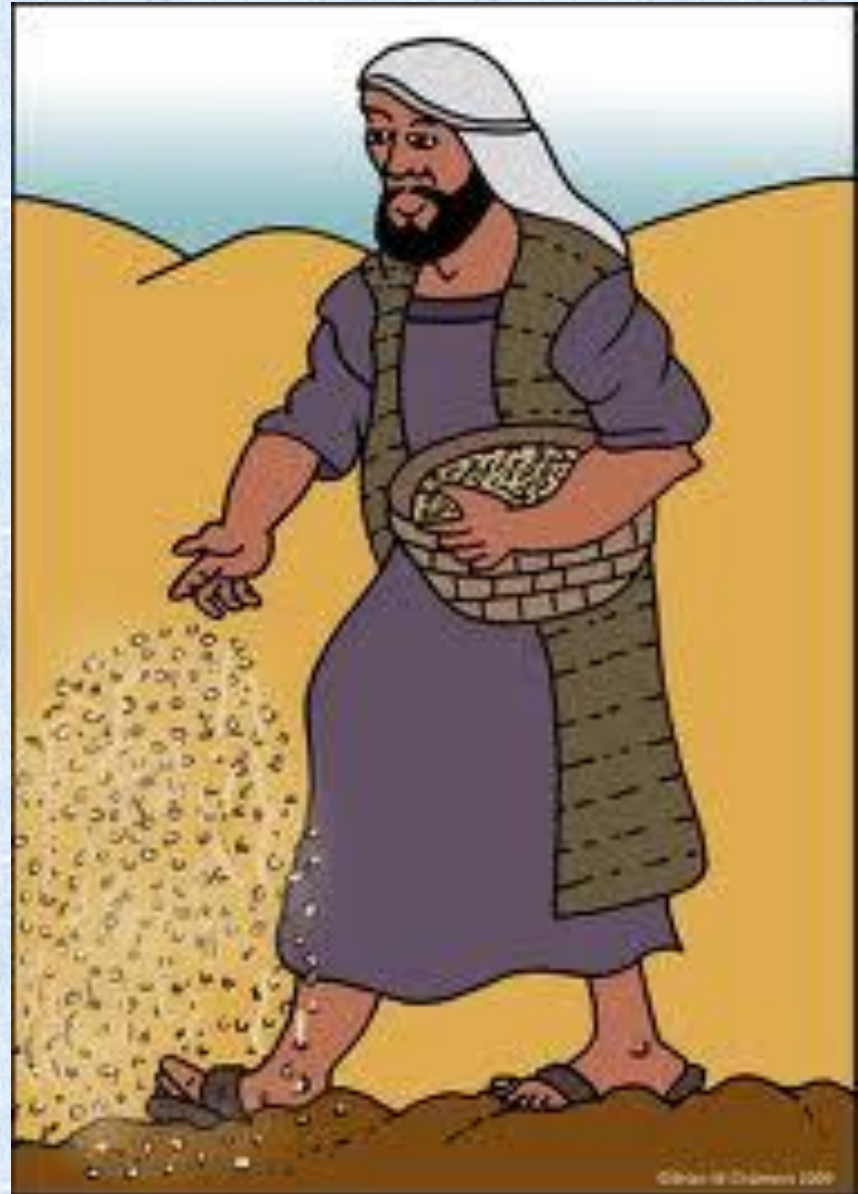
Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.



Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.



If we only turn to God a few times each year or a few times in our lives, we miss out in getting to know God and in knowing how much we are loved by God!





But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.



Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

**Our faith in God will be choked if
we allow bitterness to take over,
or if we worship materialism
instead of God.
Anything that destroys love,
causes faith to fade!**



Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

When faith is sown in the life of those who love God, love others and believe that they are loved by God will produce many fruits from the gifts God has given to them!

Is there a welcome space in your heart for God's love to grow in you?



Bible Search

Read **Matthew 13:1-9** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



Where can you see God in your life?

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to make space in your life for God.

Ask God to help you to welcome God into your every day.

