

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus speaks in parables in the Gospel passage for this Sunday. He explains that evil and good live alongside one another.

We must be patient and faithful as we travel the journey towards God's kingdom knowing that the constant struggle between good and evil will be pulling us.

Our task is that of remaining faithful to God and to trust that God is constantly guiding and loving us.

Matthew 13:24-30



The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

He put before them another parable: ‘

The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.



So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.



Weeds will grow in all places, despite how much weeding we do!

Our lives are filled with both love and selfishness! We have to learn to live with both together!

And the slaves of the householder came and said to him: *Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?*



Weeds are sown when we are not watching:

- By birds
- By the wind
- On the feet of animals
- By those who are jealous of us...

Weeds grow in our hearts when we are selfish, fail to give time to others, fail to love, fail to do our best, fail to be thankful, fail to believe in ourselves, fail to accept that our lives have a great purpose.....



He answered: *An enemy has done this.*

The slaves said to him: *Then do you want us to go and gather them?*



But he replied: *No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest.*



**There will always be
some weeds in our
hearts!
No one's perfect!**

**Accept your failings and
challenges & do the
best that you can to be
the best person you can
be.**

and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.



**Our hearts can only
become truly free when
we reach God's kingdom!
In the meantime: do your
best!**

**Facing the challenges of
life increases our strength
and our faith in God.**

Bible Search

Read **Matthew 13:24-30** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



**What in your life takes the place of love, kindness, peace, joy.....?
What weeds grow in your life, taking up space of love and God?**

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to nourish all that is good in your life.

Ask God to help you to acknowledge your failings and to move on from them.

