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July 19, 2020



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A Vicarious Descant

Last week we heard the parable of the sower and the scattering of the seed on the path, on rocky ground, amidst thorns and finally on good soil. It spoke about those who receive the Word of God and bear fruit and those who do not. But the parable can also describe the times and situations in our own life where we have failed to cultivate our hearts like that good soil so that we are ready to receive the Word of God. There may be times when we have allowed our hearts to be hardened by sin or filled with the thorns of the world that will deprive us of the fruits which God has called us to bear. There may be times when we feel like our heart is more rocky than receptive to God's word or when we feel like the worries and challenges of life in the world are choking off our spiritual life.

Nevertheless, just as a sower returns year after year, we, too, must tend to the needs of our soul through a life of continuous preparation and conversion. We need to keep returning day after day to the Source of Life and receive from God the sanctifying and sacramental graces that will allow us to be counted among those who bear much fruit.

St. John Chrysostom tells us that in this parable, Jesus makes known to us "the method of the devil's guile: while men were asleep," he wrote, "his enemy came and oversowed weeds among the wheat and went their way. He here shows us that error appears after truth, as events proved. For after the Prophets there were pseudo-prophets; and after the Apostles pseudo-

Apostles; and after Christ the anti-Christ. For unless the devil has seen what to imitate," wrote Chrysostom, "or against whom to plot, he does not try to tempt" (*Catena Aurea*). Chrysostom goes on to say that since the evil one cannot carry off or choke the seed that is bearing fruit, he plots against it by means of another powerful deception—sowing evil seed alongside the good seed to thereby deceive and confuse.

Chrysostom says that there are three points to be made: 1. That the Church of God on earth consists of both good and bad, 2. that God is not the author of evil, 3. and that God does not always punish the wicked on the spot, but patiently bears with them.

Today's parable immediately follows last week's gospel passage and seems to expand on that message. Our Lord speaks about those who receive the Word and are bearing fruit but must do so amidst the children of the evil one. Many Catholics lament that we seem to be so frequently on the defensive, trying to repair what others have destroyed, trying to anticipate what they will attack next and yet still being frequently blindsided by the children of the evil one. It seems that they have the planning, the resources, and the upper hand. They seem to swing public opinion in their favor as simply as they can fabricate polls, dossiers and votes.

But hear again the Word of the Lord: "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?" Our Lord, Himself, is telling us

that we *will* be surprised by the actions of the children of the evil one. "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). We should expect that they will have the edge in cleverness and be able to hide much of their behind-the-scenes evil just as the children of the enemy sowed their evil in the darkness of night when the followers of the Master were unaware. We should not be discouraged when the children of the evil one lie, break laws, destroy, steal, cheat, falsely accuse, pass unjust and immoral laws, ignore long-standing just and moral laws, and otherwise act with an impunity afforded them with or without a tyranny of the majority. God is not going to stop the world and pluck them from our midst. "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.'"

God's justice is not something that we demand, but rather something that we know each of us will face one day. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Cor 5:10). If we must render an accounting for every "careless word" we utter (Matt 12:36), how much more will that accounting be for our deeds?

Let us remain faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus and share the truth of the Gospel with others by our actions, our forgiveness

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - July 20, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Holy Souls

Tuesday, - July 21, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Tevita Jackson (D)

Wednesday, - July 22, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Flores Family (L&D)

Thursday, - July 23, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Michael Dunne (D)

Friday, - July 24, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Howard Henning (D)

Saturday, - July 25, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Msgr. Clifford F. Sawher (D)

4:00 p.m.— Special Intention

Sunday, - July 26, 2020

6:30 a.m.— Special Intention; 9:30 a.m.— People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m.—Special Intention

“The earth could exist more easily without the sun, than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass” - St Pio of Pietrelcina

Mass Servers

Saturday, July 25, 2020

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Praet, J. Cline

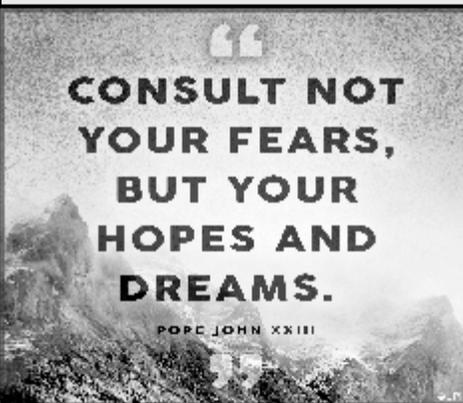
Sunday, July 26, 2020

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, J. Prevo, D. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. &

M. Arrigoni, A. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch



Background on the Gospel Reading

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus’ discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus’ explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

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

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

and our love of God and neighbor. Let us not feel any obligation to reconcile that of the world which is already a confused mixture of truth and falsehood. St. Paul says, "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good'" (Romans 12:9-21).

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 The Collection amount for Sunday, June 28th was \$12,232.00; Sunday, July 5th was \$9,639.00 & Sunday, July 12th was \$8,070.00.

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 The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all through Sunday, September 6, 2020.

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Call to Holiness Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin July 29 to August 1, 2020
 This opportunity is for a limited number of people who will spend special time with Cardinal Burke at the beautiful and

holy Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. CTH chaplain, Fr. Charles White and Fr. Robert Slaton will join us in La Crosse. Wednesday, July 29—Travel by car or fly; arrive at La Crosse with special hotel group rate. Thursday, July 30—Tour the Shrine; group luncheon at Culina Mariana Café; Rosary Walk; Mass; Private dinner with His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke <https://www.guadalupeshrine.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/05/GROUP-PLANNING-GUIDE-2020.pdf> Friday, July 31—Reserved seating at Noon Solemn Mass celebrated by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke for the Anniversary of the Shrine dedication Saturday, August 1—Return travel to Michigan Group lunch and dinner Thursday; Other meals on your own. Transportation to be arranged. Call Debbie Bloomfield for more details: 313-451-4659 or email: us at calltoholinessdetroit@gmail.com

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Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments

One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together! See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. The groups are organized to pray for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante and Fr. Perrone. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. The Holy hour may be done in a parish church near you, anytime on the day you are assigned. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate.

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church... Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the church"-- Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their web-

site: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

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The Marian Catechist Apostolate Area Marian Catechists will be renewing their Consecrations in the Apostolate at Assumption Grotto on Saturday July 25th during the 4.p.m. Mass. The 16 Week Basic Catholic Catechism Course will meet on alternate Saturdays Saturday's at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. For more information on Marian Catechist Basic or Advanced Home Study Courses leave your name at the rectory.

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Susan B. Anthony List is hiring! Earn \$10-\$15/hour with possible raises and bonuses · Work 4 – 40 hours/week. You make your own schedule! Since it is safe outside, we have begun hiring temporary Field Representatives in Michigan to work through the first week of November. If you have the heart for the Lord FOR LIFE, a cell phone to download our i-360 Walk app and are at least 16 years of age, let's talk! Field Representatives are being hired all around Michigan to educate voters with a simple survey. Contact Anna Marie Danyko, (734) 284-5226, or at anna@sbalistfield.org.



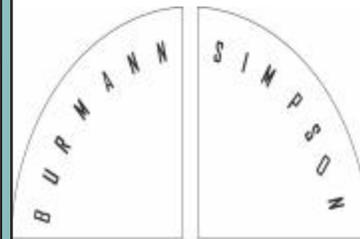


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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI
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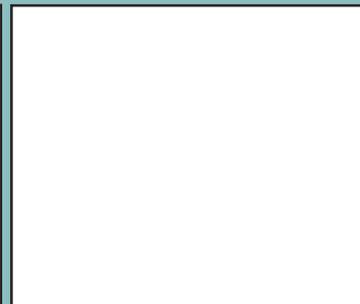


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