15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Angelus July 10, 2011 - Benedict XVI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mt 13:1-23), Jesus recounts to the crowd the well-known Parable of the Sower. In a certain way it is an "autobiographical" passage, for it reflects the very experience of Jesus, of his preaching. He identifies himself with the sower who scatters the good seed of the Word of God and notes the different effects it obtains, in accordance with the way in which people hear the proclamation.

Some listen superficially to the Word but do not take it in; others accept it at the time but are unable to persevere and lose it all; there are those who are engrossed by worldly concerns and enticements; and those who listen receptively, like the good soil: here the word bears an abundance of fruit.

However this Gospel also puts the accent on Jesus' preaching "method", that is, on his use of parables. "Why do you speak to them in parables?", his disciples ask (Mt 13:10). And Jesus answers distinguishing between them and the crowd: to his disciples — namely to those who have already decided for him — he can speak openly about the Kingdom of God, to others, instead, he must proclaim it in parables, precisely to encourage their decision, conversion of the heart; indeed, by their very nature parables demand the effort of interpretation, they not only challenge the mind but also freedom. St John Chrysostom explained: "And this he [Jesus] says to draw them unto him, and to provoke them and to signify that if they would covert he would heal them" (cf. *Homily on the Gospel of Matthew,* 45, 1-2).

Basically, God's true "Parable" is Jesus himself, his Person who, in the sign of humanity, hides and at the same time reveals his divinity. In this manner God does not force us to believe in him but attracts us to him with the truth and goodness of his incarnate Son: love, in fact, always respects freedom.

The Parish Office is open during regular business hours and is fully staffed. Please call 713-729-0221 for more information. If you visit us in person, please wear a mask.

SCHEDULE ADDITIONS

The 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and the 6:30 a.m. daily Mass (Monday-Friday have both resumed.

The church will be open for private prayer and meditation during the week, Monday through Friday, starting on June 29. This prayer time will start at 1:00 p.m. and will end before the 5:30 p.m. Mass so that the pews can be sanitized. There will be pieces of paper available so that you can mark the place where you sit to pray. This will enable us to sanitize the needed areas. Please try to sit in the front half of the church.

Confessions are now in the church: Wednesday 6:15-7:00 p.m. & Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. We ask that you remain standing in the confessional and stay behind the screen.

All of these changes are dependent on no further restrictions from the state or county government and the Archdiocese.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You are already there.

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Os agradezco que hayáis venido para la cita del Ángelus aquí a Castelgandolfo, a donde llegué hace pocos días. Aprovecho de buen grado la ocasión para dirigir mi saludo cordial también a todos los habitantes de esta querida localidad, con el deseo de una feliz estación estival. Saludo en particular a nuestro obispo de Albano.

En el Evangelio de este domingo (*Mt* 13, 1-23), Jesús se dirige a la multitud con la célebre parábola del sembrador. Es una página de algún modo «autobiográfica», porque refleja la experiencia misma de Jesús, de su predicación: él se identifica con el sembrador, que esparce la buena semilla de la Palabra de Dios, y percibe los diversos efectos que obtiene, según el tipo de acogida reservada al anuncio. Hay quien escucha superficialmente la Palabra pero no la acoge; hay quien la acoge en un primer momento pero no tiene constancia y lo pierde todo; hay quien queda abrumado por las preocupaciones y seducciones del mundo; y hay quien escucha de manera receptiva como la tierra buena: aquí la Palabra da fruto en abundancia.

Pero este Evangelio insiste también en el «método» de la predicación de Jesús, es decir, precisamente, en el uso de las parábolas. «¿Por qué les hablas en parábolas?», preguntan los discípulos (*Mt* 13, 10). Y Jesús responde poniendo una distinción entre ellos y la multitud: a los discípulos, es decir, a los que ya se han decidido por él, les puede hablar del reino de Dios abiertamente; en cambio, a los demás debe anunciarlo en parábolas, para estimular precisamente la decisión, la conversión del corazón; de hecho, las parábolas, por su naturaleza, requieren un esfuerzo de interpretación, interpelan la inteligencia pero también la libertad. Explica san Juan Crisóstomo: «Jesús pronunció estas palabras con la intención de atraer a sí a sus oyentes y solicitarlos asegurando que, si se dirigen a él, los sanará» (*Com. al Evang. de Mat.,* 45, 1-2). En el fondo, la verdadera «Parábola» de Dios es Jesús mismo, su Persona, que, en el signo de la humanidad, oculta y al mismo tiempo revela la divinidad. De esta manera Dios no nos obliga a creer en él, sino que nos atrae hacia sí con la verdad y la bondad de su Hijo encarnado: de hecho, el amor respeta siempre la libertad.

HORARIO ADICIONAL

La misa dominical de las 7:30 a.m. y la misa diaria a las 6:30 a.m. (de lunes a viernes) se reanudaron.

La iglesia estará abierta para oración privada y meditación durante la semana, de lunes a viernes, a partir del 29 de junio. Este tiempo de oración comenzará a la 1:00 p.m. y finalizará antes de la Misa de 5:30 p.m. para que las bancas puedan desinfectarse. Habrá pedazos de papel disponibles para que pueda marcar el lugar donde se sienta a rezar. Esto nos permitirá desinfectar las áreas necesarias. Por favor, trate de sentarse en la mitad delantera de la iglesia.

Las confesiones están ahora en la iglesia: miércoles 6: 15-7: 00 p.m. y sábado 3: 30-4: 30 p.m. Le pedimos que permanezca de pie en el confesionario y que permanezca detrás de la pantalla.

Todos estos cambios dependen y no hay más restricciones del gobierno estatal o del condado y de la Arquidiócesis.

La Oficina Parroquial está abierta durante el horario comercial habitual y cuenta con personal completo. Por favor llame al 713-729-0221 para más información. Si nos visita en persona, use una máscara.

Un Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Creo, Jesús mío, que estás real y verdaderamente en el cielo y en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.

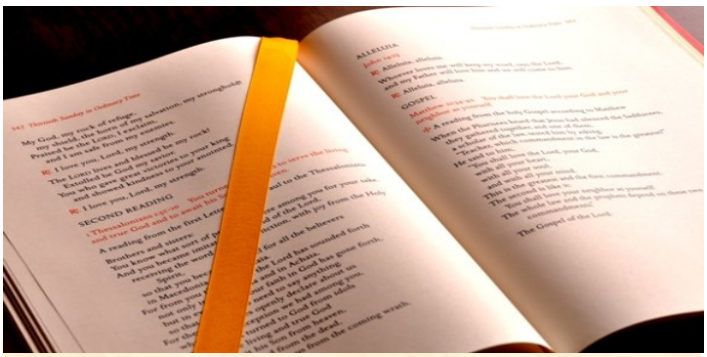
Os amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo vivamente recibirte dentro de mi ama, pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente,

Venid al menos espiritualmente a me corazón.

Y como si ya os hubiese recibido, os abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti.

Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti.

Amén



Weekly Readings

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 5, 2020

Sunday	**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9
Monday	**Saint Henry** Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday	**Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	**Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	**Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest** Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

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Mass Intentions

All scheduled weekday Mass intentions are being fulfilled. You will be notified if it is necessary to reschedule your requested intention for a Saturday or Sunday Mass.

Lecturas Semanales

Lecturas por Semana del 5 de Julio de 2020

Domingo	**Décimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario** Is 55, 10-11; Sal 64, 10abcd. 10e-11. 12-13. 14; Rom 8, 18-23; Mt 13, 1-23 o Mt 13, 1-9
Lunes	**San Enrique** Is 1, 10-17; Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23; Mt 10, 34—11, 1
Martes	**Memoria de Santa Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgen** Is 7, 1-9; Sal 47, 2-3a. 3b-4. 5-6. 7-8; Mt 11, 20-24
Miércoles	**Memoria de San Buenaventura, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia** Is 10, 5-7. 13-16; Sal 93, 5-6. 7-8. 9-10. 14-15; Mt 11, 25-27
Jueves	**Memoria de Nuestra Señora del Carmen** Is 26, 7-9. 12. 16-19; Sal 101, 13-14ab y 15. 16-18. 19-21; Mt 11, 28-30
Viernes	Is 38, 1-6. 21-22. 7-8; Is 38, 10. 11. 12abcd. 16; Mt 12, 1-8
Sábado	**San Camilo de Lelis, Presbítero** Mi 2, 1-5; Sal 10, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 14; Mt 12, 14-21
Domingo	**Décimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario** Sab 12, 13. 16-19; Sal 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16a; Rom 8, 26-27; Mt 13, 24-43 o Mt 13, 24-30

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Weekend Retreat - Spiritual Treasures of the Mother-Daughter Relationship

5 pm Friday, July 17 – 11 am Sunday, July 19, 2020

Rediscover the hidden joys in your relationship as a mother and daughter/s. Today, a large part of joy is putting our trust in the Lord while we take reasonable action. Our retreat will be uplifting, holy, and wholesome as we follow the Lord AND follow the guidelines for gathering at the Christian Renewal Center (CRC). See their complete guidelines for gathering here: https://www.retreatcentercrc.org/coronavirus

For complete information and to register, go to: https://www.retreatcentercrc.org/spiritual-treasures-of-the-mother-daughter-relationship

Stewardship for July 5, 2020

Collection	$26,538.42
Online Giving	$10,701.79
Total	**$37,240.21**

Upcoming Special Collections

St. Vincent de Paul Society Black Bag
July 12, 2020

DSF 2020

Parish Goal: $193,000.00

Total Amount Pledged: $75,364.50
Total Amount Paid: $55,974.00
Total Number of Participant: 208
Total Number of Households: 4184
Average Participant Pledge: $362.33
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($137,026.00)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($117,635.50)
Percent Paid: 29.00%

Online Giving

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