GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

BUENAS SEMILLAS

Hoy Jesús continua hablando en parábolas con sus seguidores. ¡Qué rico tesoro nos regalan las tres parábolas sobre el Reino de los cielos! El Reino se parece: a un hombre que siembra buena semilla en su campo, a una semilla de mostaza y a la levadura que se mezcla en la harina. Al igual que la semana pasada, hoy los discípulos piden que Jesús les interprete una de las parábolas – la parábola del hombre que siembra buena semilla. Para que no pensemos que estas parábolas son simples anécdotas entretenidas, la interpretación de Jesús debe considerarse como lo que es —una advertencia. Llanto y desesperación esperan a los hijos del maligno. Esta parábola señala la lucha del creyente de hoy. A veces, por el pecado, sembramos cizaña y evitamos que el amor de Cristo florezca. Que el Evangelio de hoy nos ayude a retornar al buen camino. Comprométámonos a prepararnos para los días finales, para el tiempo de cosecha, floreciendo como buenas semillas creadas por el amor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A God who judges with leniency and clemency, a Spirit groaning because we know not how to pray, a patient master waiting to separate wheat and weeds, a tiny seed growing into a great bush, and the miracle of yeast and flour! All of these images found in our readings today speak of the unexpected, the countercultural, and of the compassion and intimacy of our relationship with God. Many times we are afraid to come to God in prayer, or we may turn away from our God because of our weakness and sinfulness. We are not presented with a vengeful God who is waiting to smite us, but a God of infinite love and wisdom and patience who will show us the way. What an amazing gift this is!

WE NEED TO GROW
We live in an instant world of microwaves and drive-throughs and a disposable society in which things quickly become obsolete, so today’s message is very strange. In all the readings today, and especially in the Gospel, we see transformation, but it is not something that happens overnight, nor does it take place without effort. We are met with parables of a patient and loving God who can see a positive outcome at the end and is willing to wait and nourish us and help us all get there. The sower’s seeds require a growth period and some careful sorting. To make the bread, one must knead it and wait patiently. In planting a mustard seed, something so tiny yields great results, but not until after completing a period of dormancy and waiting.

WHAT IS OUR LEAVEN?
In our own growth, something usually spurs us on and calls us to change. For a young couple who find out they are expecting, this may be the impetus to “grow up” and straighten out their spending habits. For another, perhaps a heart attack or prolonged illness calls one to wake up and gives one a second chance at life. Losing a job or a spouse or surviving a car accident may mean it is time for a “do-over.” Isn’t it amazing to realize that we are blessed with a tender, loving God who will walk through all these changes in our lives, who is cajoling us into a better self? Here is a God who doesn’t pull the plug because of our sins, but is willing to wait and sort and “gather the wheat.” Let us be grateful for this gift of loving mercy. Recall the simple prayer found in Psalm 86:15–16: “You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, / slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. / Turn toward me, and have pity on me; / give your strength to your servant.”

Decimosexta Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

NECESITAMOS CRECER
Vivimos en un mundo instantáneo de microondas, comida rápida entregada en ventanillas y en una sociedad desechable en la que las cosas se vuelven obsoletas tan rápido, por lo que el mensaje de hoy es muy extraño. En todas las lecturas de hoy y especialmente la del Evangelio, vemos la transformación, pero no es algo que ocurra de la noche a la mañana, ni tampoco pasa sin esfuerzo. Nos encontramos con parábolas de un Dios paciente y amoro so que puede ver un resultado positivo al final y está dispuesto a esperar, a alimentarnos y ayudarnos a todos a llegar allí.

¿CUÁL ES NUESTRA LEVADURA?
En nuestro propio crecimiento, por lo general algo nos estimula y nos llama a cambiar. Para una pareja joven que descubre que están esperando un bebé, esto puede ser el impulso para “crecer” y fortalecer sus hábitos de gastos. Para otros, un ataque al corazón o una enfermedad terminal y prolongada puede llamar a un despertar y dar una segunda oportunidad en la vida. Perder un trabajo, una esposa o sobrevivir a un accidente automovilístico puede significar que es la hora de “volver a empezar”. ¿No es asombroso darse cuenta de que estamos bendecidos con un Dios cariñoso y amoroso que pasará por todos estos cambios en nuestras vidas, que nos está engatando para que sean mejores? Aquí hay un Dios que no se desconecta a causa de nuestros pecados, sino que está dispuesto a esperar, clasificar y “reunir el trigo”. Seamos agradecidos por este regalo de amor misericordioso. Recordemos la sencilla oración que está en el salmo 86:15-16 “Mas tú, Señor, eres un Dios compasivo y lleno de piedad, / lento para la ira y abundante en misericordia y fidelidad. / Vuélvete hacia mí, y tenme piedad; / da tu poder a tu siervo, / y salva al hijo de tu sierva.” Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 20: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday, July 21: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 85:2-8; Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday, July 22: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9; John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday, July 23: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Matthew 13:10-17
Friday, July 24: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31:10-12abcd, 13; Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday, July 25: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1bc-6; Matthew 20:20-28
Sunday, July 26: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

Prayer List
Join us in Community Prayer for parishioners and their family members who are seriously ill. If you or your immediate family member is seriously ill and would like to be added to our prayer list please e-mail the name to sandrag@ctkccnv.org or call the office at 871-1904.

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**Book of Prayers:** You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers in our Parish Book of Prayers, located as you enter the church.

**Mass Intention:** The suggested free will offering of each Mass intention is $10 and will come with a card that has the name of your loved one and the date of the Mass. One intention per Mass is accepted unless two people share the same last name, husband and wife or father or mother, for example. For more information please come to the office to make your requests or call (702) 871-1904

**Flowers Remembrance:** The fresh flower arrangement at the altar are donated in remembrance of loved ones. If you would like to dedicate flowers, the offering is $100. Your special intention will be printed in the bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office at (702) 871-1904 for details.

**Prayer List:** If you would like to add a name to our Prayer List, contact the parish office at (702) 871-1904 with the name of the person and how long you would like the person to remain on the list. If it is for an indefinite amount of time, please notify the parish office when you would like the name removed. Please note this list may not be in every bulletin.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital please call (702) 871-1904 and listen to the prompts. A priest will be notified and will contact you directly. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Watch the bulletin for upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses. If you are calling after hours please call (702) 871-1904 and push #4.

**Holy Communion for the Sick:** If you are homebound, please call the front office at (702) 871-1904 to coordinate a visit with an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion (you may have to provide them with the number of the parish).

**Funerals:** In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact Fr. Shawn or a member of our staff who will talk to you directly as soon as possible at (702) 871-1904. Please be aware that a Catholic Mass can only be celebrated within a Church and not at a mortuary.

**Confession:** Confessions are every Saturday from 8:45 until 9:30am or if the line is finished (whichever comes first) or by appointment. Confessions in Spanish depends on the priest.

**Baptism:** Please contact parish at (702) 871-1904, at least 3 months in advance to arrange for preparation program. Parents and Godparents must complete program before baptism can be scheduled.

**Marriage:** Contact the parish office 8-12 months in advance. Call Deacon Jacob for details of the 6-month preparation program. For annulments also call Deacon Jacob Favela - (702) 871-1904

**Other Sacramental questions:**
- First Communion ● Reconciliation ● Confirmation
  Please call our Faith Formation Department
  Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**
- Inquiry sessions for non-Catholics interested in earning more about the Catholic faith.
  Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Activity Center Room 5.
  Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

**Welcome Home**
- A welcoming process for Catholics who have been away or for adults who need to be confirmed. Fr. Shawn will be teaching this class. Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

**Other Information**
- Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (702) 385-2662
- Emergency Assistance (702) 383-2291
- Catholic Charities Adoption (702) 385-3351
  Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial
  Javier & Maria Lopez (702) 243-5934

**GriefSHARE** - Help and healing for those who have lost a loved one. Find a meeting near you ~ griefshare.org

**Ministry to Homebound**
  Mel Kleinschmit (702) 871-1904

**HELP & HEALING**
- Al-Anon - Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Room 2
- Hospital Ministry (702) 871-1904
- Inch for Life - Help available for unwanted pregnancies
  Pro Life Office (702) 212-6472
- Knights of Columbus - Al Wagner (702) 800-5965
- Manna Cupboard Food Pantry (702) 871-1904
- Marriage Encounter - Tom & Vickie (702) 379-2395
- Project Rachel - Post Abortion Ministry (702) 737-1672
- Retrouvaille - Help for troubled marriages (702) 812-8873
- Social Concerns Board - Deals with parish outreach and social justice issues (702) 871-1904
- Small Church Communities - Beth (702) 871-1904
- Spiritual Direction - Jane Fransioli, BA.
  Please call parish office to schedule an appointment with Jane (702) 871-1904
- Southern Nevada Resource Center - Pro-Life counseling & ministry to the unwed mother (702) 366-1247
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