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A Sower Went Out to Sow

Beginning this week, we will meditate each Sunday on some of the parables of Jesus found in this section of the Gospel of St. Matthew. Parables are stories taken from daily life to illustrate some Divine truth. They allow the humble to understand more clearly the truth of Jesus' teaching, using not abstract theological reasoning but simple examples. In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked why He spoke in parables to the people and Jesus replied that



they allow for the great truths of the faith to be understood only by those disposed to do so. This is what Jesus illustrated in the parable presented to us today.

The parable of the Sower is an especially clear

parable. The farmers of the time either sowed by hand or attached a bag of seed on the back of a donkey, cut a hole in it and led the animal around the field while the seed poured out. Either way it was not a particularly efficient way of sowing and much of the seed would fall on inadequate soil. Jesus describes three ways the seed was "wasted": falling on the hardened path (where the birds ate the seed), or on the rocky soil (where the seed might germinate but have inadequate soil to grow properly), others fell among the thorns (which choked the seed). Some seed did fall on the good soil where it grew and produced a great deal of fruit.

There is no need for me to explain the meaning of the parable as the Lord does this for us today. It is simply enough to
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 am to 3:30 pm



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understand the reason Jesus tells this parable to us. Not everyone is capable of receiving the Word of God and allowing it to produce fruit in our lives. This is not because God does not reveal His Word, but rather because we do not always remove the obstacles in our lives to allow it to bear fruit. God Himself gives us the Word, allows it through His grace to grow and give the fruit. What, then, is our part? To seek the grace from God to remove the obstacles. Ask the Lord the grace to avoid too many distractions (the seed on the beaten path), to avoid receiving it superficially (on rocky soil); and the grace to remove temptations and sin (the thorns) in our life that choke the Word and do not allow it to bear fruit.

The world today is full of obstacles which, if we do not respond to the grace of God to remove them, will not allow the Word to take deep root and bear fruit. They come from the world, the flesh and the Evil One. If our souls are the deep, fertile ground where the Word is received, it will bear fruit in abundance.

Fr. Peter

Saint of the week:

July 14: *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*
Feast Day Mass, celebrated by Bishop Wall, July 14, 6:30 pm (MDT)
in Marv Mother of Mankind Parish. St. Michaels. AZ.



June 11 - July 19

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday 11:	5:30 pm	Int. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARYS
Sunday 12:	9:00 am	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DE PAUL FAMILY
	11:00am	+ PAULA, +TOM & +JIM GILLETTE
Monday 13:	8:00 am	+ PAT SHUFF
Tuesday 14:	8:00 am	+ MARIA LANZA
Wednesday 15:	8:00 am	+ PAT BARRY
Thursday 16:	8:00 am	INT. JOHN KLOCEK
Friday 17:	8:00 am	No Mass
Saturday 18:	5:30 pm	+ JOHN ANTONI
Sunday 19:	9:00 am	+ ERIC MCCONNELL
	11:00am	Int. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARYS

Catholic in Recovery, Mondays @ 5:30 at the Turn of the Card Community Center. Call 480-408-4513 for info.

AA - call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information

This week in our parish:

Monday:	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Church hall)
Wednesday :	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
	9:30 am	Madonna Guild Book Study - Hall
	11:00 am	Prayer Group - Church
Thursday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Rosary for America
Friday:	8:00 am	No Mass Parish Office Closed

For routine, non-emergency as well as emergency care for the **sick or dying**, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter at 928-367-2080, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Outside of these hours, please call 928-367-1278, leave a message and we will get back as soon as possible.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Katherine Larson; Mike Caruth; Mary Knaust; Tim Williams; Steve Vasquez; Margie Zavala; Fr. Peter Short. Next meeting: **August 25 at 6 pm**

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