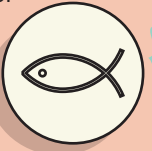




WELCOME TO THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is much power in sharing stories, it is how we meet people and grow in relationship with them. Jesus continually told stories in order to convey messages, in a way that people could understand. He continues to speak to us, meeting us in our daily life, through scripture, prayer, and silence, as well as through the people we meet. Being intentional by setting time aside for the Lord, allows us to listen and hear him speak to us clearly, especially in sacred moments of silence.



GOSPEL READING: MATT 13: 3-4, 8-9

"[Jesus] told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop. Listen, anyone who has ears!'"

Read the full text at <https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>

REFLECTION:

"The parable of the sower has a twofold message: as seed, our job is to get busy growing. As farmers, our job is to get busy sowing." <http://www.integratedcatholiclife.org/2017/07/dambrosio-sunday-reflection-sowing-and-growing/>



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Sharing stories - Loyola Press
https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2020/05/pop-up-catechesis-sharing-family-stories/?utm_source=cfflist&utm_medium=e-mail&utm_content=202006&utm_campaign=cff

Nurturing the Gift of Faith - Integrated Catholic Life:
<http://www.integratedcatholiclife.org/2017/07/deacon-bickerstaff-nurturing-the-gift-of-faith/>

SONG:

Joy - Catholic Youth Broken Bay:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfEs1t920dc>

THIS WEEK:

Plan a set time in your day where you can spend 10 minutes reading scripture. Listen to what God is speaking into your heart.

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

The Parable of the Farmer and the Seeds - Saddleback Kids:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZEO_Ls2ERs&t=82s

Read the Bible as a Family: 5 Steps to get started - Catholic Icing:
<https://www.catholicicing.com/read-the-bible/>

PRAYER:

O Lord Jesus Christ,
open the eyes of my heart that I may hear your word,
and understand and do your will,
for I am a sojourner upon the earth.
Speak to me the hidden secret and things of your wisdom,
enlighten my mind with the light of your knowledge. Amen

<https://aleteia.org/2019/09/13/before-reading-the-bible-pray-this-prayer-of-st-john-chrysostom/>

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND THE SEED



<https://www.biblewise.com/kids/fun/coloring/sower-seed.php>

MORE RESOURCES AT:
bbcatholic.org.au/connected



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