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July 16, 2023 ▪ The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope encourages “sowers of smiles,” saying they proclaim the Gospel bringing joy



He lauds fairground workers for bringing the type of joy that comes from simplicity, the open air, and being in company with others.

Pope Francis had a light-hearted, encouraging meeting with members of the national union of traveling fair-ground workers, praising their vocation of sowing joy, reminding people that the path to happiness is “simplicity.”

The audience began with a joyous rendition of “Happy birthday” for an 80-year-old nun, in which the Pope joined in, then pointing her out: “There she is, look! How sweet!”

The Pope then expressed his contentment that after the pandemic, the fair ground workers are now able to resume “traveling from square to square with your attractions” and said that the “Church continues to accompany you, proclaiming to you Christ the Savior, who travelled through cities and villages bringing the joyful news of the Kingdom of God to everyone.”

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He noted how the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* begins thus: “The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus” (1).

and said these workers “cooperate in a broad sense to the proclamation of the Gospel”

You are sowers of joy, do not forget this! And at times, you sow joy in moments when the heart is not joyful, it is heavy with problems... But you sow, your vocation is to disseminate joy.

He encouraged them to stay open to the encounter with Jesus, who is present and active in the Church, and “in every one of the people you make laugh. Which is one of the beautiful things: sowers of smiles! It is beautiful!”

As they ride on the merry-go-rounds in towns and cities, you offer children and adults carefree moments, distracting them a little from the worries that assail daily life. **The happiness of a child on a merry-go-round is an image of wholesome joy that is part of the memory of every family.**

The sense of joy and celebration that you spread springs from creativity and fantasy; it does not replicate the artificial and conformist models that circulate in the media; it is nurtured not by the search for ever new sensations, **but from the simplicity and authenticity one experiences in a fairground.**

The Pope encouraged them: “In a world where we often breathe in a grey and heavy atmosphere, you remind us that the path to being happy is simplicity; and also from entertainment **in the open air and in company**, the opposite of what we increasingly see today, each person alone with a smartphone or computer, which isolates you from social communication.”

You invite us to go out, to meet in the square, to have fun together. I appreciate you for this. And I thank you because, in the end, you remind us that we are not made only for work, but also for leisure, and God is happy when we celebrate together as brothers and sisters, in simplicity. And your vocation is to laugh and make people smile. At times the heart is sad, but the vocation leads you to bring smiles to others, smiles that make them laugh. And this is good: spreading smiles, spreading joy, spreading peace, spreading a more positive outlook than the one people are experiencing at the time. Keep going, with joy...

I commend you to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, “Mother of Travellers,” a sure guide who leads to Jesus. And may your patron Saint John Bosco and the Servant of God Don Dino Torreggiani, the apostle of caravans, also support you.

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July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

At Mass with my family recently, my five-year-old daughter caught the last four words of the mystery of faith as if she was hearing them for the first time. She was bursting with excitement as we finished saying, "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again." She turned to me and said, "Mom! We said, 'until you come again.' Does that mean Jesus is coming back? He's coming HERE?" What a lovely, emotion-filled response to learning that truth. She has heard those words countless times, but this time she heard the truth behind them. Her soul has been made for relationship with God from her time in the womb. The Holy Spirit has been preparing her to receive those words when she was ready to hear them in their fullness, and as the responsorial psalm proclaimed: "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." For those in the young, challenging years when it may seem easier to leave the little ones at home rather than take them to Mass, let's remember what we are told in the first reading from Isaiah. "Thus says the Lord: ... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How often do you find yourself listening to a friend or family member not to really hear what they are saying, but to plan your response? Do we do that while we pray as well? Sometimes I catch myself praying with an inner monologue behind it, deciding how I want that prayer to be answered. Now all of this may not be exactly what Jesus meant when he said, "This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*," but it is worth exploring. When we are so anxious to get our words in – either to another person, or to God, we're not really being the rich soil that the other's words deserve. We're not even the rocky ground or the thorny path of which the Lord speaks; we're more like a giant rubber wall off of which the words bounce! Let's take some time to consider how our practice of listening and receiving others, including the Lord, is preparing us (or not) for the return of Jesus. And if there is room to improve, now is a good time to do it.

PRAY Lord, Jesus Christ, prepare my heart and my soul so that your words and your desires for my life will not fall on rocky soil. Give me the strength to be a Godly sower to all I encounter, especially my family, so your glory will be revealed. Amen.





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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15, Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Chris Roberts (Liv)

Saturday, July 15, Vigil for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

Sunday, July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ann Kearney (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, July 17, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

Tuesday, July 18, Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:00 a.m. Vince Heffern (Dec)

Wednesday, July 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Kayla and Nathan Roberts (Liv)

Friday, July 21, Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

Saturday, July 22, Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. Eileen Plasse (Dec)

Saturday, July 22, Vigil for Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Larry and Marilyn Roberts (Liv)

Sunday, July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph Marchese (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Eileen Plasse (Dec)



Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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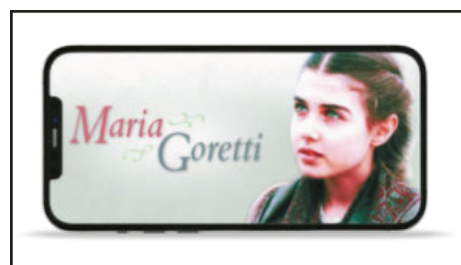
These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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Stewardship Prayer

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.

Amen

Diocesan

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

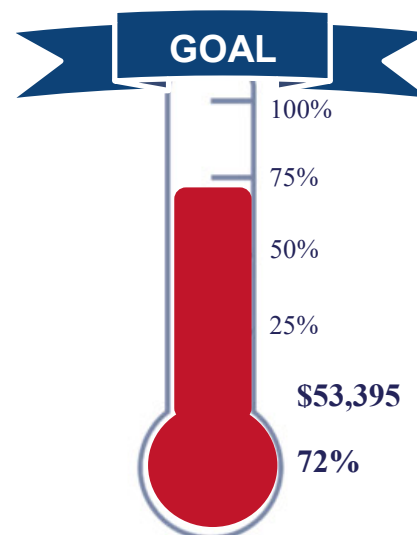
This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

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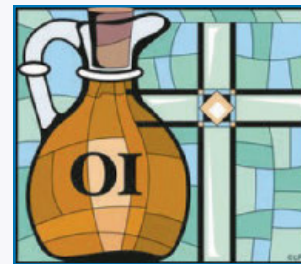
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