

Sunday 15th (A) in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mt 13,1-23): That same day Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside. As many people gathered around him, He got in a boat. There He sat while the whole crowd stood on the shore, and He spoke to them in parables about many things.

Jesus said, «The sower went out to sow and, as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground where there was little soil, and the seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was not deep. But as soon the sun rose the plants were scorched and withered because they had no roots. Again other seeds fell among thistles; and the thistles grew and choked the plants. Still other seeds fell on good soil and produced a crop; some produced a hundredfold, others sixty and others thirty. If you have ears, then hear!» (...).

Parable of the sower

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Today, Jesus starts introducing us into the mysteries of the Kingdom, in that particular way that He likes to use by means of "parables". The seeds are the Word proclaimed and the sower is He. He is not trying to sow in the best possible soil to produce an excellent crop. He has come so that "they may have life, and have it to the full".

Thus, the seeds so generously sown produce the expected yield the "toponymic" possibilities allow. Depending on the depth of the faith, such will be the fruits the crop will bear. Though, these fruits, somehow, are guaranteed by the vital power of the Word-seed, our responsibility in the attentive listening to the Word is no less important. This is why "if you have ears, then hear!".

—I ask the Lord the prophet's yearning: «When I found your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart.