

# Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**Gospel text (Mt 13:10-17):** The disciples approached Jesus and said, “Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted... But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

## *The parables of Jesus*

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Today, we wonder: can Jesus' words be also intended for us? The fullness of time is brought with him, and we find ourselves in this fullness; we are already in Christ's time, in Salvation's time...

Certainly, we have not seen Jesus with our own eyes, but we have, indeed, known Him. We do know Him. We have not heard his voice with our own ears, but we have definitely heard his words. We do hear them. The knowledge our faith gives us, even though not perceptible, is a true knowledge, which brings us near the truth making us, therefore, feel happy and jubilant. Let us not look at Jesus from today to yesterday, but from today to today; let us actually share his time, a never-ending time.

—Jesus, the prayer and the Eucharist assure us this nearness to You, and make us really happy while looking at You with the eyes and ears of our faith.