

Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mt 13,36-43): (...) His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” “(...) Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his Kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

Not everything ends with death: God's Judgment

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Today, the parable of the weeds transmits a twofold message. The first one, for today's time: during this "time of the Church" we shall verify that together with the Kingdom of God —that gave us Jesus Christ— there also appears evil. God does not rush to extirpate it: it is "God's patience" that respects human freedom, for He lets us walk by holding fast to a very long rope.

The second one, for the time beyond: not everything ends with death. This is the fundamental belief which our Christian faith starts out from (that, in different modalities is common to the whole of mankind). In some way, we all feel that there must be something else, something more. This means we have a responsibility to God; that there will certainly be a judgment and that, human life may bear fruit or fail.

—O Lord, we ask you to help us to bear much fruit in our lives, a fruit that remains. Only in this way may our earth turn from a Vale of Tears into “God's garden”.