

July 16 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SO, WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

Have you ever explained something carefully and at length, and yet the "listener" misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one.

The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First, it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point?

It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality.

One might think, "Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through." We are now ready to ask, "What's the real point of the story?" The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us. What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple, or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or does the allure of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

July 16 – Harry and Loretta Simon
July 23 – Sherry Hawk
July 30 – Charles Walke

MASS INTENTIONS

July 15 – Otto Walke
July 16 – Ron and Trudy Bauerle
July 22 – Walter and Annabelle Busch
July 23 – Sherry Hawk

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – July 22 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Ella Wagner
Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Carl and Joni Lunsford
EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Rita Kress, Judy Steuri

Sunday – July 23 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker
Lectors: David Hardesty, Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Paul and Arlene Gehl
EM: Amanda Schutte (Hall), Leslie Hicks, Vicki Wagner

Saturday – July 29 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Allie Harmeyer
Lector: Tara Johannigman
Gifts: Mark and Rose Lunsford
EM: Judy Steuri (Hall), Terry Harmeyer, Janet Wagner

Sunday – July 30 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker
Lectors: Julie Stephens, Donna Harlemert
Gifts: Mike and Katie Spreckelson
EM: Dana Newhart (Hall), Amanda Schutte, Kevin Tunny

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2461.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 37.62
Loose Collection	\$ 483.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2981.62
Capital Improvement	\$545.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

"Concern for the dignity of all... became an essential part of the American spirit. During his visit to the United States in 1987, St. John Paul II reminded all Americans that: 'The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones.'" ~ Pope Francis

Creator God, you still speak through your word and through your holy ones. Help us to hear and to heed your voice, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. ~ The Redemptorists

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – Congratulations to **Ron and Trudy Bauerle** upon the occasion of their 62nd wedding anniversary! May God bless them with every good gift and reward their faithfulness.

DONATIONS NEEDED – The Napoleon Volunteer Fire Department is asking for donations of 10 nine-inch pies, 5 dozen cookies, and four to five people to wipe tables and trays from 6:00–7:00 PM on July 22 for their annual Firemen's Picnic. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of church.

MEETING – Members of the Faith Formation Committee will meet on July 26 at 6:00 PM.

THANK YOU – "Thank you to the parish for the flowers and gift card to the Bed and Breakfast, and to all the people who sent me cards! Also, thanks to Patty Simon, the catechists and children for their flowers and garden trowel. All your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!" (Susan Schutte)

BLOOD DRIVE – **Community Blood Drive** in our Parish Hall on August 1 from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM, and 3:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Scheduling can be done online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon, or call Arlene at 812-614-3388.

CATECHISTS – There is need for a couple of high school religion teachers in the fall when classes resume. Please prayerfully consider this service and ministry to the parish. Contact Joyce Muckerheide if interested. Thank you!

NCYC – If anyone in Grades 8-12 is interested in attending NCYC in November, please let Joyce Muckerheide know. She needs to start obtaining chaperones if a group is going. Also, sign-up needs to be completed before the fall classes begin.

CHURCH PICTORIAL – **Photography dates for the new pictorial directory are August 3, 4, and 5, from 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM Thursday and Friday, and 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM on Saturday, each day in the Parish Center.** You can schedule your appointment online through a link on the parish website. For scheduling help, call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388), or see Terry Harmeyer or Mary Bultman. Every family photographed will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost.

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

July 22 – Ken Harmeyer, Eric Busch

July 29 – Gary Wagner, Brian Horan

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

July 23 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

July 30 – George and Mary Bultman

175TH ANNIVERSARY – *Sesquicentennial Celebration Continued:* On Sunday afternoon, August 16, 1998, we invited all the people of Napoleon and neighboring church congregations to join us for an ice cream social. In preparation, we made 25 gallons of ice cream after Mass that morning. Then we began the afternoon at the Napoleon Senior Center with an entertaining and inspirational program titled "Laughter is God's Hand in a Troubled World." At the conclusion, everyone walked to the Parish Hall, where they enjoyed the homemade ice cream with a variety of toppings and cookies.

September 20, 1998, we completed our Sesquicentennial Celebration with an afternoon Mass celebrated by Archbishop Daniel Buechlein and a dinner for all parishioners and guests. We pray that this year of celebration, which has strengthened our pride and ownership of our church, will remain in our memory and solidify our commitment to its preservation for future generations.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."




The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks, his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

His father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?" (via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</p>  <p>For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.</p>						Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks				FEAST OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI		Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM					Hall Rented	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM						Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM		FEAST OF SAINT JAMES	FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM & ANNE Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		FEAST OF SAINT MARTHA	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM		 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM		Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM