

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Words, words, words. Unlike Eliza Doolittle, I never get sick of words. I adore them—fat words, skinny words, funny words, and, my favorite, lovely words.

Sticks and stones may break our bones, but words can always heal us. And, like the rain that falls and never returns to heaven without nourishing the earth, a timely and wise word spoken to a child in the last century is still bearing fruit in this one. A kind word is like that fecund seed in Jesus' parable. It just keeps producing harvest after harvest. Here in mid-summer, with crops growing like mad—and the ever-fertile weeds growing right along with them—it's a holy thing to recall the good words planted in us through the years, and how they have never failed to give us protection and shade in the heat of uglier, unkind words that have traveled next to them in our hearts throughout our lives.

Here are some words spoken to me at some point that are every bit as delicious to me today as they were decades ago when I first heard them:

Ha! You're funny.

You're my best friend.

Tell that story again.

I love you.

Will you marry me?

There are, of course, the painful words, the critical words, but those words that at first hurt like weeds can often behave like fruitful seeds. Such is the mystery of the grace of humility; if we are open to receive it, it can produce great fruit as well.

Are you still simmering over a hurtful word from long ago? Ask God to bring back to your memory the hundreds of fruitful words that have also shaped you. Love wins over weeds.

What are some of the favorite words spoken to you in your life?

Decimo-Quinto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario
Palabras, palabras, palabras. A diferencia de Eliza Doolittle, a mi nunca me cansan las palabras. Las adoro- palabras gordas, palabras flacas, palabras chistosas, y mis favoritas, palabras encantadoras. Los palos y las piedras pueden rompernos un hueso, pero las palabras siempre nos pueden sanar. Y como la lluvia que cae y nunca regresa al cielo sin haber nutrido la tierra, una palabra a tiempo y bien dicha a un niño del siglo pasado todavía está dando fruto en este siglo.

Una palabra bondadosa es como la semilla fecunda en la parábola de Jesús. Simplemente sigue dando cosecha tras cosecha. Ahora, en la mitad del verano, cuando los cultivos crecen y crecen sin parar- y al par crece la siempre fértil maleza- es una acción santa recordar las palabras buenas que han sido plantadas dentro de nosotros a través de los años, y como esas palabras nunca han dejado de protegernos y darnos sombra de las palabras feas y malvadas que han viajado a su lado en nuestros corazones a través de nuestras vidas.

He aquí unas palabras que me fueron dichas en algún punto de mi vida que me son tan deliciosas hoy como lo fueron hace décadas cuando por primera vez las escuche:

¡Ja! Eres muy graciosa.

Eres mi mejor amiga.

Cuéntanos otra vez esa historia.

Te amo.

¿Te casarías conmigo?

También hay, por supuesto, palabras dolorosas, palabras críticas, pero esas palabras que al principio te lastiman como maleza también a menudo pueden comportarse como semillas fecundas. Así es el misterio de la gracia de la humildad; si estamos abiertos a recibirla, puede producir también un excelente fruto.

¿Todavía estás hirviendo por una palabra dolorosa que te dijeron hace mucho tiempo? Pídele a Dios que te traiga a la memoria los cientos de palabras fructíferas que también han ayudado a formarte. El amor triunfa sobre la maleza.

¿Cuáles son algunas de tus palabras favoritas que te hayan dicho en tu vida?

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

We will continue registering students throughout the summer for the 2017-18 academic year. Sunday class fees are \$50 per student. Sacramental preparation fees are \$25 for Year 1 (Reconciliation) and \$35 for Year 2 (Eucharist and Confirmation). Sacramental preparation fees for Confirmation only are \$35.

Beginning this year, the process and preparation for sacraments will be as follows:

- Sacramental preparation is on a two-year track for all students who have yet to prepare for 1st Eucharist, regardless of age. This is to help ease the transition as we begin implementing the Restored Order as set forth by Archbishop Aquila.
- We will not be preparing students for Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist in the same year as we have in the past; rather we will be preparing students for Reconciliation in their first year and Eucharist AND Confirmation in their second year.
- Students who have been enrolled in Faith Formation classes and who have already received 1st Eucharist may continue to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, which is a one-year program.

ADULT FORMATION

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is for adults over the age of 18 who wish to become Catholic, and thus enter the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also for Adults who wish to complete the sacraments in the Catholic Church, or for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition. Please contact Laurie at the parish office for more information about this journey of faith.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

If you are interested in celebrating your marriage at St Rose of Lima, please contact Fr Nick at 303-778-7673, ext 116, or via email at revnickt@gmail.com. Couples must contact the parish at least 8 months prior to the scheduled date of the wedding.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY needs—**Peanut Butter and Jelly** for the month of June. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Saturday	July 15
4:00pm	
Sunday	July 16
9:00am	+Leroy Kress by Friends
11:30am	+Guadalupe Galaviz by Concepcion Najera
Monday	July 17
8:30am	Communion Service
Tuesday	July 18
8:30am	Communion Service
Wednesday	July 19
8:30am	Communion Service
Thursday	July 20
8:30am	Communion Service
Friday	July 21
8:30am	+Phero Huynh by Family
Saturday	July 22
4:00 pm	+Chuck Bauer by Family
Sunday	July 23
9am	+Margaret Huter by Huter Family
11:30am	
Please contact the parish office if you wish to request a mass intention. Mass offerings are \$10.	

Readings for the Week of July 16, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34--11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Dolores Esquibel, Tom Trujillo, Fernanda Gonzalez, Teresa O'Donnell, Reagan Capps, Ronald Petersen, Tate Hallahan, Clarita Rubio

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Matthew 13:1-23 or 1-9

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd the parable of the sower and the seed and later explains the parable to his disciples. *Which "seed" do you most closely identify with?*

Isaiah 55:10-11

The prophet Isaiah speaks to the efficacy of God's word and will. *What does this tell us about divine nature?*

Romans 8:18-23

Paul writes to the Roman Christians of a new world order (at the return of Christ) in which personal suffering--and even the suffering of all creation--will cease and redemption will be achieved. *What do you think a redeemed humanity and creation would look like?*

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

"How much should I donate to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal?" Since everyone's personal and financial situations vary, there is no correct answer. However, everyone is called to support the ministries of our Archdiocesan Church...everyone is called to experience the profound joy of giving. When making your gift, please consider donating—not from your surplus—but from your livelihood. Sacrificial giving will store up treasure in heaven, help detach ourselves from earthly possessions, and draw us closer to God and neighbor. Please visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-715-3111 to make your gift today.



“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

— Mt 13:22-23

Illustrated from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1970 CCD.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are reminded today that the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. What kind of soil do we have? God's word needs to take root in our lives so that we can remain faithful not only when life is easy but when it gets challenging and difficult. Anxiety, worldly cares and concerns, personal challenges, experiences of loss and death, and even fear and disappointment can prevent us from trusting God's promise. We can even find ourselves doubting God's fidelity and lose touch with his presence. Our soil can easily become rocky, hard, and unyielding. Open your eyes and ears today and let all that is around you lead you to God's presence. Then, do all in your power to cultivate and nurture a life that is eager to receive him and fertile for growing the seeds of God's kingdom.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC

To All Brother Knights in our St Rose Community (St Rose, Bishop Tihen, Hayloft)

The St Rose of Lima Council will be holding our annual picnic on Saturday, July 22nd at 2PM at Ken and Diane Aragon's home located at 1396 W Custer Place. We welcome you and your family to join us.

