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*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my  
hope. Let me never be confounded.*

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Our Lord in the unjust steward has placed before us an example of the manner in which the children of the world act, and in it, has shown their wisdom “in their generation,” that is to say, in their mutual intercourse. The steward wisely sought to employ the time which yet remained of his stewardship in making rapid use of his authority to further his own interests. And so, in general, the children of this world are wiser in their worldly affairs and more astute in the advancement of their own interests than are the children of light in what they have before all things to do and to provide for, namely, the things of the kingdom of God, the things that refer to God’s honor and their own eternal salvation. The wicked provide in a wiser and more far-seeing manner for the temporal than do the good for the eternal.... In this general proposition there was at the same time included an appeal for the exercise of prudence. For all the disciples could easily understand that the good should not allow themselves to be outdone by the wicked in providing for their true interests.

Christ then added a second admonition, one which should explain more distinctly the application of that prudence with regard to the example which had been related: “And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.” The exhortation was addressed especially to those among the disciples who had control of the riches of this world. Many commentators are of the opinion that the words were spoken to the converted publicans in particular, although the general instruction is not to be limited to these exclusively. Everyone should employ his wealth in making friends for eternity, and thus make better provision for one’s future than this steward did. In what way this is to be done our Lord does not state more explicitly. The majority of commentators, however, rightly understand the words as applying to the employment of earthly riches for purposes good and pleasing to God, whether in almsgiving, or by helping to maintain and to propagate the Faith, or by supporting other religious works.



*Commentary from The Parables of the Gospel*

*by Leopold Fonck, S.J. (1865-1930).*

# A COMMENTARY FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## OF WHEAT AND WEEDS

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

Dr. Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Carl Burrell, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions (St. Francis Xavier)

4pm – Vigil Mass (St. Francis Xavier)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass,  
(St. Francis Xavier)

9:00am – Holy Mass (St. Patrick)

11:00am – Holy Mass,  
(St. Francis Xavier)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Convent at St. Patrick's, Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

School Mass at St. Patrick's is celebrated at noon Monday through Friday.

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at [sfxspokane.org](http://sfxspokane.org) or at [facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://www.facebook.com/sfxspokane)

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Our office will not have set hours till Taylors Knee heals enough to drive.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, JULY 24TH

5:30 pm, Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

TUESDAY, JULY 25TH

8:00am, Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH

4:30pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Priests*

THURSDAY, JULY 27TH

8:00am, Mass *Pro populo*

SATURDAY, JULY 29ND

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Religious*

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Poor Souls in Purgatory*



## PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

The parish is in need of young men willing to train as acolytes. Some Latin comprehension, moral discipline, and a well kept appearance are required. Please email the office.

### SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509)993-2864.

### MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

If you desire consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

Every Friday evening at St. Patrick's from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., the sisters pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith. Please join us.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP uses the physical signs placed by God within each woman's body to identify when pregnancy can occur. Monthly classes for three months. Tuition \$95.00 for the series. Classes are currently conducted virtually. Contact the Women's Health Center: 509-474-2400

### REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

We continue to distribute food through the Missionaries of Charity and Caritas services. Please leave your donations of nonperishable items by the doors of the church.

Till my knee heals enough to drive there will not be scheduled office hours. Please leave a voice message or email, and I will respond as quickly as I can.

Coffee and Donuts will continue after 11am Mass if there are Volunteers to help, otherwise it will have to stop till I recover.

Thanks, Taylor





## St. Samson, Bishop

One of the greatest of the Welsh Saints, Samson was born about 490 and brought up in the Abbey of Llanwit, then ruled by St. Illtud. He was ordained and decided to increase his austerities, fervor, and prayer life. Retiring to another community in the neighborhood, he eventually became its Abbot.

However, the Saint was so struck by the superior leading of some Irish monks who paid him a visit that he accompanied them to Ireland and remained a considerable time, laboring for the faith. As time went on, the gift of miracles, which he already enjoyed, attracted so much attention that his humility could not tolerate it. Returning to his own country, he lived for a while as a hermit on the banks of the Severn.

The holy monk was consecrated Bishop by St. Dubricius and as the result of a vision crossed the sea to Brittany in company with other monks. With the aid of land given him, the saintly Bishop established a monastery at a place later called Dol, which became an important Episcopal See. His influence can be gauged by the fact that he visited King Childerbert I to intercede on behalf of the dispossessed Breton ruler Judual.

St. Samson was a tireless traveler, great ascetic, and fearless monk who rendered innumerable benefits to his adopted country as well as a dedicated pastor who zealously looked after his flock. He died in 565 and was immediately honored in England, Normandy, and Brittany; later his cult spread to Italy.

*PRAYER: God, by Your ineffable mercy, St. Samson proclaimed the unsearchable riches of Christ. Through his intercession help us to grow in the knowledge of You and faithfully walk before You according to the truth of the Gospel, filled with every good work. Amen.*



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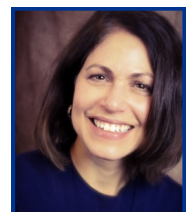


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