

# God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.






What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?








# The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 16th, 2023

*Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!*

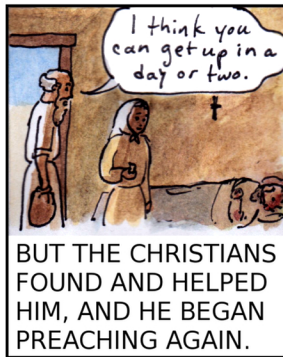
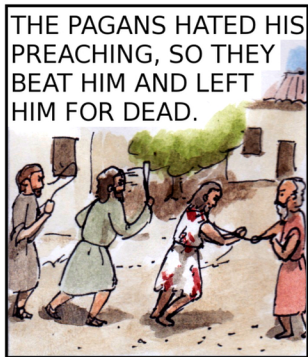
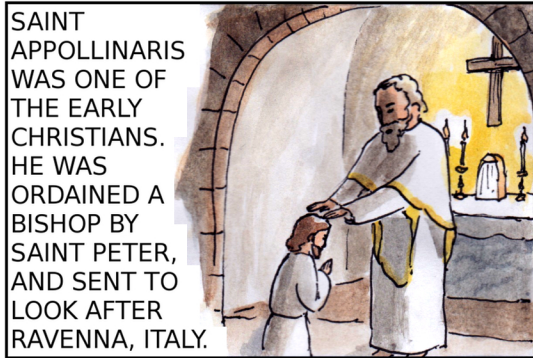
A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some of the  fell on on the , and  came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the  rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of . Some  fell among , and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some  fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty, or thirty-fold.

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle:  
Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, mouth, word, sent.

# St. Appollinaris of Ravenna

## July 20



SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS A TRUE HERO FOR THE FAITH. HE KEPT GOING BACK TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH HE KEPT GETTING BEATEN AND TORTURED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US TO NEVER QUIT HELPING PEOPLE COME TO GOD EVEN WHEN OTHERS KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST US.

# Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the \_\_\_\_\_: [DRLO]  
 Just as from the heavens  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ [NIRA] and \_\_\_\_\_ [OWNS]  
 come down  
 and do not return there  
 till they have watered the \_\_\_\_\_, [HRATE]  
 making it fertile and fruitful,  
 giving \_\_\_\_\_ [EDSE] to the one who sows  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,  
 so shall my word be  
 that goes forth from my \_\_\_\_\_; [TOUMH]  
 my \_\_\_\_\_ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,  
 but shall do my will,  
 achieving the end for which I \_\_\_\_\_ [NTSE] it.

