



All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables.



Today, we celebrate **The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We read from **Matthew 13:24-43**.

We read in this Sunday's gospel more of the "parables" or simple stories that Jesus used to teach his followers. The parable of the wheat and the weeds was meant to teach them that Jesus, the seed sower, came to God's

people to teach them and to lead them to God:

*"He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,
the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.
The weeds are the children of the evil one,
and the enemy who sows them is the devil.
The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels."*

We each have "weeds" in our lives – things that distract us from doing good and lead us to sin. This week, pray to "pull" some of the weeds in your life so that you can be a child of the kingdom of God.

For More Fun:

- ✓ This week, spend some time in your yard pulling weeds to help mom, dad or a neighbor. While you do this, pray for a loved one.
- ✓ Read some additional "parables" of Jesus in your children's bible this week.
- ✓ This week, we celebrate St. Mary Magdalene (7/22). Learn more about the lives of the saints at Saints.SQPN.com.
- ✓ We love to hear from you! Email me at lisa@catholicmom.com to let me know where you live and where you go to Church!

Lord, you are good and forgiving.