

FROM FR. DEO

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

In today's Gospel (Matt 13:24-43), Jesus continues His teaching through parables, using familiar images from everyday agricultural life. Growing up in Rwanda, one of the most challenging chores on our family farm was pulling weeds from the cornfield. It required patience and careful attention because it was easy to mistake a young corn plant for a weed and accidentally pull it out.

My brother and I learned that lesson the hard way. One day, our mother asked us to weed the large garden behind our house, where she had planted corn and peas. The corn was still very small and growing among the weeds. Eager to impress our mom—and secretly hoping for a reward of candy—we enthusiastically volunteered for the job.

Everything was going well until our friends came by and distracted us. We spent more time talking than paying attention to what we were pulling. By the time we finished, we had removed not only the weeds, but also a good number of the young corn plants! My mother was not pleased. Instead of receiving candy, we earned a temporary ban from working in the garden until we learned to pay closer attention.

That childhood experience beautifully illustrates today's Gospel. In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the servants want to pull out the weeds immediately, but the master says, "Let them grow together until the harvest." God's patience is wiser than our haste. He gives us time to repent, grow, and bear good fruit because He sees not only who we are today, but also who we can become through His grace.

Like the field in the Gospel, each of us has both wheat and weeds. Yet God never gives up on us. Through His Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He patiently transforms our hearts into a rich harvest of holiness.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of today's Gospel is patience - patience with ourselves and with others. Parents need patience as they raise their children. Married couples need patience with one another. Parish communities need patience as they grow together. We all need patience because God is still at work in every heart until harvest time.

In Parish news, we are delighted to have the beautiful new image of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity in our church. It is displayed near the presider's chair, where it will inspire us to seek her intercession and deepen our devotion to our patron saint. More information about the image and its symbolism will be shared soon. We are deeply grateful to the artist, the generous family who made this gift possible, and everyone who helped bring this project to completion.

We also extend a warm welcome to the Little Sisters of the Poor, who will be with us this weekend to share their mission of caring for the elderly poor. The second collection will support their important ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo