

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 07/12/20

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Very few members of the Church have suffered or will suffer as much as Saint Paul.

And still he could say these words. “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.”

This required a lot of faith on his part.

I hope it inspires all of us to look deep inside and examine our own faith. How rich is it really?

Jesus is very clear in the gospel today that the word of God has been sown in our lives.

He is also quite clear that it doesn't all fall into rich soil and produce fruit.

Therefore, we shouldn't automatically assume that we are producing fruit.

On the contrary, we should be suspicious of ourselves if we think we are bearing fruit lest we neglect to pray to the Lord for his constant help because he also said in this same parable, “Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with

their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.”

As Catholics, we have been given the fullness of the Faith and therefore much more is expected of us.

In the end there will be no excuse for not having known what was expected of us even in these most confusing times.

Everything is plainly stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church provided we use the eyes, ears and understanding that the Lord has given us to know his eternal wisdom.

The wisdom of the world is passing away as we heard in the second reading. “For creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.”

This is our destiny – to be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God – provided we strive to follow the teachings of the Church.

Some seed, not all seed, but some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”