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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Bible Awareness Sunday



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

**Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.**

- St. John Paul II



**Scripture of the Day:**

- Is 55, 10-11
- Ps 64, 10-14
- Rom 8, 18-23
- Mt 13, 1-23

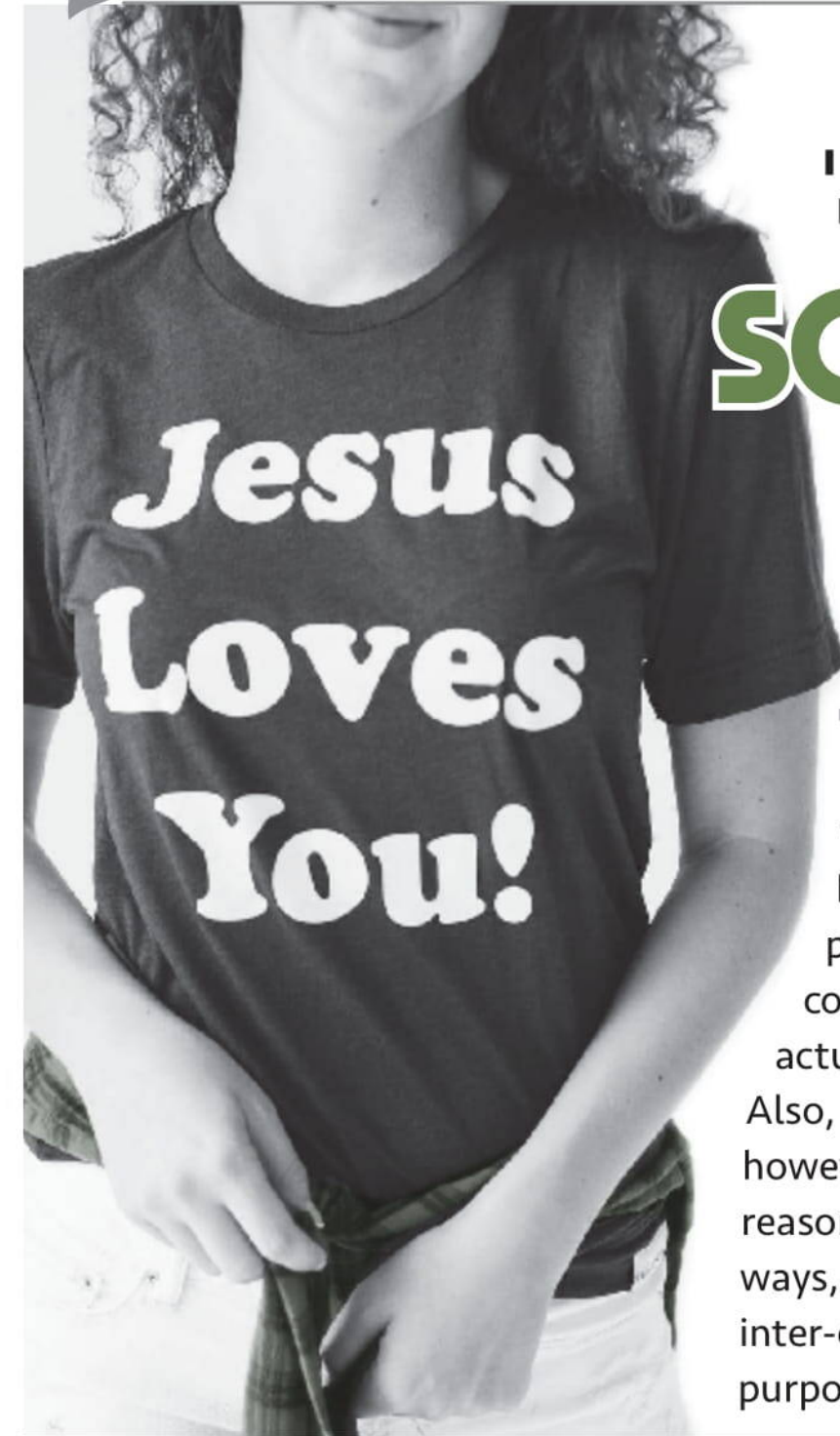
In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah likens the rain and snow to the word of God. Just the falling rain and snow help provide water and moisture to the ground that is essential for the growth and yielding of a bountiful harvest, the word of God too, says the prophet, will serve its purpose so that the will of God is fulfilled.

The psalm too is filled with the imagery of nature and creation as a whole. God cares for the earth and blesses it with all that is necessary for the wheat to grow and the harvest to flourish. It is also God who prepares and nourishes the soil which in turn produces the fruits. The hills rejoice, the sheep graze on the meadow and the valley is filled with wheat. Nature, in itself proclaims the wonderful deeds of God.

But the picture is not all rosy. Creation has its limitations and cannot flourish and grow forever. This is why, says St. Paul, creation is groaning. It also waits for the final removal of chaos and the restoration to wholeness by God in the same way believers of Christ wait in confident hope and with patient endurance for the final and definitive salvation of humanity.

This is why **the work of proclaiming the Good News of salvation has to go on.** In the parable found in the gospel passage, Jesus uses images from nature to help his disciples understand why the preaching of the kingdom of God has to continue. They should not be discouraged if they do not see results but have to keep on sowing the Good News. In sowing God's Word, we are to go about it with perseverance and faith. The seed growing in the good soil will achieve enormous results.

May we be faithful sowers of the word. †



MONTHLY THEME  
**I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD**

## SOWERS of the WORD

The scripture readings this Sunday are filled with images from nature. Nature, as a whole, is not passive but dynamic. It is constantly changing. Nothing actually remains the same. Also, everything in nature, however large or small, has its reason for existence. In many ways, everything in nature is inter-connected and fulfils a purpose.