

July 23, 2008
Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10

Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17

Matthew 13:1-9

A sower went out to sow.

Didn't we just have this gospel a few days ago? Are we so dense that we need to repeat the same gospel story in the same week or two? Who am I today? Am I the path where the seed never reaches the ground because it is brushed away by the distractions of the world? Am I the rocky ground where nothing deep can be planted because my heart is so hard and shallow? Am I the thorns that choke out the word of God planted within me? Or, am I the rich soil that allows the seed to take root and produce fruit? What fruit am I producing that gives evidence in this world to the presence of a God who loves us unconditionally and wishes only good for each and every one of us?

Love shows itself better through deeds than by words
- St Ignatius of Loyola