

## Lectio Divina

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| > <b>Read and re-read</b> , out loud and slowly<br>the Gospel                      | > <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving - Repentance -<br>Petition         |
| > <b>Meditate</b> on reading as being spoken to<br>you, an experience in your life | > <b>Action</b> - Attitude (Call to change / to<br>act / to do) |
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### July 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A - Matthew 13: 24 - 43

In this week's gospel we read about the owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together. This is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see all is not right. In all our lives there is the wheat and the darnel. No one has the right to judge any of us except God.

We also have the parable of the mustard seed and the leaven which are reminders to us that with Gods help insignificant things can have positive results.

Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a small kind word of encouragement or a kind gesture?

#### Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the Church today which was once a mustard seed until people of faith took the seed and sowed it with love. It is now a big tree with shelter in its branches for all people.

Forgive us for writing off people as if there is nothing good in them. We forget that they are all good seed that you sowed in the world. The evil in them is weeds which will be tied up and burnt by you.

Help us Lord to commit ourselves to making the world more human. Let us sow even the smallest seeds in the belief that eventually there will be an abundance of love and concern for all.

