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St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish Ntinda

# THE SCROLL

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## GOD NEVER ASKS US TO UPROOT PEOPLE; HE ONLY ASKS US TO CULTIVATE HEARTS. (Matthew 13: 24-43)

A Reflection by Fr. JOSEPH KIRUMIRA

Never call anyone a weed while God is still growing wheat within them. The field that seems full of weeds today may become tomorrow's richest harvest. God's patience is longer than our failures, and His mercy is greater than our sins. Never bury a person's future beneath the weight of their darkest sinful lifestyle; the God who turned Augustine from a sinner into a saint is still turning weeds into wheat in many people's lives. "The field that seems full of weeds today may become tomorrow's richest harvest."

In God's Kingdom, greatness does not begin with power but with purity of heart; not with noise but with quiet influence; not with the destruction of opponents but with the patient cultivation of goodness.

The parables of the weeds among the wheat, the mustard seed, and the yeast hidden in the dough, together teach us how to become agents of moral integrity, patient tolerance, and productive service within a fractured world. Integrity is the seed, patience is the rain, tolerance is the fertile soil, and greatness is God's harvest.

The Kingdom Begins in the Heart.

The first parable begins with a farmer sowing good seed. Under the cover of darkness, an enemy scatters weeds among the wheat. The servants immediately wish to remove the weeds, but the master refuses: Jesus teaches "Let both of them grow together until the harvest." (Matthew 13:30) God never asks us to uproot people; He asks us to cultivate hearts."

## FIRST READING

*"After sin you will grant repentance."*

A reading from the book of  
**Wisdom 12:13.16-19**

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned.

For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.

But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, wondrous with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you.

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

*The word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 85:5-6. 9-10.15-16. \$ v.5*

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

## SECOND READING

*The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul  
**to the Romans 8:26-27**

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning.



And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL

*Let them both grow till the harvest.*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
**according to Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?

Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with

them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,

"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field."

It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables.

He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables,

I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached

him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.

The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.

They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

*The word of the Lord*

## ESSOMO I

*"Obawa obudde obw'okubonerera nga bamaze okwonoona."*

**Bye tusoma mu kitabo ky'Amagezi.**

(12,13.16-19)

## OLW'OKWEBULIRIRA

*Zab. 85, 5-6, 9-10, 15-16a*

**EKIDDIBWAMU: Ggwe, ayi Mukama, oli mulungi, wa kisa.**

## ESSOMO II

*"Ye Mwoyo yennyini atusabira ng'asinda ebitanyumizika."*

**Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa Paulo Omutume gye yawandiikira ab'e Roma (8,26-27)**

Ab'oluganda, ne Mwoyo era atuyamba mu bunafu bwaffe: anti situmanyi kya kusaba nga bwe tuteekwa; ye Mwoyo yennyini atusabira ng'asinda ebitanyumizika. Awo oli awenja emitima ategeera bulungi Mwoyo kye yeegomba, anti ng'abatuukirivu abasabira nga Katonda bw'ayagala.

*Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.*

## EVANGIRI

*"Muleke zikule zombi okutuusa amakungula"*

**Ebigambo by'Evanjiri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Matayo. 13, 24-43)**

This response surprises human logic. We instinctively desire immediate justice, instant perfection, and quick solutions. Yet God acts differently. Divine patience is not weakness but mercy. God knows that premature judgment often destroys what He intends to save. St. Augustine reflected deeply on this mystery: "Many first who seem to be wheat will become weeds, and many who seem to be weeds will become wheat."

These words remain profoundly relevant.

When St. Augustine said, "Many who seem to be wheat will become weeds, and many who seem to be weeds will become wheat," he was not only explaining the parable of Jesus. He was also describing his own life. Augustine knew what it meant to move from sin to holiness. He knew that God does not judge people by where they are today but by what they can become through His grace. Every human being is un-

finished. We cannot fully know another person's struggles, repentance, or future. The one who appears morally weak today may become tomorrow's saint. Likewise, those who seem righteous may fall into pride if they cease depending on God's grace.

Jesus teaches us not to judge people too quickly. Human beings see only the outside, but God sees the heart. We often look at someone's present life and decide who they are. God looks at their future. He sees the person they can become if they open their hearts to His love.

This is exactly what happened in the life of St. Augustine. As a young man, Augustine was brilliant, ambitious, and successful. He loved learning and wanted to become famous. But he also lived a life that was far from God. He sought happiness in pleasure, wealth, and worldly success. He lived with a woman outside marriage, fathered a son, and spent many years following

false teachings instead of the Gospel. To many people, Augustine looked like a man who had lost his way. He seemed more like a weed than wheat.

Behind Augustine's sinful life, God was already at work. The greatest sign of this was the faithful love and prayers of his mother, St. Monica. She cried for her son, prayed for him every day, and trusted that God would one day bring him back. She did not stop loving him because he had gone astray. She believed that God's mercy was greater than Augustine's sins.

Her patience reflects the patience of God in today's Gospel. Just as the farmer allowed the wheat and weeds to grow together until the harvest, God allowed Augustine time to change. God did not reject him because of his past. Instead, He waited patiently for Augustine to return.

One day, while Augustine was sitting in a garden in Milan, he heard the voice of a child saying, "Take and read." He

opened the Bible and read the words of St. Paul in the Letter to the Romans, calling him to leave behind his sinful life and put on Christ. At that moment, Augustine's heart was changed. Later he wrote that all the darkness of doubt disappeared from his mind. The man who once seemed to be a weed became rich wheat in God's field.

Augustine's life teaches us never to lose hope in anyone. The young person who seems rebellious today may become a holy priest, religious sister, faithful parent, or respected leader tomorrow. The person who has made many mistakes may one day become a source of hope for others. God's grace can change any heart that is open to Him.

At the same time, Augustine's words are also a warning. A person who appears holy today should never become proud. Someone who seems like good wheat can become weeds if they stop praying, become selfish, or forget God. Holiness is not something we achieve once and for all. It is a daily journey of faith and obedience.

St. Augustine also reminds young people that it is never too late to change. No matter how many mistakes they have made, God's mercy is always greater. The Lord does not look at our past to condemn us. He looks at our future with hope. Every human heart longs for God, even when it searches for happiness in the wrong places.

St. John Chrysostom observed that Christ forbade uprooting the weeds because zeal without charity easily becomes cruelty. Christians are called to oppose evil without hating the evildoer.

This distinction is increasingly important in modern society. Social media encourages instant judgment. Public opinion often condemns people permanently for their mistakes. Political disagreements become personal hostility. Communities become divided into "good people" and "bad people."

Before attempting to reform society, Christ invites every disciple to cultivate personal holiness. It is remarkably easy to identify the weeds in someone else's life while ignoring the weeds growing in our own hearts.

- We have celebrated the 16th Sunday of Ordinary time year A. Today is our Good Samaritan Sunday. We are making a second collection in support of our Deacon-Batte Raymond towards his ordination on 1st August 2026 in Masaka. The team good Samaritan team is also under the tent to receive your contributions.
- We thank the family ministry for leading adoration last week. This week, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal will lead adoration on Thursday 23rd July 2026 at 5pm.
- Our children undergoing Catechism classes for the Sunday program and those of the International curriculum will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 25th July 2026 at 9am. Parents are requested to assist them with the necessary requirements.
- The Youth For Christ - I4U of Ntinda Parish have organized a mid-year pilgrimage to Kiwamirembe on Monday, 24th August 2026, for all youth aged 13 to 19 years, under the theme "Surrender & Recharge in Christ." Registration is UGX 20,000 per child. The deadline is Wednesday 19th August 2026. Find us at the tent after Mass to register your child or call 0768495300 for more information
- Magnificat Charismatic Community invites all People of God to attend Empowerment sessions with the theme: JESUS AND THE KINGDOM guided by the Gospel of Matthew. These talks and Worship experience take place every \*Wednesday at 6:00pm, here in the Church, at St Charles Lwanga Ntinda. Many have been healed, and others found Purpose in Life.

MARRIAGE BANNS

- **Raphael Okia Omagino** of Naalya son of Dr. Omagino.o.o. John and Late Angella Fellistus Acadi Omagino of Manyangwa Close. Gayaza Wakiso wishes to marry **Alakut Karen** of Oderai B daughter of Oede James and Aukoi Dianh Loyce of Soroti
- **Vian Wejuli** of Kyaliwajjala son of Oguttu George Williams and Were Juliet Ann Oguttu of Kyaliwajjala Namugongo wishes to marry Among **Mary Vanessa** of Kyaliwajjala daughter of Onya Francis Okolong and Okia Rose-marry of Kiwatule
- **Kafuruka Thomas** of Kibingo A son of Byarugaba Augustine and Leokadia Byarugaba Katin-da of Ibaare wishes to marry

**Kugumisiriza Chloris** of Bukoto daughter of

- **Asiimwe Paul** of Buwate son of Deogratius Nzarwa Katono and Kebirungi Sidona Katono of Kasangati Town Council wishes to marry **Nabimanya Lynn** of Buwate daughter of Katamba Andrew and Nuwemuto Patience of Rukungiri
- **Mark Elvis Kamweya Arinaitwe** of Kigowa son of Late. Stephen Kamweya and Kyomugisha M. Hedwig of Seguku, Kateete wishes to marry **Nyamer Bridgette** of Muyenga daughter of Martin Ojwang and Linda Ungwech Evelyn of Mawanda Road
- **Kato Anthony** of Kyanja son of Edward Ssenaburya and Namu-

soke of Luwero wishes to marry Atukunda Catherine of Kisaasi daughter of Robert Bujara Mugisha and Prisca Ahumuza Mugisha of Kisaasi

- **Atwine Jimmy** of Tororo son of Ndyamuhaki Nestole and Owomuhangi Daria of Rukungiri wishes to marry **Ankunda Prossy** of Mugamba daughter of Sarapio Betambira and Kamwebaze Dinnah of Rukungiri
- **Mutyaba Ivan** of Kyoga son of Late Mukibi Joseph and Ndagire Catherine Mulondo of Kyoga ,wakiso wishes to marry **Naky-omu Damalie** of Ssaza daughter of Late Charles Muyira and Babirye Florence of Mukono

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| Tithe                   | 13,871,629 |
| Sunday Offertory        | 8,276,500  |
| Week Day Offertory      | 4,728,250  |
| Fundraisings            | 30,000     |
| Baptism Stole Fees      | 80,000     |
| Catechism Stole Fees    | 620,000    |
| Thanksgiving            | 640,000    |
| Scroll Sales & Adverts  | 167,000    |
| Divine Mercy            | 50,000     |
| St. Jude Devotion.      | 445,000    |
| St. Athanasi Bazekuketa | 10,000     |
| Good Samaritan          | 660,000    |
| Family and Marriage     | 50,000     |
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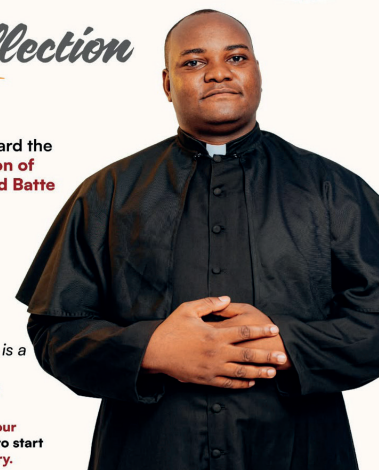
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