



**Friday, July 28, 2023**  
**Friday of the Sixteenth**  
**Week in Ordinary Time**



*Good morning!*

We read Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, and Matthew 13:18-23. God has given us the Ten Commandments. In its revelation, there seems to be nothing new. As we read them today, we realize they have taken root in our lives, and as we try to live them, we do so thirty, sixty, or one hundredfold. The basis of the commandments is living in the right relationship with God and with one another. We can see how it all makes sense and the seeds have been sown. Being faithful to God's word is allowing it to take root in our lives and continually change us. As we change, we have the opportunity to change the world around us. Recognize the fruit you bear and allow it to grow in abundance and in love for God and neighbor.

*Peace,*

*RevKev*

*"Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."*

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