

*Reflection: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost .... Canon Anne Wentzel  
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*In Palestine at the time of Jesus, the sower scattered the seed before the ground was cultivated.*

*Since the land had only a thin layer of soil above the rocky ground, it made sense to cast the seed everywhere rather than search for deep places. The parable can sound as if the farmer couldn't throw straight because seeds landed in even the most unwelcoming places.*

*If God's presence is unnoticed, it is not because God is absent. Though we normally look for God in church or holy places, here is an additional way.*

*It involves being aware of 'now'. It means looking at the world around us and framing the moment of mystery. When you think about it, it is the small things that make our lives more blessed, such as the easy company of friends, the familiarity of a round of golf, the laughter of children, the affection of a pet.*

*Entering more fully into the ordinary we discover the absolute wonder of it.*

*When you pay attention to the small events, you see the love of God all around you. In our world many are searching for keys to the mystery of life, to what gives it more meaning. We need not look far.*

*When we take the time to be still, we will find seeds of the mystery that will inspire us to greater faith, hope and love.*

*The Lord be with you.*