

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2020

"All things work for good for those who love God."

— Romans 8:28a

A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain. Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$4,395.00	\$2,923.00
Number of Families contributing	122	89
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (26 Weeks)	\$94,165.00	\$92,848.00
Received to Date	\$97,790.00	\$74,668.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$3,625.00)	\$18,180.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$368.00	\$11,780.00

Nineteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
30.00	\$10,030.00

Six people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

BAA totaled \$205.00.

7 **CHILDREN** contributed \$44.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$69.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Once there was a little boy who had a very bad temper. His father decided to hand him a bag of nails and said that every time the boy lost his temper, to hammer a nail into the fence.

On the first day, the boy hammered **37 nails** into that fence.

The boy gradually began to control his temper over the next few weeks, and the number of nails he was hammering into the fence slowly decreased.

He discovered it was easier to control his temper than to hammer those nails into the fence.

Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all, he told his father the news and the father suggested that the boy should now pull out a nail every day he kept his temper under control.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

"You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one, you can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It doesn't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

CONTROL YOUR ANGER, AND DON'T SAY THINGS TO PEOPLE IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT THAT YOU MAY LATER REGRET. SOME THINGS IN LIFE, YOU ARE UNABLE TO TAKE BACK!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Pat L. and Family in loving memory of Ann Marie on the 4th Anniversary of her death;
2. The Family of Vinnie Sherlock in loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death and her 79th Birthday;
3. A Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A woman was married to a miserly man. One day, she told him she was going window shopping. He said, "Look, but don't buy."

A few hours later, she came home with a new dress. "What is this?" her husband fumed. "I thought I told you look but not buy."

"Well," She explained, "I saw this lovely dress and thought I'd try it on, and when I did the devil said, "It sure looks good on you."

"Right then you should have told him, 'Get thee behind me Satan,'" her husband exclaimed.

"I did," she answered, "but when he got behind me he said, "it sure looks good from the back, too"

THANK YOU a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, the Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit for a special intention; a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael for special intention; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; and two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

ONE LINERS

- “The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. He also accepteth from the grouch”
- “It’s church budget season – time for the Sermon on the amount”
- “A lot of people are willing to give God credit but so few ever give him cash.”
- “Don’t give until it hurts. Give until it feels good.”

BE HUMBLE

A tree that wants to touch the sky must extend its roots into the earth. The more it wants to rise upwards, the more it has to grow downwards.

SO TO RISE IN LIFE, WE MUST BE DOWN TO EARTH, HUMBLE AND GRATEFUL.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** St. Martha
- Thursday:** St. Peter Chrysologus
- Friday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Saturday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In thanks for Sutton Sherlock on her 8th Birthday.
- Tuesday:** **Funeral.**
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Sherlock on his Birthday.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Vinnie on her Birthday and the 1st Anniversary of her death.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Barbara Jean Carroll on the 3rd Anniversary of her death and In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and Holy Souls.

HELP ME SEARCH

*Help me search my heart, O God,
To see if there might be
Any unclean thing within
That hinders love in me.*

*Help me God to conquer my fear-
To trust when I question why;
To release the selfish pride I hold
And know that I must try...*

*To find the best in everyone
Though different we may be,
And show all mankind Your love-
The love you give to me.*

READERS

- Sat. July 25th, 4:00 P.M.**
Christina & Natalie
- Sun. July 26th, 10:00 A.M.**
Bridgette Anna & Jimmy
- Sat. Aug. 1st, 4:00 P.M.**
Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sun. Aug. 2nd, 10:00 A.M.**
Bridgette Anna & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Bryce
- Tuesday** - Julie Ann
- Wednesday** - Claire
- Thursday** - Marilyn
- Friday** - Mary Ashley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** - Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** - Rita Weaver
- Wednesday** - Rosie Cat
- Thursday** - Winnie Ann
- Friday** - Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.**
Front: Mary Margaret
Right: Cathy Pole
Left: Kim Gallon
- July 25th**

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- July 26th**
Rose Marie
Mary Cat
- Aug. 2nd**
Rose Marie
Mary Cat

TRUTH AND LIE “TRUTH” is like a surgery, it hurts, but it cures! “LIE” is like a pain killer, it gives relief immediately, but it gives side effects later!

FACTS IN LIFE

- Build 3 factories in your life, 4th one you will automatically get.
1. Ice factory in brain. Be cool.
 2. Sugar factory in tongue. Be sweet.
 3. Love factory in heart. Be calm.
- THEN LIFE WILL BE SATIS“FACTORY”.**

6 IMPORTANT GUIDELINES IN LIFE

1. When you are alone, mind your **THOUGHTS**.
2. When you are with friends, mind you **TONGUE**.
3. When you are angry, mind your **TEMPER**.
4. When you are with a group, mind your **BEHAVIOR**.
5. When you are in trouble, mind your **EMOTIONS**.
6. When GOD starts blessing you, mind your **EGO**.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**PRAYER FOR A HOLY HEART**

Lord, grant me a holy heart that sees always what is fine and pure and is not frightened at the sight of sin, but creates order wherever it goes.  
Grant me a heart that knows nothing of boredom, weeping and sighing. Let me not be too concerned with the bothersome thing I call “myself.”  
Lord, give me a sense of humor and I will find happiness in life and profit for others. Amen  
**St. Thomas More**