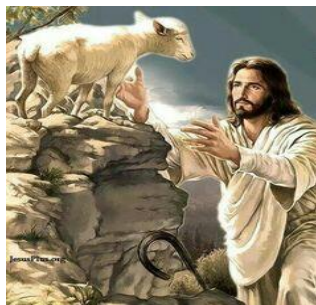


July 26th, 2020 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a

merchant

searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

MT 13:44-45

Our Greatest Treasure is The God Who Loves Us

God’s Gifts...

Solomon was distinguished from all other kings in the Old Testament by God’s gifts to him. First, God appeared to him and told him to ask for a gift. Not many kings in Israel were honored by God in this way!

Solomon responded to God so beautifully! He asked for something all right, but it was not something worldly. He did not ask God for riches or long life. Instead, he asked God for wisdom to govern God’s people well.

And so he received God’s first gift, which was the opportunity to ask God for something, in such a way that his asking made him worthy of what God gave him when God answered his prayer.

Because he pleased God by what he asked of God, God gave him the wisdom he asked for. And with that wisdom God gave him even more, namely, the gifts he had not asked for, things worthy of kings. In the text that continues the First Reading, God promised him the very worldly things he hadn’t asked for—namely, riches and long life—in addition to the wisdom he wanted.

So Solomon was very great among the kings of the ancient Israel.

And yet what Christ gives to each one of his own people is greater than the gifts God gave Solomon. To each person who opens to Christ, Christ gives the indwelling Holy Spirit. And with the Holy Spirit, he gives the seven gifts of the Spirit, too.

The wisdom Solomon asked for is only the first of these. There are six more: understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for.

Furthermore, anyone who has these has not just *long* life, like Solomon, but *everlasting* life with the Lord. And even among the sorrows of this life, the consolations of the indwelling Spirit are present too, in the love, joy, and peace that are among the fruits of the Spirit.

And so Christ offers now to each one who will accept it from him something greater than the greatness of Solomon, not just wisdom but all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and with them unending life in the kingdom of heaven.

As Christ says in the [Gospel](#) reading, this is treasure indeed. –Eleanor Stump

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure...



Readings This Sunday

Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Reading II: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 55:1-3

Reading II: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$1,456** and Building & Maintenance was **\$492**.

Another Scam...Please be aware that parishioners have reported receiving text messages to their cell phones saying they are Msgr. James Pulskamp and need a favor, or gift cards. The message have come from 213 and 216 area codes. There may even be other area codes from which it is sent. If you receive anything like this, **DO NOT REPLY** to it. **DELETE IMMEDIATELY**.

It is not from Msgr. Pulskamp. Please, if possible, report the scam.

1. Report it on the messaging app you use. Look for the option to report junk or spam. How to report spam or junk in the Messages app. ...

2. Copy the message and forward it to 7726 (SPAM).
3. Report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 25

4:00 pm SJ Daniel Cloney †

Sunday 26

7:30 am SJ No Intention

9:00 am SH Maria Jaca DeGuzman †

10:30 am SB Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Quinn †

12:15 pm SH Jose Manuel Pimentel (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

Monday 27

12:15 pm SB No Intention

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Tuesday 28

7:30 am SJ No Intention

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Wednesday 29

12:15 pm SB No Intention

6:00 pm SH Adoration

7:00 pm For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their sheep from all harm. (Sp)

Thursday 30

7:30 am SJ No Intention

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Friday 31

12:15 pm SB No Intention

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Saturday 01

8:30 am SH 1st Saturday Marian Devotion
Stella Reyes Int.

4:00 pm SJ Mass for the People

Sunday 02

7:30 am SJ To Honor God the Father

9:00 am SH No Intention

10:30 am SB Jim & Martina Traylor

12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

Please pray for : Monica Rose Clinewerk, Chad Kryla, Don DeHennis, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Tommy McCollister, Fran Hill, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

Prayer Line Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. It is an act of charity to pray for others in need. Call our prayer line leader Toni at 445-3616-24/7.

Matching Funds

An anonymous benefactor from our parish has graciously offered to match dollar-for-dollar up to a total of a **\$30,000** donation. We have now raised **\$21,106** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church**

Congratulations to our parish children who received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion last week: **Leonardo Freitas, Morgan Fresz, Geraldine Gonzalez Sierra, Jocelyn Magana-Espino, Yaritza Mireles-Romero, Vincent Omei, Stevie Reyna-Sanchez, Daphne Sanchez** and **Vivienne Shanahan!** We're so thankful for the grace of Communion for these students!

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation



We're so blessed to be able to hold Sacraments over the summer for our children who have been preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion! If your child was enrolled in Religious Education to prepare for their Sacraments and you have not received a phone call to schedule a date, please contact Kim Farrell DRE at 442-2233.

2020 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Schedule: Kim Farrell, DRE at 442-2233

*First Reconciliation Thursday, August 6 6:00 pm SH - Spanish

*First Holy Communion Saturday, August 8 11:00 am SH – Spanish

*First Reconciliation Thursday, August 13 6:00 pm SB

*First Holy Communion Saturday, August 15 11:00 am SB

*First Reconciliation Thursday, August 20 6:00 pm SH

*First Holy Communion Saturday, August 22 11:00 am SH