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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
26th July, 2020

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.



By Greg Sunter – Liturgy Help

A NOTE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



The Parish Office hours will be changing from
14th August to 4th September 2020 due to staff on leave.

Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday
17th August to 4th September 2020 from 8.30am to 12 noon.

Due to the reduced hours and staff on leave we ask that all
parishioners who wish to attend weekend Masses during this time
15/16, 22/23, 29/30 August & 5/6 September please register with the
Parish Office as soon as possible.

Thanks Angela & Rosemary



Knights Silver Circle: It is with regret that our upcoming selling of Circle tickets which was to be held early August will not proceed due to the Covid restrictions etc. for the safety of Parishioners and members of the Knights. God willing we will (with the support of our Parish Priests) be back in March of 2021. Thanks to our buyers of tickets we are still able to offer some support to local charities from monies already raised earlier this year!

A PRAYER FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES...

Most sacred heart of Jesus, like a watchful shepherd, you care for us and provide us with all we need. You shower us with your love and send people into our lives to help care for us especially in time of sickness and pain. I pray for healing for myself and for all who suffer because of an illness of the body, mind or spirit.

In the midst of our pain and weakness, strengthen our faith that we may be filled with hope in you. In the midst of our frustrations and discouragement, give us patience that we may accept our limitations. In the midst of our loneliness and fears, help us know we are not alone that you walk with us each moment of our lives. Be with us Lord, in our time of need. Heal us in body, soul and spirit that we may rejoice in your grace and blessings in this world and come to enjoy the fullness of your presence in our life to come.

We make this prayer in your name Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

If you wish for Fr. Geo to offer up a Mass for your intention please contact the Office where you can fill in a Mass offering envelope.



Scripture Readings

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1st YR A

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:35,37-39.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21.

Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Brian Carmichael, Scott Hines, Barry Guest, Rolf Germain, Pita Nepata, Norma Quinn, Marcus Neudecker, Neola Corby, Anne Feeney, Christina Peters, Samantha Pride, Terry Segrave, Rita Miles, Steven Williams, Rohan Somasekaran, Thomas Bird, Bradley Wright, Greg Olsson-Lalor, Nina & Raymond Dove, Tia Huff, Helen Chicken, Dorothy Davidson, John Engwicht, Vera Versace, Michelle Woodworth, Abbie Wellspring, Lloyd Mason, Sharon McCourt, Gina Morieni, Paige Hoffman, Nicole Blackburn, Amanda Moyle, Tim McNickle, Kyle Huff, Nathalie Bernon, Ghishiane Smidt, Patrick Bosworth and Cath Campbell.

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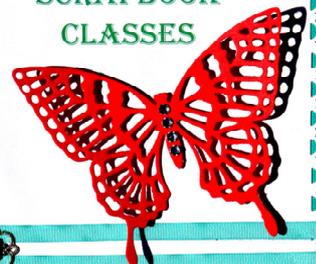
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