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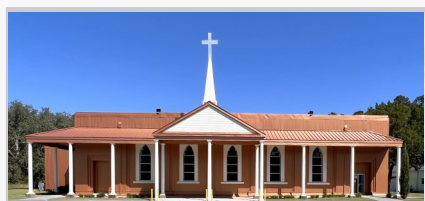
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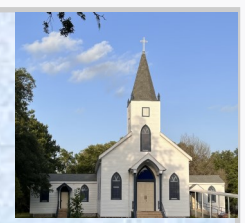
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July 30, 2023
 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel) (Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday: Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (after 8am Mass) (of the Month)
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart (8:00am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

Adoration

Tuesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm
 Friday: 8:30am - 9:30am

Office Hours

Mon-Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading (1 Kings 3:5,7-12)

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Psalm (119:57,72,76-77,127-128,129-130)

R. **Lord I love your commands, I love your commands.**

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. **Lord I love your commands, I love your commands.**

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. **Lord I love your commands, I love your commands.**

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. **Lord I love your commands, I love your commands.**

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30)

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52)

Jesus said to his disciples: "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. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Gospel Reflection





In the Gospel of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, using three mini parables and one concluding simile, Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of God is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserve it. The treasure which Jesus speaks about is the kingdom of heaven, the new condition where one who welcomes the proposals of the Beatitudes enters. It has a priceless value and is gradually discovered by those who decide to bet their own lives on it. The fact that this treasure is found by chance indicates its gratuity. God offers it freely to people. Whoever finds it should not hesitate to acquire it. The decision must be made urgently without delay. St. Paul says "whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ" (Phil 3:7,8).

Continued

The second parable contains the same message of the first one but differs in some significant details. First of all, the central character is not a poor laborer but a wealthy merchant who travels the world with a specific goal: to find pearls. Here the merchant finds his pearl after extensive searching. The merchant's behavior is the image of the man who passionately seeks what gives meaning to his life and fills his days with joy. The two parables convey the same message. The Kingdom of God is a free gift from God, and also the fruit of human diligence.

The third parable presents the image of fishing in the Sea of Galilee, where the fishermen proceeded to sort the catch. Jesus says that it happens in the kingdom of heaven too.

Jesus concludes the discourse with the question: "Do you understand all these things?" The question is addressed to the disciples, those who have found this treasure and the precious pearl. The kingdom of heaven they now possess has been prepared through the Old Testament and realized in Christ.

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