

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020**



The well-known story of Solomon using his newfound wisdom to determine a baby's true mother by proposing to cut the baby in two occurs just a few verses after the passage we hear today in the reading. Note, however, that Solomon did not specifically ask God for wisdom. He asked God simply for an understanding heart. Also notice that he did not ask for an understanding mind, but an understand heart so that he could know in his heart what is right. God then gives him "a heart so wise and understanding" (1Kings 3:12) that he gains the wisdom to distinguish right from wrong and make just judgments.

Again this week Jesus uses parables to describe the kingdom of heaven. The act of buying a field in which you've just reburied a treasure seems strange and a little deceptive, but in the uncertain political situation of Jesus' time, and especially at the time the Gospels were written, hiding a treasure underground was not uncommon. The parable's point is that the finder gives everything he has to gain that treasure. So must we be willing to do to gain the treasure of heaven.

Not once in all the parables we have heard over the last few Sundays has Jesus mentioned wisdom. Yet wisdom is essential to reach the proper conclusions. Wisdom teaches us to recognize true treasure, which may be overlooked by most people, buried deep inside someone, hidden away from those who see superficially. It is wisdom that gives the finder an understanding heart to make the right judgement and value the treasure for its true worth.

Question of the Week

What or whom have I overlooked searching for the kingdom of heaven? How can I develop an understanding heart?

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Vigil Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Tiffany Page – David Madison

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Lawrence Miller, Jr. Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Germain Bruno – Carl Goldman – Tiffany Page

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Michael Braud, Sr. – Willie and Sylvania Guillory – Gloria Lewis – Claudia Claude

12:00p.m. David Madison – Tiffany Page – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, July 27, 2020

8:30a.m. Katherine Bertrand – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Claudia Claude – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Calvin Tate, Jr. – Henry Martin

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nguyen – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey

Thursday, July 30, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page David Madison – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey

Friday, July 31, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Claudia Claude – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of – Stacey Martin

Saturday, August 1, 2020

8:30a.m. The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

“Dear Lord, I do not ask to see the path. In darkness, in anguish and in fear, I will hang tightly to Your hand, and I will close my eyes so that You know how much trust I place in you, Spouse of my soul.” ..Blessed Maria Elizabeth Hesselblad.

No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ca8a822a6fd0-covid19>.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

Deacon Terrel Broussard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study.

Bible Study 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2020

Time: July 27, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88250294033>



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Tiffany Page.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. and David Madison.

Parish Calendar

Friday, July 31 2020

8:00a.m. Census Training – Center

Saturday, August 1, 2020

8:00a.m. Census Training – Center

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.