

Christ Child Catholic Church
***Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service***

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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
July 26, 2020

First reading 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Solomon Requests Wisdom

This **dream** was a means of direct revelation from God, not a symbolic vision needing interpretation. Scholars estimate that Solomon was about 20 years old at this time. His answers to God's question marks his maturity as well as his love for the Lord.

The humility of **an understanding heart** births a spirit that is sensitive to what God says through His Word and His people.

Discern derives from the same root as the word between and refers to the ability to choose between two options.

The additional gifts of **riches and honor**, along with the conditional offer of a long life, signaled God's pleasure at Solomon's request.

Dream and Prayer! Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived, but he did not start out that way. In fact, his unusual wisdom was a gift from God in response to an unusual offer.

In this dream in which God tested the 20-year-old king's priorities, God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" Solomon, understandably nervous at the prospect of such an overwhelming assignment at such a young age, replied "A wise and understanding heart." And God supplied beyond compare.

Hopefully the leaders of the World will recognize having and asking God for that GIFT of great need in them today, the WISDOM that comes only from GOD.

"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

LORD, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS!

Second reading Romans 8: 28-30

"We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose..."

God makes all things work together for the good of those who love him.

Gospel Matthew 13: 44-52

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

In ancient Israel, when someone found a buried **treasure** and unearthed it, that treasure belonged to the owner of the property. But if the finder could buy the property, then everything in it would belong to the finder. Jesus tells us that what seems like costly sacrifice today will one day be revealed as a pittance when compared to the riches of the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever finds **the pearl of great price** –God's kingdom- will happily give up everything to possess it.

In the seventh parable in this chapter, Jesus tells of a **dragnet** being pulled into a boat with **good** fish that looked much like **bad** fish. Because he speaks these parables from a boat on the water, he may be saying, that the parables themselves are like the dragnet, distinguishing those who listen from those who do not. God knows the difference, and one day the truth will be revealed.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually, call for an appointment

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

MASS INTENTIONS July 25 - 31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. David & Norma Hammons

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Caralie Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Alexis Oliver

Thursday 9:00 a.m. David & Norma Hammons

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Constantino Silva

Are you an Adult? And would you like to be Catholic or be confirmed or receive the Eucharist. Please call at 408.353.2210. We will be very happy to help you! Fr. Eugenio

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 pm. **August 26th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Stewardship of Treasure

Report Sunday July 18 & 19, 2020

\$926.00

**Today's Second Collection for the Parish
Maintenance! Thank You & God bless you!**

I am copying this from a post by an old friend on Columbus, Ohio... Pam Heil.

What a speech Pope Francis gave in yesterday's homily!

Read it again and again:

"You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, and relationships without disappointments.

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, and security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile,

but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity.

Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness... That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winters a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again.

For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up... Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show."

(Pope Francis).

Note: You may share this wonderful explanation by His Holiness on the real essence of life.

Fr. Roy Shelly