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Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 26, 2020

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Patagonia

8:00am Sonoita

10:30am Patagonia

Daily Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm to 4:30pm

PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

Along with many of you, I too have been carefully following the pandemic's growth here in Arizona. The spike in cases has caused a tremendous stress for our hospitals and the rate of saturation within the general population appears to be moving upward at a serious pace. For these reasons it has been strongly recommended to me that we suspend public worship in our Churches, and I agree. For these reasons, as of today (July 1st) our parishes will no longer be open to the public. My hope is that this suspension will be brief, but we owe it to our healthcare workers (along with the most vulnerable among us) to take this temporary step.

At this time we're returning to the protocols we were following just prior to the reopening of our parishes. To learn how you can safely receive Holy Communion, celebrate Sacramental Penance, or view an on-line Mass, please go to your parish web site or our Diocesan web site, which provides more detail about our current situation.

Again, I anticipate this to be a brief suspension of public worship in our churches. While nothing can fully replace our ability to gather in person, now is a time to let the Church come to you in your homes.

Be assured of my daily prayers for your safety and good health, and I greatly look forward to when we can once again be in one another's company.

+Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **St. Therese Parish continues to work internally and expenses continue to accumulate. The budget of our parish depends greatly on the generosity of all of you, parishioners. Our budget has suffered greatly. I kindly ask for your continued financial support to maintain the parish. May the Lord bless you always, Fr. Alexander Tigga.**

***Ramon Miranda is available Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm for any parish office matters.
Cell phone #520-313-4813, or
email sttheresa@dakotacom.net**

***Angel Wings Thrift & Gift Shop is closed until
further notice.**

Prayer Request

Paco Moreno	Bob Bilodeau	Don Witt
Ruben Mendoza	Dr. Jesse	Art Pena
Virginia Fain	Cruz Quiroga	Delfina Madrid
Paul Mihalik, Sr.	Sadie G.	Amelia Barrios
Lucy Mihalik	Joseph Hann	Harold Swyers
Pam D.	Waclaw Wolosik	Jeannette Swyers
Steve Biddle	Pelagia Wolosik	
Walter Wolosik	Bill Swyers	
Nancy Swyers	John Swyers	

JULY 2020	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$	\$	\$
Goal			\$1,650.00
Over /Under Goal			\$
2nd	\$	\$	\$

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

July 26- Parish Priest Salary
Aug 2- Parish Priest Salary
Aug 9- Church In Africa

Parish Office News

Dear Parishioners,

Please feel free to contact me with

any parish business as I am

working from my home office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 25, 5:30pm
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday July 26, 8:00am
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday July 26, 10:30am
 † **Martha Estrada**
 † **Luis Alejandro Escobar**

Parish Home Office Hours:

Contact Ramon at
520-313-4813 or
sttheresa@dakotacom.net.
Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date
Confirmation: Contact Parish Office for information and schedule
Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired date

Angel Wings Gift and Thrift Shop

is temporarily closed because of the threat of the Covid 19 virus. Cases are spiking in Santa Cruz County.

We ask for you to please hold your donations the time being.

We again thank you for your patience and understanding with us in having to make this very difficult decision.

Angel Wings Volunteers

We Hope Everyone Has Stayed Safe & Sound and We Look Forward to Seeing Your Smiling Faces!

July 26, 2020
Ordinary Time

Seventeenth Sunday in

A SHARE IN GOD’S KINGDOM

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today’s first reading: “Ask something of me and I will give it to you” (1 Kings 3:5). Today’s parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, “A share in your kingdom, O God!” Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God’s kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. Martha

Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

SAINT MARTHA (first century)

July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

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WISDOM

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.

—Theodore Roosevelt

GO

Go forth and set the world on fire.