

Mass Intentions
25 July - 2 August 2020

- 25 July 2020 – Saturday - St. James, Apostle
4.30 pm:
- 26 July 2020 - Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am: +Norma & Paul Yonchik by Frank & Kathleen Geosits
11.00 am:
- 27 July 2020 - Monday - Weekday
8.30 am:
- 28 July 2020 –Tuesday -Weekday
8.30 am:
- 29 July 2020 - Wednesday - St. Martha
8.30 am:
- 30 July 2020 –Thursday -Weekday
6.30 pm:
- 31 July 2020 –Friday - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
8.30 am:
- 1 August 2020 – First Saturday - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church
8.30 am:
4.30 pm:
- 2 August 2020 - Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am: +John Gain by Edward Sykes
11.00 am:+Mr & Mrs William Milk by Ron Bauer

Stress comes from trying to do it all on our own. **Peace** comes from putting it all in God's hands.

With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father
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Dn. John Lytle

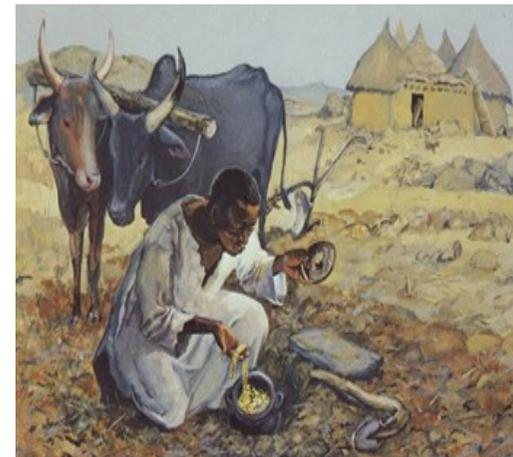
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**He
Sells
all
that
he
has**



**And
Buys
the
field**

Regular Mass with Social – Distancing
Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church
Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church
11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

Let us all Stay Safe, Clean & Healthy

Meditation

The journey from the movement to stillness, from sound to silence:

Meditation is total rest; wanting nothing, being nothing, doing nothing and yet having total alertness effortlessly. Sit and relax admiring and praising the Almighty Creator. The creator and the creation are one and the same. Creation is formed out of the creator, just like dance comes out of the dancer.

Meditation is the journey from movement to stillness, from sound to silence. The need to meditate is present in every human being because it is a natural tendency of human life to look for a joy that doesn't diminish, a love that doesn't distort or turn into negative emotions.

Is meditation foreign to us? Absolutely not. This is because we have been in meditation for a couple of months before our birth. We were in our mother's womb doing nothing. We didn't even have to chew our food — it was fed directly into our belly and we were there happily floating in the fluid, turning and kicking, sometimes here and something there, but most of the time happily floating there. That is meditation or absolute comfort. We did nothing, everything was done for us. So there is a natural tendency in every human being, in every soul, to crave for that state when we are in absolute comfort.

And getting back to that state which we have had a taste of, just before entering the hustle bustle of this world is very natural because in this universe everything is cyclic, everything wants to go back to its source. When the autumn season comes, the leaves fall and go back to the soil and nature has its own way to recycle them.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Jerome Bauer and all sick and needy.



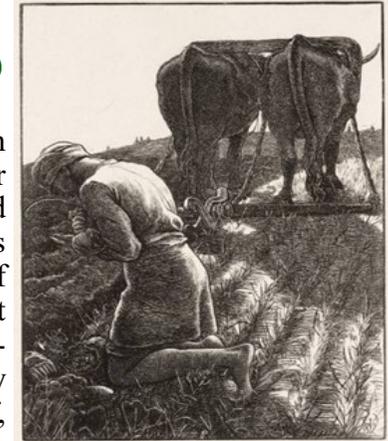
LITURGY OF WORD

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

Second Reading: Romans 8:28 -30

Gospel Reading: Mt 13:44-52

In the first **reading**, God gives Solomon a choice of gifts. Solomon asks God for "an understanding mind," so that he could always do what was just and best for his subjects. God rewards him with the gift of wisdom making him the wisest man that ever lived. The theme of the second reading concerns the graciousness and mercy of God at work in calling men to himself, justifying them, and glorifying them as well. The point of the reading is the eternal mystery of the ineffable love of God for man, even before man existed. The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 13:44-52. The lesson of these two parables is as true for us today, as it was for those Palestinians to whom Christ spoke. All Christians are called on to imitate the two wise men, and surrender all their earthly possessions if necessary in order to gain eternal life. Does this "giving all" mean that we are all expected to abandon the world and take on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience? There are many who do just this. But it is not the only way, nor the normal way, to purchase the eternal treasure. Heaven is within the reach of all, who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake of this world's joys and pleasures *within the framework of God's commandments*, but never lose sight of the goal toward which they are moving.



Being the Living Signs of LOVE

Jesus' whole life was a witness to his Father's love, and Jesus calls his followers to carry on that witness in his Name. We, as followers of Jesus, are sent into this world to be visible signs of God's unconditional love. In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.