

15th Wednesday of Ordinary Time. 7/14/2021

The kingdom of God is a treasure

We hear the words of Jesus telling us several things about the Kingdom of God. People come to the kingdom of God in different ways. As with the merchant searching for fine pearls, some people look in different places for a deeper meaning in their lives, for something greater, for something that is lacking. In their search, they go through a series of lesser pearls, but they persevere, until their eyes are opened to the light of Christ.

As with the treasure found in the field, some people are not actively looking, but in their daily activities they happen to hear something or see something that suddenly

catches their attention, and again their eyes are opened to the love of Christ in their lives.

Then, in both parables, we hear that the fortunate individual who has found the kingdom of God goes and sells everything to buy this kingdom.

What we hear summarized so briefly in these parables may take years to play out in our lives, but it shows the movement of the Christian life that fulfills our deepest human desires. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, discover the kingdom of God, appreciate its infinite value, give up everything to possess it.

Following the parables, how are we to sell all that we have, to buy the kingdom of God? This looks different depending on each of our vocations. But something that is

common is never to see earthly possessions as goals; instead, to see all things in this world as something we receive from God, to bring us closer to him in thanksgiving, and to show his love to our brothers and sisters. We see all things and use all things as instruments to make the love of God concrete in the world, bringing peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

As we continue our Mass, let us pray that everyone, in their own path, have the joy of finding the light of Christ.

And in this joy trade what is of lesser value for the infinite value of the kingdom of God.