

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 26, 2020
 All things work for good for those who love God.
 — Romans 8:28a

Weekly Collections

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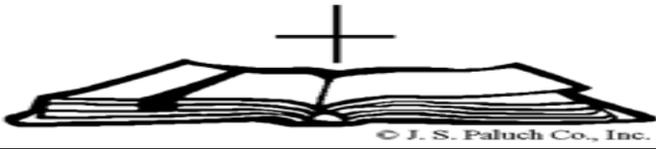
A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

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.

Envelopes	\$ 1,735.00
Loose	\$ 1,692.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 270.00
E-giving	\$255.00

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Mass Intentions



Sat., July 25, 4:30 p.m.	Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, and for the living: Joe and Tiny Calder
Sun., July 26, 7:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Sun., July 26, 9:15 a.m.	Carol Pieri
Sun., July 26, 11:00 a.m.	Joseph Legnon, Trent Meche, Dorothy Heap McDow, Marie Duhon
Mon., July 27, 8:00 a.m.	Marie Franks
Tues., July 28	NO MASS
Wed., July 29, 8:00 a.m.	Joy Guidry (L)
Thurs., July 30, 8:00a.m.	David Tucker
Fri., July 31, 8:00 a.m.	Amy Goff

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Dot Willie
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Nita Addotto
Joseph Hadad	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
Pam Addotto	Yolanda Bourgeois
Brandy Touns	Maurice Houk
Larry Ardoin	Alicia Ardoin

The candles burn in honor of:

Sanctuary	Fr. Odilo Alt O.S.B.
Blessed Mother	Marty Murphy (L)
St. Joseph	Ryan Joseph Bovia (L)
St. Ann	Shirley Lungsford (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF *Earline Mauthe*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Altar Society has dates available for sanctuary flowers in August, September, October, November, and early December. If you would like to memorialize or honor a family member with sanctuary flowers, please fill out a form in the back of the church or call the church office at 796-3806. Thank you.

MASKS

As I am sure everyone has heard, our governor has issued a proclamation that makes wearing a mask mandatory whenever one goes out in public. There is no exception for churches. Therefore, I am asking everyone (8 years of age and older), unless you have a medical reason that precludes it, to please wear a mask when you come to Mass at St. John's. I have been grateful for our parishioners' willingness to do their part with respect to this coronavirus situation, and I thank you for your ongoing support. I continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers. Fr. Vincent

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

AMEN

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS!

Theresa Wilfert, our Director of Religious Education for the past five years, has decided to retire. We are so thankful for the dedication she has had to the program and how much time she has spent sharing our faith. Amanda Ansel Fraise will be taking over as Director of Religious Education. Amanda holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Southeastern Louisiana University and will be completing her Master of Arts in Catechetics and Evangelization from Franciscan University at Steubenville at the end of July. In addition to the Director of Religious Education position, Amanda will also be assisting the music ministry by acting as the Music Ministry Coordinator. Amanda is so excited for the opportunity to serve the Church and cannot wait to work with everyone.

Now registering K-12 students for our Parish School of Religion. At this time, classes will begin in person Wednesday, September 2nd. Students in grades 9 & 10th meet on Sunday beginning September 13th. All classes will be held in Jonathan Hall. Registration forms have been mailed out to returning families but can also be found on the front and back table in Jonathan Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Fraise at 985-796-3806 or amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR SHOW

Due to Covid-19 we regret we will not have our annual car show. However, we will be selling raffle tickets for the \$1,000 prize in front and back of church at all masses on the weekend of July 25th and August 23rd. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to support the K. C.'s Council at St. John's Church.

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!

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men’s Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thurs., 7 p.m.

This Monday, the 27th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall the Church History Study we will be the letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch, as well as St. Irenaeus, Origin, and the first antipope, St. Hippolytus.

Knights of Columbus meet Thurs., Aug. 13th at 7:30 p.m.