

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 26, 2020

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this-not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right-I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O Lord, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your commands more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all he has and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Upcoming Events in the Parish

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Jesus the Teacher

Dear Brothers and sisters of St. Anthony's,

The person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has always fascinated me. From the time I was a little child and even to today, as a man of 60 years of age and 34 of them as a priest, the person of Jesus of Nazareth has captivated my mind, imagination, and heart. I am not one bit ashamed to say that I am in love with the fisherman from Galilee. I probably feel that more in the summertime than any other time of year. It is probably due to the summer Gospel readings where you see the person of Jesus emerge from the pages of the Gospel to heal and preach and cast out devils.

The Gospel of Mark (Ch. 1:32 ff) provides us with the first day in the ministry of Jesus. Fresh off the temptation in the desert, Jesus calls his first disciples and what does Jesus do? He immediately begins to inaugurate the Kingdom of God on earth. How does he do this? By healing. The evangelist summarizes the first day of Jesus' ministry in these words: "When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to Him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and He drove out many demons not permitting them to speak because they knew Him."

The Gospel is explicit in telling us that Jesus came to set the captive free and to bring deliverance to all held in bondage through sin. Jesus was totally aware of the mission God the Father had sent him on. The Gospel continues by saying; "Rising exceedingly early before dawn, (Jesus) left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon, and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, 'Everyone is looking for you', He told them, 'Let us go into the surrounding villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, I have come.' So, he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee." (Mark 1:35-39)

Summertime is a time to come to know Jesus the healer and teacher. Follow Him and be one of those who are in the crowd, listen to Him. Jesus said at the conclusion of the Gospel last week; "Whoever has ears ought to hear." In the realm of "hearing" there are different levels. It has been my own experience that I have had to practice being a good listener; it does not come easy to us Irish. Being Irish, we like to talk. I guess we have all kissed the "Blarney Stone". It has been a difficult but rewarding process to learn how to really listen.

During the months of Summer, let us follow the words of the Apostle James (1:19) which instruct us to be "quick to hear, slow to speak." The words of the Old Testament pages in Sirach encourage us; "Be swift to hear but slow to answer." (5:12)

May the Good Lord watch over your comings and goings during the summer months, and listen, if even to nature in the morning. It has plenty to say to us.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

Monday, July 27th

Adoration and Drive-thru Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Tuesday, July 28th

High School Girls Book Club—6:30 to 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 1st

Men's Group—7:30 am (Padua Hall)

Sunday, August 2nd

Healing Mass—3 pm

Please Pray For The Sick

Austin Aley, Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Jane Carrello, Bill Carroll, Gail Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Anthony Fowler, Jace Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, Cathy Giancoli, Anna Gorski, Jan Groves, Noah Christopher Haas, Anna Halterman, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Richard Horwitz, Carolyn Humerick, Roza Ivanac, Cambrian Jay, Lindsey Jay, Kayla Johnston, William Kallal, Jim Kleinheinz, Richard Knupp, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Anne Marie Mako, Mark Mann, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Kylie Murphy, Brody O'Brien, Sarah Olsen, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Baby Victor Santucci, Baby Brandon Simonds, Jr., Matthew Skube, Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, Theresa Tate, David Thacker, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink.

Mass Intentions: July 27-August 2

8:00 am	7/27—Paul Woodburn, Jr. (L)
8:00 am	7/28—Josephine Martin (D)
8:00 am	7/29—Josephine Martin (D)
8:00 am	7/30—Ronald Mozie (D)
8:00 am	7/31— Mary Jane Martin (D)
9:00 am	8/01—Weilmuenster Family (L)
4:30 pm	8/01—Parishioners
8:15 am	8/02—Kenneth Byrne (D)
11:15 am	8/02—Loretta Marzetti (D)

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St. Anthony's RCIA is for adults interested in becoming Catholic, those who need to complete the Sacraments to be in full communion with the Catholic Church, or for those wanting to learn more about their faith. For a baptized Christian reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church involves reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. If you have any questions or are interested in joining please contact:

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