

## *The kingdom of heaven*

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Matthew 13:44



July 26, 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SEEKING WISDOM

If God were to speak to us and tell us to ask for anything we want, what would we say? A financially secure life? Health for ourselves and our families? Safety from all the dangers of the world? To how many of us would it occur to ask for wisdom? We just don't think about it much. We think we know how to run our families, our work, our politics, but how many mistaken ideas do we really have, and how do those work out? Do we treat others, even those we dislike, with kindness and understanding? Solomon asked God for the wisdom to know right from wrong and how to govern God's vast people. God was pleased with this request, and granted it to Solomon in abundance. Can we ask for the same in our lives? Would our lives be happier if we were wiser? "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

### THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE . . .

Parables and more parables. What have we to learn about the reign of God from so many parables? The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea. These parables are not hard to understand, for they all point to something valuable being searched for: a treasure, a pearl, good fish. Those who search for these things give up what they have to acquire these precious things. Those who search are praised for their wisdom in valuing what they find more than what they already have. Even the fishermen can distinguish what is good from what is useless and to be discarded.

The kingdom of heaven is something precious to be sought, even above the good things we have in this world. It is more important than anything we already have and treasure. Jesus says that at the end of the age when the good shall be separated from the bad, the good will enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven.

### THE NEW AND THE OLD

It is holy wisdom that allows us to realize how valuable the kingdom is. One more parable ends this reading: "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" (Matthew 13:52). It is like the Church, which knows what to keep from the traditions of the past and what to cherish in the present time. Tradition is something passed down from generation to generation, but not necessarily unchanged. For example, we always have cake to celebrate birthdays. And yet, perhaps in the past that always meant a white or yellow cake with vanilla frosting. Today, it can mean a chocolate cake, an ice cream cake, or even a fruit pie! It can have the number of candles of the birthday person's age, or a candle for each decade and one for each subsequent year, or one big candle. It can even have, as once seen in a catalogue, Roman numeral candles to spell out the years! Traditions can change and still convey the truths they represent. So it is with the Tradition of the Church. The wise leaders bring forth both the new and the old, and seek in the kingdom what is good.

### TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

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*Msgr. Terry*



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**TODAY'S READINGS**

## Reading 1

1 Kgs 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."

## Reading 2

Rom 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 foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

## Gospel

Mt 13:44-52 [44-56]

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.

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 that he has and buys that 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." ]

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK of July 26—August 1, 2020****READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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: St. Martha**

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

**Thursday:****St. Peter Chrysologus**

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

**Friday:****St. Ignatius of Loyola**

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

**Saturday:****St. Alphonsus Liguori; First 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

 **PRAY FOR ...**  
**Healing ...**

**Roben Bustos**  
**Luz Sarmiento**  
**Mark Sanchez**  
**Glenn Hoskins**  
**Sean Fenady**  
**Arlene Tan**  
**Carmen Gomez**  
**Meilani Rodriguez**  
**Marlyn T. Rodriguez**  
**Hyuk Jin Kwon**  
**Anna Raval**  
**Aida Tomines**  
**Stacey Seablade Hoskins**  
**Joel Rivera**  
**Gilrose Pereda**  
**Jaime De Jesus**  
**Alice Senar Alarkon**  
**Lucita Z. Liangco**  
**Reynaldo V. Tanayan**  
**Lui de Leon**  
**Loretta O. Mangona**  
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**Sunday, July 26th**  
**9:45 am**  
Noly Sapinoso †  
Josephina Sapinoso †  
Enriquita Bautista †  
Rosalinda Sapinoso †  
Bienvenido Sapinoso †  
Cho Soon In †  
**Monday, July 27th**  
Yelba Chilingar †  
Cho Soon In †  
**Tuesday, July 28th**  
Ana Domingo †  
Yelba Chilingar †  
Alberto Honrado †  
Cho Soon In †  
Uy Kui Guat †  
**Wednesday, July 29th**  
Milagros Trinkfass †  
Manuel Venturina †  
Cho Soon In †  
Uy Kui Guat †  
**Thursday, July 30th**  
Rodolfo Vicencio Jr. †  
Marcelino & Pat Reyes †  
Amparo Gregorio †  
Lucila Hernandez †  
Leo Ginn  
Faye Ginn  
**Friday, July 31st**  
Beth Mitra  
Victoria Cabatcan  
Mayin Manzano  
Adele Voorhees  
Kim Ocol  
Mimi Arcega  
Ishmael Manzano  
Melissa Ramirez  
Betty Mitra †  
Onor Vergel De Dios †  
**Saturday, August 1st**  
Magdalena Chung †  
Noelle Libonati  
Milagros Trinkfass †  
Marlene Larson  
Cho Soon In †  
Uy Kui Guat †

*In Memoriam*

**Mary Catherine Hawley**  
**Bradwell Smith**  
**Elba Manzo**  
**Santos Angeles**  
**Thomas Hodgkiss**  
**George McCarthy**  
**Randy Roque**  
**Mary Frances Fenady**  
**Andrew Fenady**  
**Fernando Rojas**  
**Allan Graf**  
**Consuelo Eckhardt**  
**Anne Lombard**  
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**Catherine Crahan**  
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**Julian "Bud" Rice**  
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**Mary Bottum**  
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