

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sacred Conversation

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It's so interesting to watch the birds in our neighborhood. They appear to be just hanging out, chattering to their friends from the trees, or languidly floating around, making circle eights in the sky. But, all of a sudden, a whole flock of sparrows descends on one little patch of grass, and away they fly, carrying worms and other gems back to their nests.

That's the thing. If you want the hidden treasure, you have to put yourself in the position to find it. Then there's the matter of discerning what is truly valuable. Skim milk, sang Gilbert and Sullivan, often masquerades as cream.

If we want something badly enough we are willing to buy a whole field in order to own the treasure we know is hidden there. But great gifts like a loving spouse, faithful friends, nurturing families and great jobs require our devoted attention. We can't just drop them off somewhere and expect they'll be there when we return. The greatest treasures require our greatest efforts.

Faith is like that. A grown-up, nurturing faith that goes the distance for a lifetime is the pearl of greatest price, but we have to keep ourselves in the game in order to own it. Like birds circling in for the food they've been watching for, human beings also need to hover close to that which truly nourishes.

Catholics today are living in a time of spiritual explosion. There must be twenty great publications, in print or online, that offer insightful reflections on the gospel for each day of the year. Classes and retreats abound. Spiritual directors are available. Are you feeling hungry? Swoop down and get yourself some breakfast.

In what ways are you keeping your faith alive and nourished?

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Conversaciones Sagradas

Decimo-Séptimo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Es tan interesante observar a los pájaros en nuestro vecindario. Parecería que andan visitando, platicando con sus amigos desde los arboles, o relajadamente flotando por ahí, haciendo figuras de ocho en el cielo, llevando lombrices y otros tesoros a sus nidos.

De eso se trata. Si quieres encontrar el tesoro escondido, deberás ponerte en posición de encontrarlo. Y luego viene la parte de discernir lo que es realmente valioso. La leche descremada, cantaban Gilbert y Sullivan, muy a menudo se hace pasar por crema.

Si queremos algo lo suficientemente estamos dispuestos a comprar un terreno entero para poder apoderarnos de ese tesoro que sabemos esta escondido ahí. Pero los grandes regalos como un conyugue amoroso, amigos fieles, familias amorosas y excelentes empleos requieren de nuestra devota atención. No podemos botarlos por ahí y esperar que estén esperándonos cuando decidamos regresar por ellos. Los más grandes tesoros requieren de nuestros más grandes esfuerzos. La fe es así. Una fe madura, una fe edificante que resiste el paso de toda una vida es la perla de gran valor, pero tenemos que mantenernos en el juego para poder tenerla. Como los pájaros que circulan la comida que han estado observando desde lejos, los humanos también necesitan acercarse a lo que realmente los alimenta.

Los católicos de hoy están viviendo una explosión espiritual. Existen al menos veinte grandes publicaciones, impresas o en línea, que nos ofrecen reflexiones profundas del evangelio de cada día del año. Abundan las clases y los retiros. Hay muchos directores espirituales disponibles. ¿Tienes hambre? Desciende de picada y vente a desayunar.

¿En que maneras mantienes tu fe viva y alimentada?

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

We will continue registering students throughout the summer for the 2017-18 academic year. Sunday class fees are \$50 per student. Sacramental preparation fees are \$25 for Year 1 (Reconciliation) and \$35 for Year 2 (Eucharist and Confirmation). Sacramental preparation fees for Confirmation only are \$35.

Beginning this year, the process and preparation for sacraments will be as follows: PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE A FEW MINOR CHANGES!

- Sacramental preparation is on a two-year track for all students in grades 2-6 who have not received 1st Communion. The preparation schedule is:
 - Year 1 – Reconciliation preparation and reception of the sacrament
 - Year 2 – Eucharist and Confirmation preparation and reception of both sacraments AT THE SAME CEREMONY.
 - Preparation for all 3 sacraments is completed in the home with the families, with support meetings at the parish.
- Students in grade 6 who have received 1st Communion will prepare for Confirmation with students in grades 7-8. Students in grades 7-8 who have not received Reconciliation or 1st Eucharist will also prepare for those sacraments within the family.

Please contact Laurie at the parish office with questions or if you would like to register.

ADULT FORMATION

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is for adults over the age of 18 who wish to become Catholic, and thus enter the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also for Adults who wish to complete the sacraments in the Catholic Church, or for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition. Please contact Laurie at the parish office for more information about this journey of faith.



Saturday 4:00pm	July 29 +Don Milner by Family
Sunday 9:00am	July 30 +Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society
11:30am	
Monday 8:30am	July 31 Communion Service
Tuesday 8:30am	Aug 01 +Joseph Nguyen by Family
Wednesday 8:30am	Aug 02 +Thomas Nguyen by Family
Thursday 8:30am	Aug 03 +Leroy Kress by Family
Friday 8:30am	Aug 04 +Joseph Nguyen by Family
Saturday 4:00 pm	Aug 05 +Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
Sunday 9am 11:30am	Aug 06 +Helen Vigil by Andy & Anita Archuleta

Please contact the parish office if you wish to request a mass intention. Mass offerings are \$10.

Readings for the Week of July 30, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—
Reagan Capps, Ronald Petersen, Tate Hallahan

COMMUNITY MINISTRY needs—**Pasta and Rice** for the month of August. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

For Your Reflection...

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Matthew 13:44-52 or 44-46

In the Gospel reading, Jesus offers a series of "end of the age" parables to the disciples--buried treasure, fine pearls, and the large catch of fish--and adds that every "scribe" (disciple) should make use of "the new and the old" from the storeroom. *What do you think Jesus means by this statement?*

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon asks from the Lord the gift of a wise and understanding heart, so as king he could know what is right by his people. What gift would you ask from the Lord?

Romans 8:28-30

Paul speaks of believers being "called" according to God's purpose. *In what ways do you experience this sense of "call"?*

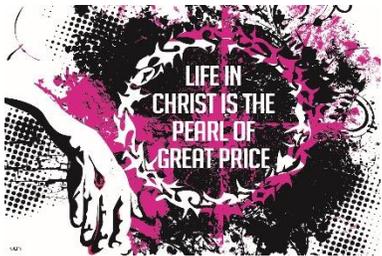
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As human beings, we desire to find happiness. This desire is so strong that we often go to great lengths to discover and obtain it. Unfortunately, our search sometimes brings us to the wrong places. We mistakenly think that money, certain possessions, social status, popularity, and even power and control can satisfy the longing that exists in our hearts.

Time and again, one after another, these things come up empty and we find ourselves with the same unfulfilled longing gnawing at us deep within. It is only the kingdom of God that can satisfy our desire and that ache. We are made and hardwired for this. When we discover it, we know that we have found something very special--a pearl of great price. Then, everything comes together and is put in proper order: our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and even the universe in which we live.



2017 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Lord has blessed us with countless gifts—our families, our friends, our careers. In thanksgiving, let us share a portion of our God-given blessings with those in need through a donation to the 2017 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Your gift will empower our wider Church to continue spreading the message of faith, hope, and love to every corner of our archdiocese. Please visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-715-3111 to make your gift today.

PARISH PICNIC

DON'T FORGET to sign up for the St Rose of Lima Annual Picnic! This year the picnic will be on Sunday August 20, 2017 after the 11:30am Mass. We will have games and face painting for the kids (and adults too!). The parish will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. There is no cost, but there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule so that we know how much food to buy. Everyone in the parish is welcome. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this fun day for our community! **AND...**

ITS TIME FOR THE ST ROSE OF LIMA PICNIC RAFFLE!

Why pay for a Powerball ticket that has a chance of 1 in 292 Million of winning the jackpot, when **each ticket for the St. Rose of Lima Picnic Raffle gives you 3 chances out of 100 of winning either \$500, \$300 or \$200?** Each ticket is \$20 and **only 100 tickets** are sold! Half of the proceeds go to the 3 winning prizes and all the remaining \$1,000 goes directly to charities like the Community Ministry Food Bank and special parish projects like last year's sound system replacement.

Tickets will be sold at all masses between now and August 20th, the date of the Parish Picnic. Ask any gentleman in a Knights of Columbus vest to sell you 1 or more tickets before all 100 are gone!