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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 that field.

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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Mass Schedule

(Note: All Masses are at Guardian Angels until further notice)

Ω—indicates a live-streamed Mass which can be found at:
<https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/>

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.Ω
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Friday: 8:00 a.m.Ω

Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.Ω
Sundays: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

Penance: Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

Matrimony: Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@Gachaska.org.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday: St. James



Cemetery Mowing Update:

New weed whipping dates are:

August – 6

August – 20

Sept - 17

Start time 5:30 p.m. or anytime you have time thanks !

Receive a **free** copy of Fr. Rocky's new book, *Mary at the Crossroads of History! Now is the time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and ask for her protection and intercession.* Go to www.relevantradio.com/freebook for more information.

St. Nicholas Prayer Garden

Greetings from your Friends of St. Nicholas Prayer Garden Board of Directors! Some of you have already taken an opportunity to visit the Prayer Garden on those gorgeous days God has blessed us with. We take great pride in presenting these beautiful grounds for your enjoyment. Like any arboretum type garden, we have board members and volunteers passionate to keep our plants looking good! We are being challenged right now by the invasive Japanese Beetle. We purchased the best organic ground and topical deterrent and tried numerous other remedies, but to no avail. Guardian Angels and St Nicholas gardeners, we are asking for your solutions to fight off these bugs! Please call with your ideas! The first 5 people who call, 952-913-4964 with their suggestion will receive a "Thank You" gift. Leave a message with your name and number and we will arrange for your gift.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least



spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**

Church Calendar

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Donald Jacques

Wednesday, July 22

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Ray Heiland

Thursday, July 23

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Thihn Pham

Friday, July 24

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Clara & Marvin Plyka

Saturday, July 25

4 p.m. Mass at GA † Domenica Oprosko

Sunday, July 26

8 a.m. Mass at GA

10 a.m. Mass at GA † Jim & Joanne Luce

12:30 p.m. Mass at GA in Spanish



Sunday Readings

July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.”

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119:57, 72, 76–77, 127–128, 129–130

R. (97a) 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.

R. 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.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine.

For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. 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.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

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.”]

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Faith Formation

It may be hard to believe, but here we are – anxiously awaiting this week’s big reveal of the “official” Back to School announcement! While we wait, let’s talk about our plans for another great year of Faith Formation.

Plans are underway to meet in-person throughout the year. If we are not able to do this, we will work with the catechists to send out a program of support and lesson plans for grades 1-10, so that all families can participate from home.

We are awaiting the Archdiocesan guidelines, expected during August, to determine if we can provide Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3-6 years old.

The Guardian Angels Faith Formation program is for youth entering grades 1-10 in the Fall. Sacramental Preparation for the First Sacraments and Confirmation is available to all students enrolled in our program, or attending a Catholic School. Please review the registration materials for full details.

Registration packets have been mailed to all families previously enrolled in the Faith Formation program. If you have a child entering 1st grade in the Fall, or are new to our parish or program, please pick up a registration packet at the Welcome Desk in the rear of the Church. Registration forms are also available on our website, www.gachaska.org.

If you have any questions about our Faith Formation program, please contact us directly. Blessings,

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Faith Formation



How you spend your time and your resources sends a strong message about what you value. We hope that Guardian Angels School is something that you continue to value. We have been blessed by the Schulze Foundation with a matching grant of \$20,000. If we can raise \$20,000 by August 31, 2020 the Schulze Foundation will match our total to give Guardian Angels School \$40,000 valuable dollars to spend to meet the needs of the children this school year. Every dollar that you give will be doubled by the Schulze Foundation.

Your donation to Guardian Angels School will help us purchase material, programs and supplies that we could not afford to purchase ourselves. Your gift will help touch the lives of our children. I hope and pray that we can count on you for support. Every dollar helps us to reach our goal. Thanks to your generosity, we have already raised more than \$10,000 towards the \$20,000 goal.

Ministry opportunity

Looking for individual(s) to oversee the interior decor/environment of the church. This would cover Christmas and Easter well as other Liturgical events throughout the year.

If you are interested please contact Sue Johnson 952 457-9387 or the parish office.



El Reino de los cielos

se parece a un tesoro escondido en un campo.
El que lo encuentra lo vuelve a esconder y,
lleno de alegría, va y vende cuanto
tiene y compra aquel campo.

Mateo 13:44



BUSCANDO SABIDURÍA

Si Dios hablara con nosotros y nos dijera que pidamos lo que queramos, ¿qué diríamos? ¿Una vida financieramente segura? ¿Salud para nosotros y nuestras familias? ¿Seguridad de todos los peligros del mundo? ¿Cuántos de nosotros pensaríamos en pedir sabiduría? No pensamos mucho en eso. Creemos que sabemos cómo dirigir nuestras familias, nuestro trabajo, nuestra política, pero ¿cuántas ideas equivocadas tenemos realmente, y cómo funcionan? ¿Tratamos a los demás, incluso a aquellos que no nos gustan, con bondad y comprensión? Salomón le pidió a Dios la sabiduría para distinguir el bien del mal y cómo gobernar al vasto pueblo de Dios. Dios estaba complacido con esta petición, y se la concedió a Salomón en abundancia. ¿Podemos pedir lo mismo en nuestras vidas? ¿Nuestras vidas serían más felices si fuéramos más sabios? “Sabemos que todas las cosas funcionan para bien para los que aman a Dios” (Romanos 8:28).

EL REINO DE DIOS ES COMO. . .

Parábolas y más parábolas. ¿Qué es lo que tenemos que saber acerca del Reino de Dios de varias parábolas? El reino de los Cielos es como un tesoro enterrado en un campo. El reino de los Cielos es como un vendedor de perlas finas. El reino de los Cielos es como una red arrojada al mar. Estas parábolas no son difíciles de entender, pues se enfocan en algo valioso que se tiene que buscar: un tesoro, una perla, una buena pesca. Aquellos que buscan estas cosas renuncian a lo que tienen para conseguir lo que buscan. Aquellos que se atreven a buscar se les reconoce su sabiduría al valorar más lo que están buscando que lo que ya tienen. Aun el pescador puede distinguir lo que es bueno de lo que es inútil y lo desecha.

El reino de los Cielos es algo precioso que se tiene que buscar, aún por encima de las buenas cosas que tenemos en este mundo. Es más importante que cualquier cosa que tenemos y atesoramos. Jesús dice que al final de los tiempos cuando se separe lo bueno de lo malo, la buena voluntad disfrutará la felicidad del reino de los Cielos.

LO NUEVO Y LO ANTIGUO

Es la sabiduría divina que nos permite darnos cuenta lo valioso que el reino es. Una parábola termina esta lectura: “todo escriba instruido en las cosas del reino de los Cielos es semejante al padre de familia, que va sacando de su tesoro cosas nuevas y cosas antiguas” (Mateo 13:52). Es como la Iglesia, que sabe qué conservar de las tradiciones del pasado y qué apreciar del tiempo presente. La tradición es algo que se pasa de generación en generación, aunque no necesariamente sin cambio. Por ejemplo, siempre tenemos pastel para celebrar un cumpleaños. Y, sin embargo, quizá eso en el pasado era tener pasteles con decoración blanca o amarilla y de sabor vainilla. Hoy, puede ser un pastel de chocolate, un pastel con helado, o un choco flan. Puede tener tantas velitas que representen la edad de la persona del cumpleaños, o una vela por cada decena de años y una por el cada año subsecuente, o una velita más grande. Puede tener, lo vi una vez en un catálogo, números romanos para deletrear los años. Las tradiciones pueden cambiar y aun así transmitir la verdad de aquello que representan. Lo mismo pasa con la Tradición de la Iglesia. Los líderes sabios aportan lo nuevo y lo antiguo, y buscan en el Reino de Dios lo que es bueno.

LECTURAS DE HOY

1 Reyes 3:5, 7-12
Salmo 119 (118):57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romanos 8:28-30
Mateo 13:44-52 [44-46]

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Lecturas de Domingo

26 de julio de 2020

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Primera lectura

1 Re 3, 5. 7–12

En aquellos días, el Señor se le apareció al rey Salomón en sueños y le dijo: “Salomón, pídemelo lo que quieras, que yo te lo daré”.

Salomón le respondió: “Señor, tú trataste con misericordia a tu siervo David, mi padre, porque se portó contigo con lealtad, con justicia y rectitud de corazón. Más aún, también ahora lo sigues tratando con misericordia, porque has hecho que un hijo tuyo lo suceda en el trono. Sí; tú quisiste, Señor y Dios mío, que yo, tu siervo, sucediera en el trono a mi padre, David. Pero yo no soy más que un muchacho y no sé cómo actuar. Soy tu siervo y me encuentro perdido en medio de este pueblo tuyo, tan numeroso, que es imposible contarlos. Por eso te pido que me concedas sabiduría de corazón para que sepa gobernar a tu pueblo y distinguir entre el bien y el mal. Pues sin ella, ¿quién será capaz de gobernar a este pueblo tuyo tan grande?”

Al Señor le agradó que Salomón le hubiera pedido sabiduría y le dijo: “Por haberme pedido esto, y no una larga vida, ni riquezas, ni la muerte de tus enemigos, sino sabiduría para gobernar, yo te concedo lo que me has pedido. Te doy un corazón sabio y prudente, como no lo ha habido antes ni lo habrá después de ti. Te voy a conceder, además, lo que no me has pedido: tanta gloria y riqueza, que no habrá rey que se pueda comparar contigo”.

Salmo Responsorial

Sal 118, 57 y 72. 76–77. 127–128. 129–130

R. (97a) Yo amo, Señor, tus mandamientos.

A mí, Señor, lo que me toca es cumplir tus preceptos.

Para mí valen más tus enseñanzas que miles de monedas de oro y plata.

R. Yo amo, Señor, tus mandamientos.

Señor, que tu amor me consuele, conforme a las promesas que me has hecho.

Muéstrame tu ternura y viviré,

porque en tu ley he puesto mi contento.

R. Yo amo, Señor, tus mandamientos.

Amo, Señor, tus mandamientos

más que el oro purísimo;

por eso tus preceptos son mi guía

y odio toda mentira.

R. Yo amo, Señor, tus mandamientos.

Tus preceptos, Señor, son admirables,

por eso yo los sigo.

La explicación de tu palabra

da luz y entendimiento a los sencillos.

R. Yo amo, Señor, tus mandamientos.

Rom 8, 28–30

Hermanos: Ya sabemos que todo contribuye para bien de los que aman a Dios, de aquellos que han sido llamados por él según su designio salvador.

En efecto, a quienes conoce de antemano, los predestina para que reproduzcan en sí mismos la imagen de su propio Hijo, a fin de que él sea el primogénito entre muchos hermanos. A quienes predestina, los llama; a quienes llama, los justifica; y a quienes justifica, los glorifica.

Evangelio

Mt 13, 44–52 o bien: Mt 13, 44–46

En la forma más corta de la lectura, se omiten los pasajes en-

tre corchetes.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a la multitud: “El Reino de los cielos se parece a un tesoro escondido en un campo. El que lo encuentra lo vuelve a esconder, y lleno de alegría, va y vende cuanto tiene y compra aquel campo.

El Reino de los cielos se parece también a un comerciante en perlas finas que, al encontrar una perla muy valiosa, va y vende cuanto tiene y la compra.

[También se parece el Reino de los cielos a la red que los pescadores echan en el mar y recoge toda clase de peces. Cuando se llena la red, los pescadores la sacan a la playa y se sientan a escoger los pescados; ponen los buenos en canastos y tiran los malos. Lo mismo sucederá al final de los tiempos: vendrán los ángeles, separarán a los malos de los buenos y los arrojarán al horno encendido. Allí será el llanto y la desesperación.

¿Han entendido todo esto?” Ellos le contestaron: “Sí”. Entonces él les dijo: “Por eso, todo escriba instruido en las cosas del Reino de los cielos es semejante al padre de familia, que va sacando de su tesoro cosas nuevas y cosas antiguas”.]

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