

**JULY 29 - 30, 2023**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

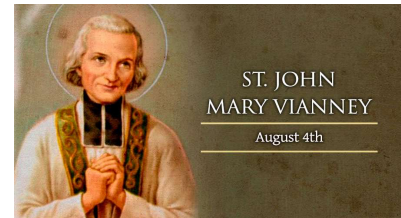
Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.



JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY  
FROM SUNDAY – FRIDAY AT 5PM IN THE CHURCH.

*"Every family, every faithful, every religions community,  
all united spiritually...I will accompany you from here."*

**POPE FRANCIS**



**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY**

**THE CURE OF ARS, PATRON OF PARISH PRIESTS**

*Feast Day: August 4<sup>th</sup>*

"If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die: not of fear, but of love." St John Vianney's whole life could be summed up in this saying attributed to him.

Known as the "Curé d'Ars," Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was born on 8 May 1786 in France in the town of Dardilly, near Lyons. His devout Catholic parents were farmers, and from an early age, John worked in the fields. Without formal education, as a young man he was functionally illiterate; but thanks to his mother's teaching, Vianney was able to memorise and understand numerous prayers, and live a devout religious life.

**"I would win many souls for God"**

At that time in France, the winds of Revolution were blowing. Young John made his Confession at home, rather than in a church, to a "non-juring" priest – that is, a priest who had not sworn loyalty to the revolutionary government. The same priest gave him his First Communion in a barn, during an "underground" Mass. At the age of 17, John Vianney felt the call to the priesthood. "If I am to be a priest," he said, "I will win many souls for God." But the path to ordination was not an easy one, due to the corrupted morals of the day. It was only thanks to some wise priests – including Father Bailely, the parish priest of d'Ecully, that he finally received Holy Orders on 13 February 1815, at the age of 29.

**Long hours in the confessional**

Three years later, in 1818, Father John Vianney was sent to the town of Ars, which, with just 230 residents, was little more than a small French village. Here the young priest dedicated all his efforts to the spiritual care of the faithful. He visited the poorest families, restored the village church, organized patronal feast days. He also founded La Providence, a home for girls. But it was for his dedication to the Sacrament of Confession that the Curé of Ars is best known. He was always available to hear Confessions and offer forgiveness, spending up to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Crowds of penitents travelled from every part of France to make their Confession to the holy priest. In time, Ars became known as "the great hospital of souls." St John Vianney himself would keep vigils and fast to assist the expiation of the sins of the faithful. "I'll tell you my recipe," he told one of his confreres. "I give sinners a small penance, and the rest I do in their place."

**Patron of parish priests**

Having given his whole life for God and his parishioners, John Vianney died on 4 August 1859. He was 73 years old. His relics can be found in Ars, in the sanctuary dedicated to him, which is visited by some 450,000 pilgrims every year. He was beatified by Pope St Pius X in 1905, and canonized twenty years later by Pope Pius XI. In 1929, the same Pope proclaimed him the "heavenly patron of all parish priests throughout the world." During the centenary of his death in 1959, Pope St John XXIII dedicated an encyclical to St John Vianney, pointing him out as exemplary model for priests. Fifty years later, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a "Year of Priests" on the 150th anniversary of his birthday into heaven, in order "to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world."



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



## 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARISH BBQ

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church**  
**Corner of Harold & Maple Sts. Fort Bragg, CA**  
**Sunday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**11AM – 6PM**

**Delicious BBQ Chicken (1/2 chicken!), Green Salad, Mexican Beans, Rice, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Punch & Coffee!**

**Full Order - \$30**

**1/2 Order \$25**

**Wine Wheel, Beer, Wine & Margaritas**  
**Games for All Ages - Silent Auction**

**GREAT FAMILY FUN!!!**



### **REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM CLASSES 2023-2024** **OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH**

#### **ENROLLMENT DATES:**

SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> 11:30am - 1:00pm  
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm

IF IT'S THE FIRST TIME REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR **FIRST COMMUNION**, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.

#### **CONFIRMATION:**

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING COPIES OF BAPTISMAL AND FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY THE DAY OF REGISTRATION. (COMPLETED AND WITH PAYMENT)

\$75/CHILD AND \$65 /SECOND CHILD

#### **FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION:**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:30PM – 6:30PM.**

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT VERONICA RENTERIA:  
 707-357-2890 OR THE PARISH OFFICE: 707-964-0229.



### **Free Summer Sewing Classes for OLGC Youth**

Space is still available.

Sign up now for free summer sewing classes! All ages of youth and children welcome.

Two dates are available for you to choose from.

August 1-4

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Place: OLGC School, Classroom #4

Please contact Kathleen Kasperson at 707-513-5672 as soon as possible to reserve a spot for your child.

## **MASS INTENTIONS** **JULY 29 – AUGUST 4, 2023**

Saturday (29)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Antonio Furtado †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Rubén Salazar Sr. † Victor Martin & Raquel Dzul † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (30)	8:00am	Esperanza Arreola † Alfredo & Guadalupe Navarro † Carlos Rodríguez †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (31)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (01)	12:05pm	OPEN INTENTION
Wednesday (02)	12:05pm	OPEN INTENTION
Thursday (03)	12:05pm	OPEN INTENTION
Friday (04)	12:05pm	OPEN INTENTION
	6:00pm	Eleuterio Gaona † María Bran Mandujano †

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

JULY 22 & 23, 2023...\$2,129.00  
 ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)...\$680.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL'S MINISTRY**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE**

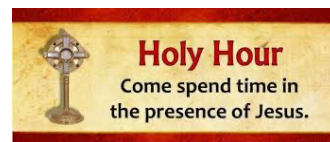
**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

### **LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS** **AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Gina Pivrotto, Ma. de Jesús Mendoza, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra



**EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM, WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**



Fundraiser

## OUR 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARISH CHICKEN BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
FROM 11AM – 5PM OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!  
YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR CHURCH BY:**

- SIGN-UP FOR 2 HOURS VOLUNTEER HELP.  
(SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH OR LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW AT 707-964-0229).
- TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS: BUY TICKETS TO DONATE TO LARGER FAMILIES; BUY KID'S GAME TICKETS AND/OR CASH/CHECK DONATIONS TO OFF-SET COSTS OF FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT.
- FOR SET-UP CREW ON SATURDAY, 8/5 (9AM - 1PM) ~ WE'LL FEED YOU!
- CLEAN-UP CREWS: SUNDAY, 8/6 (6PM – 9PM) AND MONDAY, 8/7 (5PM).  
**THE MORE HANDS, THE EASIER THE WORK.**
- NICE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION: PATIO FURNITURE;
  - FRAMED ARTWORK; NEW SMALL APPLIANCES; GIFT BASKETS; GIFT CERTIFICATES; "WHAT YOU CAN THINK OF THAT FOLKS WILL BID MONEY ON?" PLEASE CONTACT ANGELENE LEIST TO DONATE 707-513-5579 OR 707-964-3775.
- CANS OF SODA & 2 LITER SODAS AND/OR CASES OR BOTTLES OF WINE FOR WINE WHEEL.
- HOMEMADE DESSERTS FOR DESSERT TABLE. PLEASE BRING TO THE HALL BEFORE 11AM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>.

PLEASE MAKE DONATION CHECKS TO: OLGC BBQ 2023.

~ALL DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE RECTORY~

THANK YOU!!



**We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software!**

*This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.*

*Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.*

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new giving page at [olgcinfb.org](http://olgcinfb.org).  
*From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!*

*If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.*



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS

TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.