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May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020



THE HIDDEN TREASURE *and the Pearl*

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Pre-registration is currently required

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What do we treasure the most and how do we keep it from being lost or stolen? In a peasant community the best safe was often the earth. The man in the parable (Matthew 13:44) "went in his joy" to sell everything. Why? Because he found a treasure worth possessing above all else, he had. He did not, however, have enough to buy the treasure. Fortunately, he only needed enough to buy the field. In a similar fashion, God offers his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us, but when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare.

When we discover the kingdom of God, we receive the greatest possible treasure - the Lord himself. Selling all that we have to obtain this incomparable treasure could mean many things - our friends, job, our "style of life," what we do with our free time, etc. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. In this parable what does the treasure of the kingdom refer to? It certainly refers to the kingdom of God in all its aspects. But in a special way, the Lord himself is the treasure we seek. Is the Lord the treasure and delight of our hearts?

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 2, 2020

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39



St. Christopher

St. Christopher is the patron saint of travelers who gave his life to the service of Christ and others.

He is believed to have been a large man - 7.5 feet tall - with a fearsome face and immense strength. But more importantly, he was a spiritual giant and a model and inspiration for the Christian faithful.

St. Christopher's given name was Reprobus. He decided one day that he wanted to serve the greatest king he could. He presented himself before his local ruler and entered service, until he noticed the king cross himself at the mention of the devil, revealing that the king believed the Devil to have more power.

Reprobus then decided to serve the Devil. During his search, he encountered a band of thieves, whose leader referred to himself as the Devil. But when this leader avoided a Christian cross out of fear, Reprobus learned there was someone even more powerful than the Devil.

He then found a hermit who taught him all about Christ, the King of Kings. The hermit suggested that he spend his life in prayer and fasting, a thing which this large and probably often hungry man found difficult, so he objected. The hermit then suggested he find something else that would please Christ. Reprobus offered to work at a nearby river to help travelers across. The fording was dangerous and many with less strength had drowned. The hermit advised Reprobus that this would please Christ.

One day a child arrived to be carried across the river. Reprobus took the child upon his shoulders, but as he crossed the river, the child grew heavier until Reprobus feared he would fall and that they would both drown.

When he asked the child why he was so heavy, the child revealed that he was Jesus Christ and that he was heavy with the weight of the world's sins. Not one to give up, Reprobus forged ahead with considerable difficulty and crossed the river with the Christ child on his shoulders. When they reached the opposite bank, Christ asked Reprobus to press his staff into the ground. When he did, the staff turned into a beautiful flowering tree, and he was rewarded. Christ then baptized Reprobus in the river and gave him his Christian name "Christopher" which means Christ-bearer. Christopher spent the remainder of his life in the service of Christ and worked tirelessly to spread Christ's teachings.



Feast Day: July 25

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 25

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the Harber Family

Sunday, July 26

8:30 a.m. - Hazel Coffman †

Monday, July 27

No Mass

Tuesday, July 28

No Mass

Wednesday, July 29

6:00 p.m. - Frank Arnold †

Thursday, July 30

12 noon - Joanne Stickley's Intentions

Friday, July 31

9:00 a.m. - Joe Quinn †

Saturday, August 1

4:00 p.m. - Herman Wise †

Sunday, August 2

8:30 a.m. - Julie Alt's Intentions

Collections & Attendance

July 11-12, 2020

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,405.00
Loose Contributions	\$407.50
Diocesan Collections	\$55.00
Total	\$2,867.50

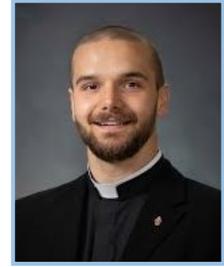
Saturday Attendance.....	29
Sunday Attendance.....	26
Total	55

July 18-19, 2020

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,045.00
Loose Contributions	\$845.00
Diocesan Collections	\$150.00
Total	\$2,040.00

Saturday Attendance.....	25
Sunday Attendance.....	27
Total	52

Welcome!



Please welcome Brother Phillip Szabo who will be preaching at both Masses next weekend (August 1-2).

This is Phillip's first visit to our parish since receiving his Diaconate on May 30.

Lector Schedule for Upcoming Weeks

Saturday, August 1..... Karen Yowler

Sunday, August 2 Kelley Kuhn

Saturday, August 8..... Sue Harber

Sunday, August 9 Derek Stephen

Saturday, August 15 Anita Tetreault

Sunday, August 16..... Mike Landis

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment 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.





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

Matthew 11:25



Faith

