



Ordinary Time

JULY 27, 2014 ♦ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Monday

JULY 28



Weekday

Jer 13:1-11

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

JULY 29

Saint Martha



Jer 14:17-22

Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

JULY 30



Weekday

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

JULY 31



Saint Ignatius
of Loyola,
Priest

Jer 18:1-6

Mt 13:47-53

Friday

AUGUST 1



Saint Alphonso
Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor
of the Church

Jer 26:1-9

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

AUGUST 2



Weekday

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

AUGUST 3



Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21

If you could ask for anything, what would it be? In W. W. Jacobs' classic story "The Monkey's Paw," a couple's first wish is granted at a terrible price, and the owners realize what the old adage tells us: "Be careful what you wish for—you just might get it."

In today's first reading, Solomon is given the opportunity to ask God for anything. After praying, he finally asks for wisdom, that he might discern what is right. God affirms the goodness of the wish and, noting that he didn't ask for riches or victory in war, grants it gladly.

In spite of some more questionable choices later in his life, Solomon will always be remembered for this request. Wisdom, as we find out in another part of Scripture, is God's "unfailing treasure; those who gain this treasure win the friendship of God" (Wisdom 7:14).

In the Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of God

both to a treasure and to someone who searches for one.

I think the desire for the kingdom of God and the desire for wisdom come out of the same longing in our hearts.

We might find God's wisdom in surprising places, but once we find

it, we must be willing to give all we have to acquire it, for it will help us know what is of God.

At the same time, the kingdom of God goes in search of us. Maybe we are God's pearls; with Wisdom as a guide, each of us can grow as children and friends of God, knowing what is right.

Find Wisdom, then, and do what you must to get it.

When we do this, we will also find God.

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TODAY'S READINGS
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 27, 2014

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration 8:30am to 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am Boots Moran (special intention)

Tues 8:00 am +Fr Pete (Special Intention)

Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete (Special Intention)

Thursday 8:00 am Boots Moran (special intention)

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From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Gospel for the 17th Sunday is a continuation of the teaching of Jesus about God's Kingdom which we have been listening to for the last several weekends. This teaching is contained in stories or **parables** and they appear in chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel. The term that Matthew uses in his Gospel is the *Kingdom of Heaven*. The evangelist gives us a variety of images from these parables in order that we may come to understand and appreciate the wisdom of the Kingdom. In today's account the stories describe the Kingdom as a *treasure in a field*, a *pearl of great price*, and as a *large net* drawing all things under the dominion of God's grace. What then is this Kingdom of Heaven for which we must be willing to make great personal sacrifices? Simply put, the Kingdom is the way of life Jesus embraced. It is a way of living life here and now and not merely a state of being that will happen after we die. It is a life of a disciple of Jesus, a life of faithful commitment and generous service of others. It is a life anchored in one's trust of God and demonstrated through personal integrity. The Apostle Paul describes in our second reading what such a life looks like in spiritual terms: a life of conformity to the image of God's own Son. He teaches further that all of us are called to share in this life from the very beginning of our existence. The Church's liturgy celebrates this great mystery in the Sacrament of Baptism. Paul goes on to point out that, through our daily participation in the building up of the Kingdom, we will be justified and glorified in the Lord Jesus. If we are to recognize and cooperate with God's plan in our personal lives and in our world, we too need an attentive and discerning heart. Let us sincerely ask the Lord for such wisdom. May a

single day not ever go by without a heartfelt and sincere plea and petition, going heavenward from each of us to the God Who made us and loves us endlessly! Have a great week and may God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

† *With Sympathy* †

Father Khoa and the community of St Ann parish extend our deepest sympathy to Paul whose wife, Macella Irby, passed away. May she rest in Eternal Glory and may her loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Paul Irby and his family in your prayers.

Special Collection

Next weekend, we have a special collection for **Extension Society**. Please be generous.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:** 68Identifiable: **\$1,946.00**; Loose: **\$1,093.00**; Total: **\$3,039.00**; Children: **\$7.00**. Building Fund: **\$84.00**. **Peter Pence: \$5.00**. **Fr Pete Memorial: \$175.00**
Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: **\$125.00**; Loose: **\$123.00** Total: **\$248.00**.
Thank you for your generosity.

Project Hope and Compassion: We would like to welcome ~150 students and adults from St. Matthew and St Anne in Southborough, MA, on July 26th to August 3. We have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to serve them dinner in the back of the Church. For more information, please contact **Jodi Trosclair**.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat July 26 5:30pm	Lisa Cuevas	Mike West, Mike Mays, Diane Mays	Katelyn Casey Regan	Doug Ladner Kermit	Mike & Ellen West
July 27 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun July 27 9am	Chantel Crabtree	Dale Rabin, Carolyn Brewer, Robin Peterson	James Rines & Nicholas	Robert Lizana Tyler	Danny & Kim Wood Family
Sat Aug 2 5:30pm	Dr. Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta, Ellen West, Kay VanPelt	Katelyn Casey Boots Moran	Doug Ladner August	Richard & Amy Dunlap
Aug 3 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun Aug 3 9am	Valerie Ladner	Chantel Crabtree, Helena, Kim Wood	Rylie Rines & Conner	Robert Lizana Jimmy	Tyler & Gina Leveret Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Fr. Vo Installation Mass and Reception

Thank you Bishop Roger Morin, Parish Council, and all the ministries, and everyone for the mass and reception of Fr. Khoa Vo's installation last week.

Bible Study: We study the **Gospel of Matthew** on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm. And on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building.** For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**

Religious Ed: K-11th Sunday 10a.m.– 11a.m.
DRE: Robert Lizana

RCIA: Wednesday 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel/Meeting Room. Please contact Tim Brogdon.

Parish Council: meet on third Saturday after 5:30pm mass.

Church Cleaning: David and Joretta Bass will clean on July 20-21 and 26-27. Please contact Ellen West if you want more information.

Altar Society: If you are interested in participating, please contact **Lenell King**.

CYO: Weekly meeting on Sunday 6:00pm. Visit us on www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo or contact **Katelyn Moran and Danielle Ladner**.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560 or in emergency, 234-6005.

Lizana Light: Fridays 9am-12 noon.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive information: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding ceremony.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William & Sherrie DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Tammie Osborne, & Amy Dunlap.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE
FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.