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July 26, 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Holy Mass*

### WEEKENDS

Saturday

5:00 PM – Bilingual

Sunday

10:00 AM – English

### WEEKDAYS

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri

8:00 AM

### Major Feast Days

(Holy Days):

As announced

### CONFESSION

15 minutes before Mass  
outside of church or by  
appointment.

### **A Hearty Welcome**

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your past or present religious situation, No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., No matter what your own self-image or esteem, You are INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, LOVED and RESPECTED AT St. James. Contact the Office for any assistance.*

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri

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Closed Wednesday

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### MISSION STATEMENT:

The Catholic community of St. James Church is made up of loving and sensitive members seeking to meet their spiritual needs, strengthen their faith, and affirm their continued existence as the church of Jesus Christ today and tomorrow. In their quest to evangelize, it is their mission to assist everyone toward a more abundant experience of the riches of their liturgy and sacraments, and to convince all of Christ's sheep that the Lord's Day is indeed for all.

**Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you leave without leaving happier.**  
 - Mother Teresa

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PARISH OFFICE DROPBOX

A drop box is available at the main entrance of the CCE building for offering envelopes, mass intentions, and any other correspondence. Candles are available for purchase after Mass in the back of the church.

### PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

Parish registration forms are available at the back of the church, please fill out and hand it over to an usher or put it in the collection basket or put in drop box at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please register as early as possible.

NB: Every married couple is considered as a family. They should fill out separate forms.

### COVID-19 PROTOCOL

Parishioners attending Mass are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks, keeping six feet social distancing, and sanitizing their hands as they enter the church.

Parishioners should stay home, if they have COVID-19 symptoms, or if they have had direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. If a person has had a secondary contact – not directly exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, but in contact with someone who was in direct contact, they should stay home.

As stated in last week's encyclical, the dispensation for attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation is extended until August 31, 2020. Those who are at risk or who are not comfortable attending Mass should stay home.

### CONDOLENCES

St. James expresses condolences to the family of Armando Balli Perez.

A hermit was meditating by a river when a young man interrupted him. "Master, I wish to become your disciple," said the man. "Why?" replied the hermit. The young man thought for a moment and said: "Because I want to find God." The master jumped up, grabbed him by the scruff of his neck, dragged him into the river, and plunged his head under water. After holding him there for a minute, with him kicking and struggling to free himself, the master finally pulled him up out of the river. The young man coughed up water and gasped to get his breath. When he eventually quieted down, the master spoke. "Tell me, what you wanted most of all when you were under water." "Air!" answered the man. "Very well," said the master. "Go home and come back to me when you want God as much as you just wanted air." →

### Distorted priorities –

**Eagling is a treasure and human child, waste**



May 29 update: Causes of global deaths so far in 2020:

- Abortion 17,395,866
- Heart Disease 7,309,522
- Cancer 3,900,969
- Starvation 3,725,103
- Respiratory diseases 1,597,876
- Dementia 1,026,461
- Diabetes 559,197
- Traffic accidents 552,265
- Liver diseases 539,976
- Tuberculosis 483,207
- Suicide 438,716
- COVID-19 360,412
- Seasonal flu 199,241

Sources: WHO, IHME, Johns Hopkins

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 25

- 5:00 PM † Ascension "Chon" Carrizales For Gift of Life  
By Gracie, Gene, & Ruben Garcia
- † Aurora Gomez For the Gift of Life by Patricia Gonzalez & Family
- † Pete Soliz, Jr.

### Sunday, July 26

- 10:00 AM † Federico G. Ruiz by Family
- † Clarissa Cantu In Memory of 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
By her grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Monico Cantu
- † Antonio De La Rosa, Sr. by Monica Varon & Family
- † Ana Maria Paredez by Margaret Smith
- † Alberto Noriega In Memory of his 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
By wife Maria Hilaria Noriega & children, Jose, Leopoldo, Alberto & Miguel Noriega
- † Francisco (Tony) and Maria M. Guerrero by Dina & Mari Salinas
- † Juan Antonio Felipe Gutierrez In Memory of Birthday  
By the Gutierrez Family

### Monday, July 27

8:00 AM

### Wednesday, July 29

8:00 AM

### Thursday, July 30

8:00 AM

### Friday, July 31

8:00 AM

## WEEKLY OFFERING

July 19, 2020

Envelope Collection	\$1,035.50
Loose Collection	99.00
Children's Fund	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,146.59</b>

### Second Collection

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa \$211.04

*May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice*

MASS SCHEDULE				
Date	Time	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, July 25	5:00 PM			
Sunday, July 26	10:00 PM		Eucharistic Ministers as a special assignment due to the coronavirus	

**OT XVII [A] (July 26):****1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52**

Today's Readings stress on the importance of the Kingdom of God and demand a personal response on the part of every Christian to God and to his Kingdom. In normal language the Kingdom of God is understood as God's rule in the heart of every individual. In the New Testament there are almost one hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom and the more Jesus speaks about it, the more he reveals its mystery. The Kingdom constantly invites people to the high ideals and great generosity. It also calls for a great measure of tolerance, patience and understanding in seeing the Kingdom become a reality. The Kingdom is primarily an environment, it is a set of relationships, and it is a situation where God's values prevail. The divine values in practice are nothing but the deepest human values and aspirations as mirrored in the life of Jesus, who is himself the revelation of God to us in accessible human form. While today's Gospel presents us with the image of the kingdom, its focus is not the hidden treasure, pearls or the catch of fish. It is the actions of the people in the parables. They are relentless in their search for the prize. They are persistent in the face of challenges and they become innovative in looking for ways to overcome the obstacles they face. It is with joy and assurance that one sells everything else to obtain them. In the first reading we have the king making a right choice before God. He asks for a listening heart that is to have the wisdom to serve God's people with Justice. God grants him his request and more qualities to indicate their divine origin. In the second reading Paul tells us that God fashions all events in our lives for our good and for our salvation. Christ is the firstborn who is God's gift to us and God intends that as his brothers and sisters, we must be conformed to Christ's image. He wishes that all make use of the gifts granted to them and utilize the necessary means to attain eternal glory.

What many do not realize is that the treasure buried in the field legally belongs to the owner of the field and therefore the person who finds it sells everything and purchases the land in order to become its owner. In this parable the finder does not tell the owner of his discovery but purchases the land to make it legal. Jesus does not pass judgment on his ethics but stresses on his life time discovery of the reign of God. We must remember that in early days the ordinary persons could not avail the facilities of Banks and burying the valuable things in the ground was a possible alternative. There was the danger of foreign invasion or brigandage that made rich people or royal households to bury their gold or precious treasures in the ground. Of course, because of war or some other unforeseen calamity, they might have to leave the place suddenly and not be able to take their belongings with them. They might not be able to return or they might die before they could do so. Someone else, then, might stumble on their treasure and find ways and means to take possession of it. In this parable, the man comes across the treasure and is aware that it does not belong to him. He sells everything he has in order to get ownership of the field and hence of the buried treasure.

Thus the parable tells us of a person who actually goes beyond all ordinary possibilities to obtain an object of great value. This shows how valuable and precious the kingdom of heaven is. The idea obviously is that when one really discovers Jesus and his vision of life everything else becomes secondary. In the service of the Kingdom there are no half measures and in that service there is a special kind of liberating joy. The second parable is similar. A businessman looks for fine pearls. When he finds the one he wants, he sells everything else he has in order to acquire this precious pearl. A slight, if significant, difference has been pointed out between the two stories. For, in the first, the man was not actually looking for the treasure. Perhaps he found it while digging the ground or ploughing the field, that is, in the course of his ordinary working day. Whereas the treasure was found accidentally, the pearl in the second parable was found after a diligent search. The man was on the lookout for the "pearl of great price". He knows it must exist somewhere and he uses all his energies to find it. In the ancient world pearls were special not only for their intrinsic value but also for their beauty.

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Once he discovers this pearl, he does not hesitate to use the necessary means to acquire it. This was Paul's experience as he tells the Philippian community: "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ" and again "For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain".

The disciples declare that they have understood what Jesus has taught them in and through these parables. Jesus responds with a saying that describes the calling and task of everyone who desires to be a follower of Jesus in the Kingdom of heaven. It is a matter of drawing on the rich treasury of the past, but shaping it to apply for guidance into the future. Jesus tells them that they will be like scribes or men of learning who will have ancient and modern teaching with them to give to the hearers. The past tradition is not to be done away with, but we can never return there to live. The future requires the past for a firm foundation without which it will never be realized. This balancing act is the task of each one of us who have been instructed in the kingdom of heaven. Judgment is for later. Right now, it is for us to use the time given to us to go in search of the treasure and the pearl of great price, of the gift to be able to identify, with Jesus, the really true, the good and the beautiful, and to help others too in the same search. Thus when we approach the Eucharistic table and celebrate this sacrificial meal, we express our faith in Jesus who is our pearl of great price. Jesus is worth everything to us and allowing ourselves to be united to him in communion is the greatest gift we can give ourselves.

As reflect on this word of God, Jesus invites us to build the kingdom searching relentlessly and seeking his presence. The reward will be something precious and which cannot be lost at any time. We are called to face obstacles and we are called to be innovative in the ways in which we overcome those challenges. King Solomon responded to God asking for wisdom and knowledge and he was given the precious reward. The persons in the parable went in search of the treasure and the pearl and took the risk to obtain it for them. The parable of the net will tell us of the need for discernment on the kingdom to be good and be able to see the preciousness of our choice. This gives us the joy of discovering the meaning of life and of finding ourselves involved in the adventure of holiness. People who risk whole heartedly are ultimately peaceful. Finally, it is the choice which God has made for us as he has chosen us and formed us in his own image and has planned a plan for us. Let us then respond to the divine call given to us and live this kingdom to the full.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

With care and compassion, we pray for:

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