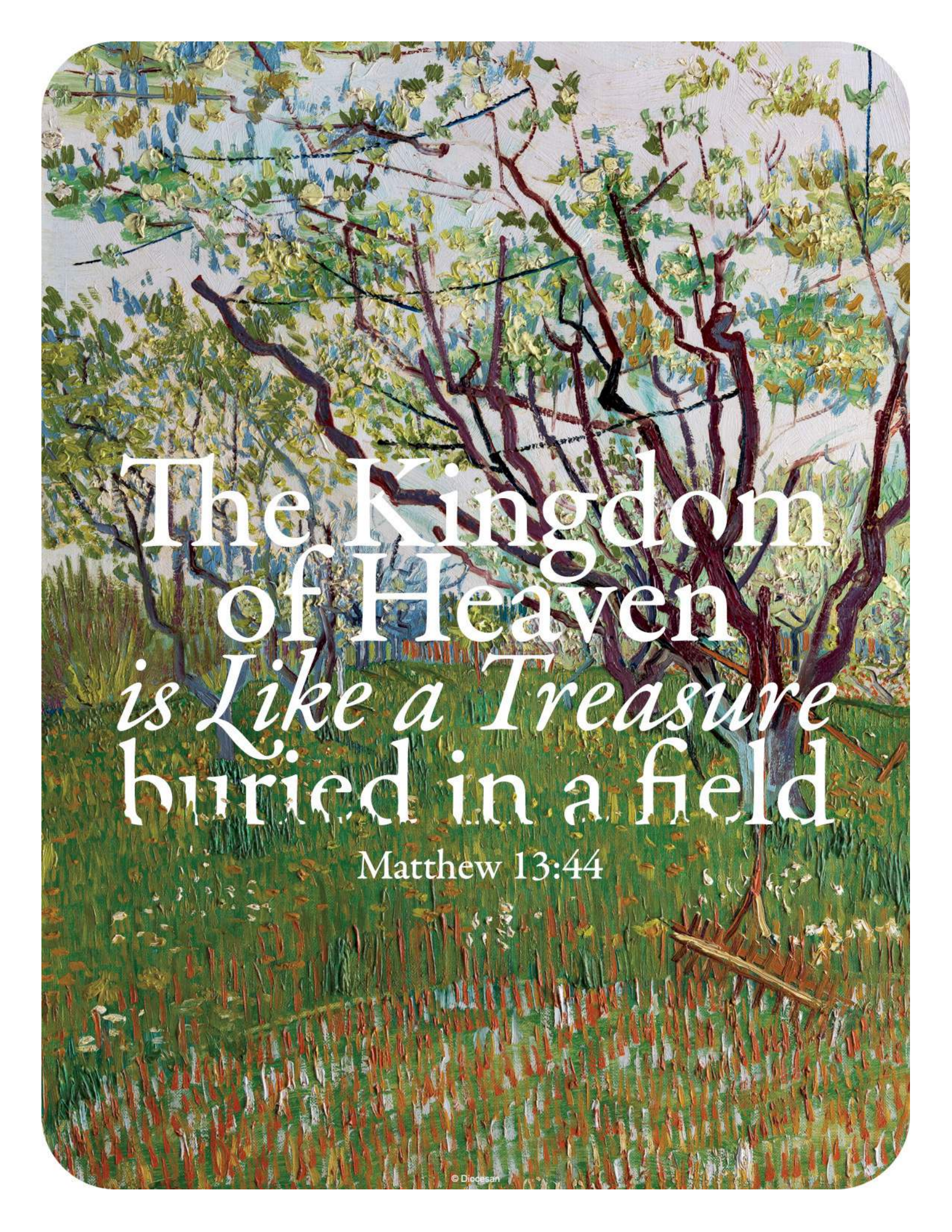




The Kingdom
of Heaven
is Like a Treasure
buried in a field

Matthew 13:44

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &
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**HOLY COMMUNION FOR
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ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

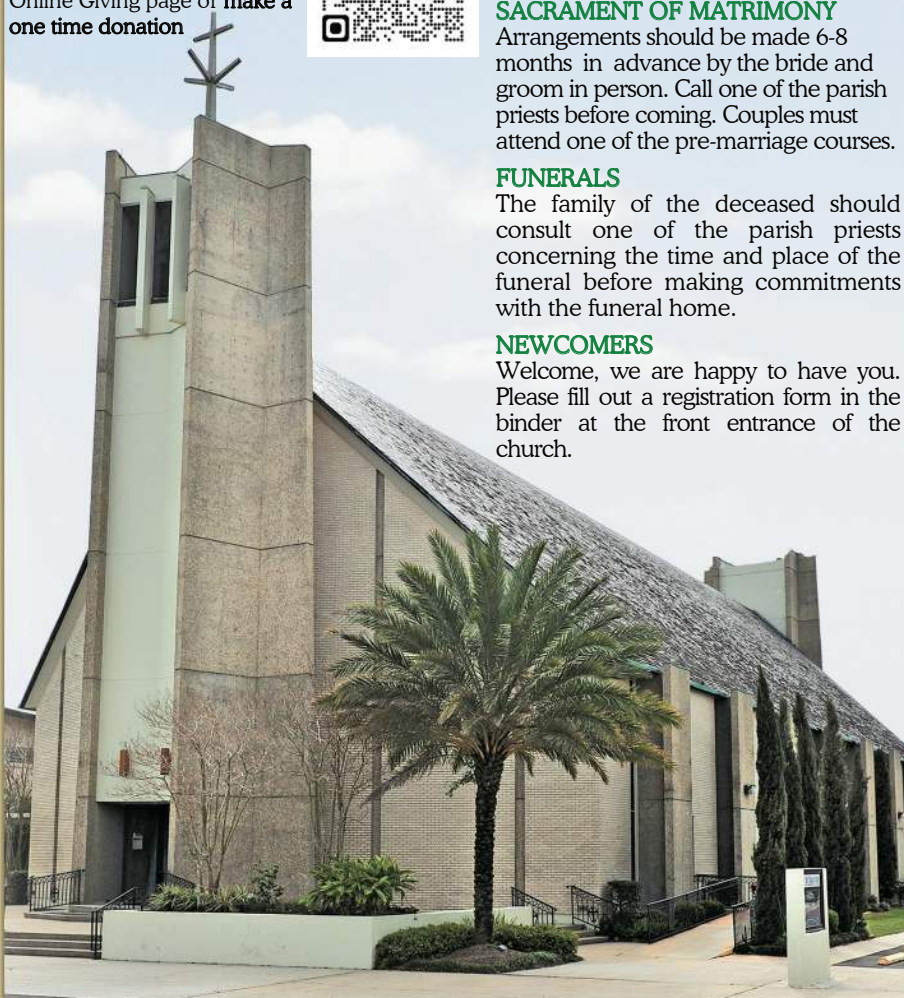
Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 26, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. JULY 25, 4:00 PM Billy Yochum

Peter Vallelungo	Gary Boihem
Ed & Shirley Walsh	Darrell & Gerardine Hotard
Dale Dufrene	Ryan O' Leary- healing
Lisa Boihem	Frank Gerarve Jr.
Paul Wang, Sr.	Diana Smith
Peter Ward	Mary Bragagnini - intentions
Pauline Ourso	Tim Power -healing
Carolyn Esposito	

SUN. JULY 26, 7:30 AM Monica Flick

9:30 AM David Chapman

Dale St. John, Sr.	Tami Newman
Deacon Nolen LeBlanc	Chad Cazabon
Alvin Castay Sr. - healing	Steven Richard
Anna Augustin	Gregory S. Strain D.D.S- Ints.
Deborah Mula	Lynrose Mula
Norma Barrette	Beverly Biglin
Laura Lee Ellison	Patricia (Pat) Meyer
Crystal Preskitt- healing	Marie Noya
Patricia Molony - healing	

11:30 AM John D. Aubin

7:30 PM Parishioners

MON. JULY 27, 7:00 AM Anna Augustin

8:30 AM Ellen & David Chapman

TUE. JULY 28, 7:00 AM Hilda Orgeron - Angelversary

8:30 AM Lorraine Pachankis

WED. JULY 29, 7:00 AM Norma Barrette

8:30 AM Deacon Nolen LeBlanc

THUR. JULY 30, 7:00 AM Margaret Sedita

8:30 AM Ellen & David Chapman

FRI. JULY 31, 7:00 AM Marco Antonio Perez, Sr.

8:30 AM John Krieger, Jr.

SAT. AUGUST 1, 8:30 AM Deacon Nolen LeBlanc



Summer Hours 9am- 2pm

SUNDAY JULY 26

2:30 pm Regia

MONDAY JULY 27

TUESDAY JULY 28

6:00 pm St. Vincent

6:30 pm Men's ACTS team meeting

WEDNESDAY JULY 29

8:30 am VBS

7:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY JULY 30

Men's ACTS Retreat send off

8:30 am VBS

FRIDAY JULY 31

8:30 am VBS

10:00 am Legion of Mary

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

Candle's this week will burn in memory of



Sanctuary Lamp
Parishioners

Chapel Lamp
Parishioners

Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 26, 2026

Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Monday

Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-25

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



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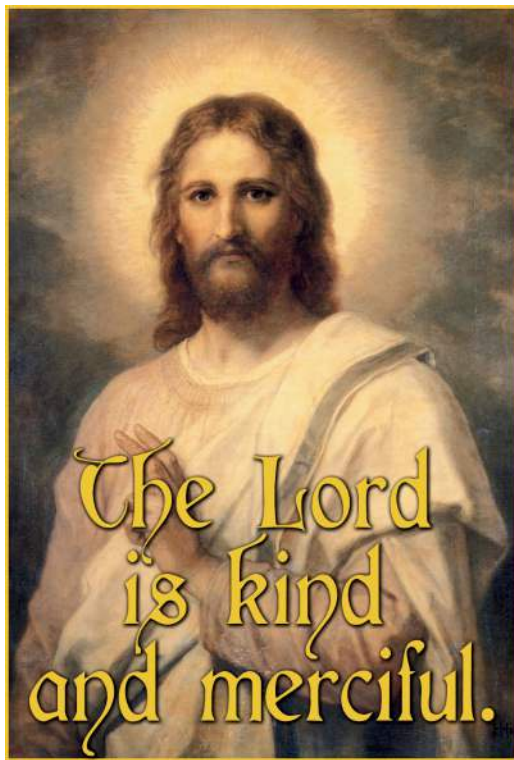
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Welcome Home Sunday is coming up on **August 16th**. Archbishop Checchio is inviting every Catholic in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to personally invite one person to Mass that weekend. Begin by praying now: Who is God placing on your heart? Perhaps it is someone who has not returned since the pandemic, someone who has drifted away from the Church, someone carrying hurt or disappointment, someone searching for meaning, or someone who has never experienced the beauty of the Catholic faith. Ask the Sacred Heart of Jesus to show you whom He is calling home.

REFLECTION OF AN ADORER

7/30/24

My dear daughter I love you very much. My precious children, I am the Bread of life. Come and partake in my Divine continence. Be one with me in all you do. I want our hearts to beat as one. Sit quietly in prayer and take a breath. Concentrate on that breath and let the Holy Spirit enter into your heart. For the Holy Spirit will breathe upon you the many gifts that you will need to produce the fruits in you that is necessary to be a child of God in your world. Each virtue you practice for the good will produce much light within you. By your light others will see the face of Jesus. Practice the virtues of love and mercy, for then you will see the gates of heaven open up for you. Many souls need your prayers. Bring me a soul each day by offering two Our Fathers, two Hail Mary's and two Glory Be's. By your efforts many will be saved! Go in peace, your Lord loves you very much!

Pray for Them

Earl Deibel, Catherine Kives, Fr. Randy Roux, Pat Trahan, Mark Crawford, Gloria Krieger, Edwyna Combe, Harold Bartchy, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Alvin Castay, Sr., Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, Theresa Arroyo, Philip Godbold, The Picou Family, Melissa Korn, Marilyn Pankratz, Stephen Parks, Frances Kemp, Eric Rousselle, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton, Sergio Morris, Dianne Smith, Diana Parks, Sean Nettles Sr., Kathy Livaudais, Candace Cooper, Michelle Onderdonk, Carl Dolly, Ellen Huynh, Yvonne Rousset, Barbara & Tommy Woods, Robert Vallejo, Gwen Chouest, Florence Stanton, Lisa Ryals, Esther Coy, Michael Whittaker, Bob Blaise, Gail Yeardon, Jimmy Pittman, John Deibel, Scott Davis, Patricia Molony, Charles Corona

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

Surprised by the Kingdom of Heaven

Every few years or so the discovery of lost treasure troves makes the news. As technology has improved it has become more common that gold coins, gemstones and priceless jewels worth millions of dollars are found in sunken ships that sailed the seas hundreds of years ago. Finding lost treasure requires a lot of persistence, technology, research, financial outlay, and luck. In the Gospel, however, Jesus tells us that we don't need special technology or even a lot of planning and effort to find the Treasure of all treasures.

I remember the day almost 20 years ago when I first heard Jesus' voice in my heart—not an inspiration, but a quiet voice. I had been assigned a paper on the Gospel of John in the homilies of St. Augustine. As I was reading, one particular line shone out like a treasure and caught my attention. Years of struggling with powerful temptations had deadened my heart to hope that I could ever be good enough for God to love me. Just as Augustine was converted by reading one verse of Scripture, in one sentence I felt that God saw me, just as I was. Then I heard the voice: "It doesn't matter. It doesn't matter if you ever fix yourself and become perfect with regard to this temptation. Just keep looking at me, and letting me look at you. If you just allow us to look at each other, continually, trustfully, always, I will take care of it for you." We all know when we've heard a voice, we would give everything to possess this treasure of treasures always.

Isn't it true, however, that we often find the most precious things in life by accident? We stumble upon them, and they seize our imagination and steal our hearts!

The kingdom of heaven surprised me that day when I heard his voice. The words of the Lord have become a touchstone in my life, a treasure by which I measure all other treasures.

In this parable, Jesus is telling us five things about the kingdom of heaven:

- the kingdom of heaven is the most valuable of treasures, the treasure of treasures
- the kingdom of heaven is hidden in our midst, we'll find it in the ordinary places of our life where we often forget to look
- the kingdom of heaven will surprise us as we go about our daily life—it is a gift
- the kingdom of heaven is a treasure so wonderful that the joy of having discovered it makes every sacrifice to possess it well worth it
- the kingdom of heaven costs everything because it radically changes our lives and our loves.

The kingdom of heaven is here, right in our midst, ready to surprise you. If you find it, sell all you have to possess it. You will not be sorry.

Sr. Kathryn James Hermes, FSP

A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the Kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. Along with studying the scriptures, we must pray over them and ask the Spirit to show us how they apply to our lives. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. The saints may have lived extraordinary lives, but they all began as ordinary people who gave their lives to Christ. The writings of the Church, though sometimes very technical, contain the wisdom of centuries of living the faith. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. You might say we have to learn a new way to respond to that situation. In the Bible, the word repentance itself means a change of heart, a new way of seeing and doing things.

We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. These stories can teach how to live our faith (or how not to!). One of the advantages of having friends whom we trust enough to confess our faults to is that we do not have to figure out life on our own. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice.

Tom Schmidt

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Novena of Reparation prayers.

Please join us for 1st Friday Mass at 8:30 AM on Friday,
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