



The kingdom of heaven

is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells
all he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44

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July 26, 2020 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community

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saintlorenzo.org

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Instruction classes: every 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Group Baptisms every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.

Bautismos en Español: Cada cuarto Domingo del mes a las 3:00pm. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial o hable con **Gaby Coria**, Coordinadora del Ministerio Hispano en la ext. 111.

Anointing/Visitation of the Sick Contact the Parish Office 909-595-9545
Unción a enfermos— Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Matrimony Couples wishing to celebrate their wedding must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance prior to setting a date. This time is necessary to fulfill the prerequisites for receiving the sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Preparation for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. For information, call the Parish Office and leave a message for **Bob Kondrath**.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) For more information call the Parish Office and leave a message for **Linda Talcott**.

Our Mission Statement

As a welcoming community, we celebrate our life, conscious of our multi-ethnic traditions, vowing unity with Christ in our multi-cultural differences.

We usher in our lives (being evangelized) and proclaim (as evangelizers) the reign of God as Priests, Prophets and Kings, and in so doing, we celebrate our discipleship in Christ Jesus. We extol “being Church” through the formation of Small Faith Communities as a way of life in being priests, prophets and kings; thus, we become economically stable and self-reliant as we give special attention and solicitude to our youth and the needy.

“They were faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the common life of sharing, the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

New Mass Schedule* for outdoor celebrations—Pavilion:

(livestreamed on SLR Website saintlorenzo.org Facebook)

updated July 24, 2020

Monday-Friday 7:00am only

Saturday: 8:00am and 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 1:30pm Spanish & 6:30pm

Important notice:

In compliance with the Public Health restrictions on social distancing protocols, only 100 participants (including priest and limited Liturgical ministers) will be allowed in the pavilion per mass.

We encourage all those who cannot physically tolerate the mask, to please stay home and view our live streamed Mass.

- *Ushers/Staff will be available to usher people in (seating procedure to be monitored).*
- *Hand sanitizing stations will be located at each entrance/exit door.*
- *Face masks are required upon entering the church/Pavilion.*

**Schedule subject to change, please check website or call the Parish office for weekly updates/changes/guidelines. Thank you!*

"The kingdom of heaven is like
a treasure
buried in a field..."



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26
2020

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Jesus is speaking in parables and offers three different images for the kingdom of heaven. Remember that popular line from a phone commercial: "Can you hear me now?" Jesus is trying to teach and basically says, "Do you understand me now? Do you get it now? Then let me explain it another way." He is shedding light on just how very important his mission is, that the kingdom of God is the most important thing, and that we must make every choice, every effort to strive for it. To use a sports metaphor, Jesus is telling us we must not look for immediate satisfaction, but we must "play the long game" because in the end, this is the only thing that really matters.

GIVING UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE

This message again seems very countercultural. We live in an age of instant gratification. Consumer debt is

at an all-time high. Houses get bigger and bigger and more luxurious. Instead of saying "I can't afford a new car," people stretch payments out over six or seven years in an attempt to afford the unaffordable. Today we are called to put it all in perspective, to follow the "pearl of great price," to put all things aside that we might seek the kingdom of God and reach our heavenly goal, our salvation. This may require a paradigm shift and making radical changes in our lifestyle, in how we spend our time, our money, our energy, how we define what is important to us. May each of us find the wisdom of Solomon to guide us in making the right choices.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Worship

A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.

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**WE PRAY & WORSHIP.
WE ARE A PRIESTLY COMMUNITY.**

Nuestra Declaración de Misión

Como comunidad acogedora, celebramos nuestra vida, conscientes de nuestras tradiciones multiétnicas, jurando unidad con Cristo en nuestras diferencias multiculturales. Abrimos en nuestra vida (ser evangelizados) y proclamamos (como evangelizadores) el reinado de Dios como *Sacerdotes, Profetas y Reyes*, y al hacerlo, celebramos nuestro discipulado en Cristo Jesús. Ensalzamos "ser Iglesia" a través de la formación de las Pequeñas Comunidades de Fe como una forma de vida al ser *Sacerdotes, Profetas y Reyes*; así, nos volvemos económicamente estables y autosuficientes a medida que prestamos especial atención y solicitud a nuestros jóvenes y a los necesitados.

"Fueron fieles a la enseñanza de los apóstoles, a la vida común de compartir, al partimiento del pan y a las oraciones."

~ Hechos 2:42

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

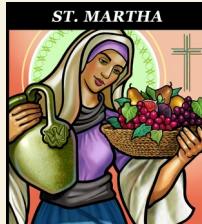
Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. Martha

Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the store-room

(Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

SAINT MARTHA (first century)

July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as "burdened with much serving" (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" Jesus' response, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part" (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, "Go and do likewise" (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence and hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha's sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three "hosts of the Lord," recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

Education

WE LEARN AND EDUCATE.
WE ARE A PROPHETIC PEOPLE



Welcome Home to our First
Communicants! Congratulations and
blessings to each of you...



Thank you to our devoted Parents, Children &
Catechists!



Rel Ed Directress
Gaby with
Catechists: Teresa,
Adrianna, Lucille &
Mago.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Los Más Pequeños

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For those whom he foreknew, he also predestined
to become conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be
the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Rom 8:26

Hermanos y hermanas: Porque a los que de antemano conoció, también
los predestinó a ser hechos conforme a la imagen de su Hijo, para que
El sea el primogénito entre muchos hermanos y hermanas. Rom 8:29



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Service

WE SERVE & WE SHARE.

WE ARE A KINGLY PEOPLE.

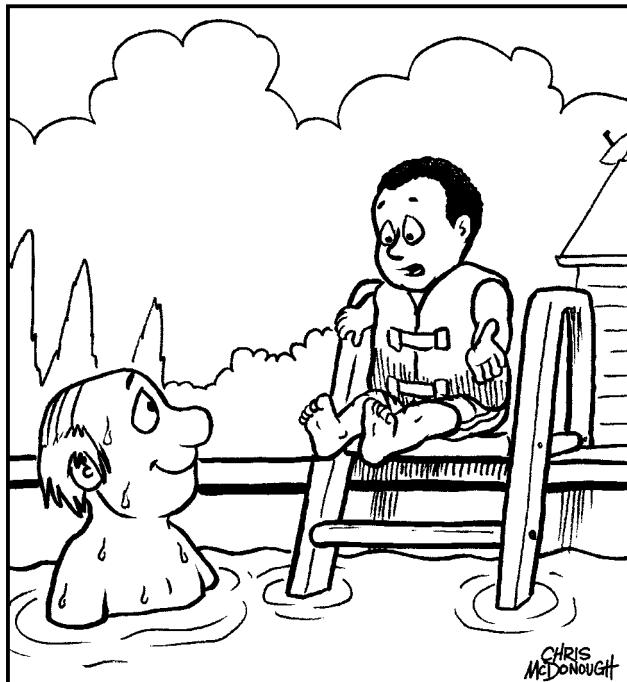
Please continue praying and caring for our sick family members, friends, neighbors & parishioners.

Please contact **Marilyn Estonia** at the parish office or email mestona@hotmail.com if you know of any parishioner who is sick, hospitalized, or homebound so that we may include them in our prayers / arrange for Ministers of the Sick to bring the Holy Eucharist to them at home.

Leonor Tomines
Antonio Ramos
Estrella Tukay
Shirley Wewengkang
Preciosa Cabote
Ofelia Nacionales
Bienvenido Gasgonia

*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.*

Pastor Al™



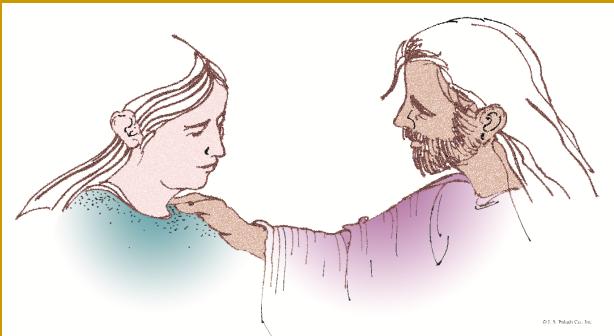
"It was nice that you could come over to our pool,
Pastor Al... but is this holy water now?"

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

All things work for good for those who love God.

— Romans 8:28a



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O Lord, eternal rest. May your light shine
upon him forever. May he rest in peace.
Amen*

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Odette Bigornia

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith

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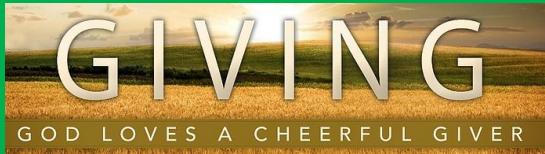
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Update as of July 16 Parish Goal: \$89,375
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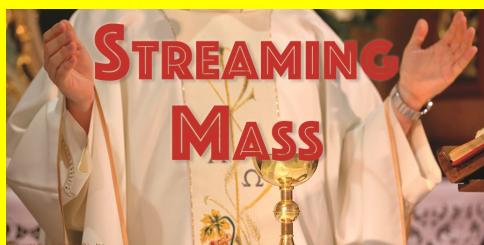
Weekly Offering



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GRACE

- ◊ *Is our Sunday Giving a Generous Response to Christ's Embrace?*
- ◊ *Does it change my way of life if I give a bit more?*



St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community Food Bank



Our path to
*“Where Earth
Meets Heaven”*

Take a "Food Bank Bag" every
3rd Sunday - Bring them
back on the 4th Sunday.

**Special thanks to our volunteers who
continue to assist us in the airing of
livestream
Masses.**



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Please COME & JOIN our SLRC **Word Made Flesh**

as a 'way of life' on the road to (*and through*) Emmaus

This Lent, let us '**read**', '**reflect**' '**share**' &
pray on the Word of God on our own or with
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Parish

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Generous Response According to Christ's Embrace

Recognizing how God is generously blessing our lives day by day, G.R.A.C.E. calls upon us to share such blessings by being more committed, and more open-hearted, in how much we desire to give back to God – to and through His church.

Fr. Tony P. Astudillo

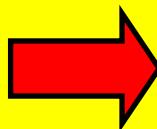


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Online Giving

Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support our parish community. If you need assistance in registering for online or e-giving, please contact the Parish Office 909-595-9545.

You can use the app Venmo to donate to **St. Lorenzo Catholic Church**. Just scan to download.



Saint Lorenzo Ruiz

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Upcoming Schedule:

Confirmation Ceremonies: (For info, contact the Confirmation Office 909-595-9545)
Adult Confirmation – Friday, July 31 (7pm)

Youth Confirmation – Thursday Aug 13, Friday Aug 14, Thursday Aug 20 and Friday, Aug 21 (7pm)
 For info, pls. contact Confirmation Office 909-595-9545

We acknowledge, appreciate our communicants....we are so proud of you!
Saturday, July 11 & Friday, July 17, 2020



Catechists Ray, Linda, Gaby (Rel Ed Director) Asereth & Teresa.



"Always gather together, come on Sunday and help one another. Please read the Word Among Us" (daily Scripture reading).

—Fr. Tony