



**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
 "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 that he has and buys that field." *Matthew 13:44*

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

**The *Suscipe* Prayer**

Take, Lord, and receive all  
my liberty

my memory, my  
understanding,

and my entire will,

all I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.

To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with  
it what you will.

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**Remember In Prayer**

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**July 30, 2023  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary**

**MAKING WISE CHOICES**

An old expression admonishes, "Be careful what you wish for." Another one warns about money "burning a hole in your pocket" as you try and determine all the possibilities about how you will spend it. If God were to grant you a wish, what would it be? Our readings are about making wise choices and following God's ways. When Solomon is given this opportunity, he does not make a rash or selfish decision but requests an "understanding heart" so that he might better govern the people with justice. The responsorial psalm is part of a long acrostic poem about the beauty of following God's law. Saint Paul speaks to the Romans about God's master plan, in which we each have a special calling and purpose. The Gospel provides several parables about the kingdom of heaven, and how we might take right action and necessary steps in order to obtain it.

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

**The Documents of Vatican II—The Sacred Liturgy**

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) is the first document approved by the Council—by a vote of 2,147 to 4 on December 4, 1963. Built on a foundation of strong liturgical and biblical scholarship, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* proclaims the primary place of the liturgy (the "source and summit") in the life of the Church. In insisting on the central role of the faithful in the celebration of liturgy, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy set the tone for the rest of the Council, which would continue to address the baptismal dignity and mission of the laity in future documents. The goals of the Constitution were to reinvigorate the Christian life of the faithful, to adapt—where possible—to the needs of today, to encourage the union of all Christian believers, and to promote the mission of the Church to all people. The reforms proposed by *Sacrosanctum Concilium* would touch the life of every Catholic in profound ways: by emphasizing the importance of sacred scripture, by opening the door to inculturation of the liturgy—especially by its celebration in the native tongue of the people—and by stressing the participation of all believers in the Paschal Mystery (the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ) here and now. The Council could not have started with a stronger message to the Church and the world that the winds of change were blowing through the windows opened by Pope Saint John XXIII.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

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

**Psalm** — The law of the Lord is precious to me (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 storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;  
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;  
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;  
Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;  
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

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Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard

Friday: St. John Vianney; First Friday

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of  
St. Mary Major; First Saturday;  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**Adoration will be on Wednesday Aug 2nd at 4 o'clock**

If you pray you are sure of saving your soul. If you do not pray you are just as sure to lose your soul.

**Deacon Moss class will start 8/8 at 10..00 am**

Lectors for Wednesday in August

August 2nd Beverly

August 9th Peggy

August 16th Sherry

August 23rd Beverly

August 30th Peggy

Aug 6th 2023

LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

Aug 13th

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN

Aug 20th

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

LECTOR JEFF

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN

**COMPASSION**

If you love the justice of Jesus Christ more than you fear human judgment, then you will seek to do compassion.

**July 23rd 2023  
Sunday collection  
\$974.00**