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July 26, 2020



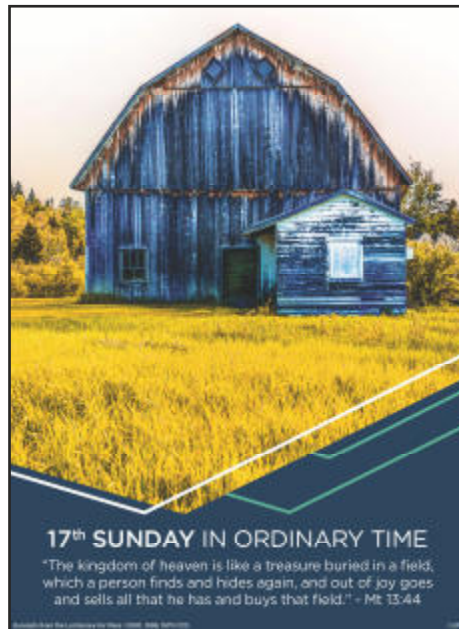
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A Vicarious Descant

Last week we heard the parables about the kingdom—the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed and the leaven. St. John Chrysostom wrote, “As the previous parables of the leaven, and the grain of mustard-seed referred to the power of the Gospel preaching, which has subdued the whole world in order to show its value and splendor, Jesus now puts forth parables concerning a pearl and a treasure.... For the Gospel preaching is hidden in this world; and if you do not sell your all you will not purchase it; and this you ought to do with joy; wherefore it follows, which when a man has found it, he hides it again.”

The parable teaches us that the treasure cannot be obtained while still *being possessive of* material things—it requires a person to sell everything that would hold a comparable place in their life in order to attain it. The account of Ananias and Sapphira in the Acts of the Apostles would be an extreme example—they conspired to possess both and in so doing, lost both.

This is done literally and spiritually especially by those called to follow our Lord in religious life. In order to follow such a vocation, the person who aspires to religious life must leave everything and be wholly dedicated to the Lord—there is no keeping of possessions, only that which is necessary and provided by the religious order.



This is done practically and spiritually by every Catholic who strives to live their vocation in a manner that receives and uses the things of the world in order to attain the things of heaven. As Jesus taught us in the parable of the unjust steward, “Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings” (Lk 16:9). A father provides for his family, hopefully not in unnecessary excess, but according to each family member’s need, and especially for the salvation of their souls.

A few chapters later, St. Peter says to the Lord, “We have given up everything and followed you” and the Lord replied, “everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more,

and will inherit eternal life” (Mt 19:29).

Why is such a treasure hidden again? Because, like the seed and sower, we must guard our faith from the evil one who seeks to steal it from us. We must guard our faith by not inviting evil or temptation into our lives and families. Our faith requires constant vigilance and attention to keep the precious gift from being lost.

Today is the Solemnity of St. Anne, the Patroness of the Archdiocese of Detroit. “The local Catholic Church’s relationship with Saint Anne dates to the city’s founding. The first Mass in the Archdiocese of Detroit was said to have been celebrated on Saint Anne’s feast day, July 26, in 1701. The same day, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac and 51 settlers established Sainte Anne de Detroit – the first Catholic church in Detroit and now the second-oldest Catholic parish in America” (from the Archdiocese’s Communications Office, 2011). Although there has been over two-centuries of history behind her patronage here, it was in 2010 that Archbishop Vigneron petitioned the Vatican asking that she formally be named the patroness of the Archdiocese. The petition was granted the following year.

The many different situations which have Saint Anne as its patron all seem to center around the family, the raising of children and education. She has, indeed, been a wonderful patroness to whom we can safely entrust our many prayers of petition and thanksgiving. Saint Anne, pray for us!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - July 27, 2020

7:30 a.m. – Rachael Flora (L)

Tuesday, - July 28, 2020

7:30 a.m. – Robert Santine (L)

Wednesday, - July 29, 2020

7:30 a.m. – Anna Santine (L)

Thursday, - July 30, 2020

7:30 a.m. – Jason & Jessie Zielinski & Family (L)

Friday, - July 31, 2020

7:30 a.m. – Lawrence Stump (L)

Saturday, - August 01, 2020

7:30 a.m. – Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:00 p.m. – St. Monica Sodality

Sunday, - August 02, 2020

6:30 a.m. – Special Intention; 9:30 a.m. – People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m. – Special Intention

“The earth could exist more easily without the sun, than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass” - St Pio of Pietrelcina

Mass Servers

Saturday, August 01, 2020

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Praet, J. Cline

Sunday, August 02 2020

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, J. Prevo, D. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & M. Arrigoni, A. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Requiescat in Pace

Lynn Doyle, April 26, 1965- July 6, 2020

Mary Decker, January 25, 1928- July 12, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today’s Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week’s Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today’s Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who “brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus’ “new” teaching. Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all through Sunday, September 6, 2020.

The final planning meeting for August 15th will be on August 4th at 7:00pm

Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments

One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together! See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. The groups are organized to pray for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante and Fr. Perrone. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. The Holy hour may be done in a parish church near you, anytime on the day you are assigned. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate.

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church... Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the church"-Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

The St. Monica Sodality's monthly mass for conversion will be offered on First Saturday, August 1st at 4 p.m. Recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, Rosary, and St. Monica Prayer for conversions start in the church at 3:15pm. St. Monica Prayer cards and prayer-petition forms are located on the tables at the side entrances in the church. Write the names of those for whom you are praying, and deposit them into the box provided. Petitions forms are strictly confidential, and will be placed on or near the altar during the Mass. Call 313.885.6910 for more info.

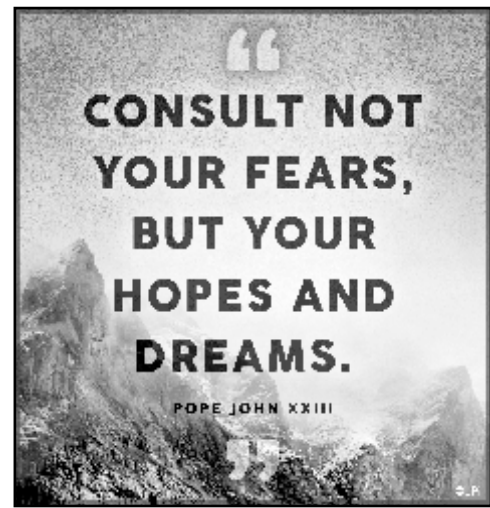
The Marian Catechist Apostolate Area Marian Catechists will be renewing their Consecrations in the Apostolate at Assumption Grotto on Saturday July 25th during the 4pm. Mass. The 16 Week Basic Catholic Catechism Course will meet on alternate Saturdays Saturday's at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. For more information on Marian Catechist Basic or Advanced Home Study Courses leave your name at the rectory.

Susan B. Anthony List is hiring! Earn \$10-\$15/hour with possible raises and bonuses · Work 4 – 40 hours/week. You make your own schedule! Since it is safe outside, we have begun hiring temporary Field Representatives in Michigan to work through the first week of November. If you have the heart for the Lord FOR LIFE, a cell phone to download our i-360 Walk app and are at least 16 years of age, let's talk! Field Representatives are being hired all around Michigan to educate voters with a simple survey. Contact Anna Marie Danyko, (734) 284-5226, or at anna@sbalistfield.org.

Election Prayer Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose a President of the United States, and other government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give You, what belongs to You, our God. If we do this, as a nation, we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.

Call to Holiness Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse,

Wisconsin July 29 to August 1, 2020
This opportunity is for a limited number of people who will spend special time with Cardinal Burke at the beautiful and holy Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. CTH chaplain, Fr. Charles White and Fr. Robert Slaton will join us in La Crosse. Wednesday, July 29—Travel by car or fly; arrive at La Crosse with special hotel group rate. Thursday, July 30—Tour the Shrine; group luncheon at Culina Mariana Café; Rosary Walk; Mass; Private dinner with His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/05/GROUP-PLANNING-GUIDE-2020.pdf> Friday, July 31—Reserved seating at Noon Solemn Mass celebrated by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke for the Anniversary of the Shrine dedication Saturday, August 1—Return travel to Michigan Group lunch and dinner Thursday; Other meals on your own. Transportation to be arranged. Call Debbie Bloomfield for more details: 313-451-4659 or email: us at calltoholinessdetroit@gmail.com





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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI
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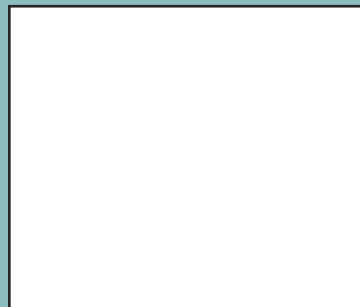


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