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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023
THE CHRISTIAN'S REAL TREASURE:
GOD AND HIS KINGDOM
I have said, O Lord, that my part is to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is to me more precious than
thousands of gold and silver pieces – Psalm 118



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.

Mass Intentions



July 29th 4:30PM Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Mr. & Mrs. Russell Barton (Happy Heavenly Wedding Anniversary-RIP) by Your Children, Cornell Brown (Happy Heavenly Wedding Anniversary-RIP) by Your Loving Wife Bernadette Brown, Bernadine Barton Tyler & Bernadette Barton Brown (Happy 75th Birthday) by The Family; In Memory of Harold Sylvia (RIP) by His Family

July 30th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

August 1st 6:00PM William L. Joseph (RIP) by Adline Harris

August 2nd 8:00AM No Mass.....No Mass

August 3rd 8:00AM No Mass.....No Mass

August 4th 6:00PM

August 5th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Deceased Members of Fontnette, Franklin & Joseph Families (RIP) by The Family; Charles Brown (RIP) by The Fontenot Family

APPEAL for CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
Building the Kingdom Together
Intentions Mass
Come and pray with Bishop David L. Toups
for the special intentions of the faithful
of Southeast Texas
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont
Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:00pm
Reception to follow in the Cathedral Center
RSVP @409-924-4327 or
stewardship@dioceseofbmt.org
Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served

We are at the half-way point for the Appeal for Catholic Ministries for 2023. Our goal for this year is $37,953. As of June 14, 2023, we have received $34,175 in pledges. Of that amount, payments of $21,427 have been received. We are $16,526 short of reaching our goal. These totals represent 16% of our parish giving. If you have made a pledge, thank you and please continue to make your payments. If you have not, please consider making a pledge or giving a one-time donation. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading ***—1 Kings 3:5,7-12***
Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Psalm ***—Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130***
The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Reading ***—Romans 8:28-30***
God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son..

Gospel ***—Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)***
Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.



Happy Birthday
Carolyn Cox

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. The collection will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!

Sick & Shut-In

For the Sick and Home bound Parishioner who may need Confession, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office for the Priest at (409)985-5104. Also, if you want or know someone that need to be added to the prayer request list.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jas 1:18; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43;
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Jn 15:15b; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Acts 16:14b; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; 1 Pt 1:25; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 5:10; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:5c; Mt 17:1-9

Surprised by the Kingdom of Heaven

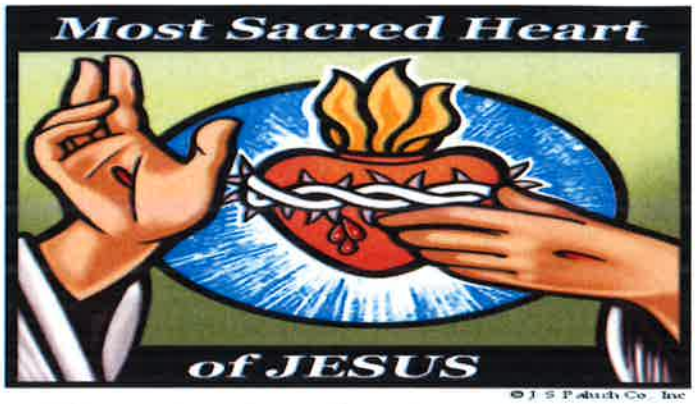
Every few years or so the discovery of lost treasure troves makes the news. As technology has improved it has become more common that gold coins, gemstones and priceless jewels worth millions of dollars are found in sunken ships that sailed the seas hundreds of years ago. Finding lost treasure requires 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.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

Meetings

-KPC Ladies Auxiliary Cartagena Court #32 will meet on Sunday, August 6th at 11:30am at the KPC Hall.

6TH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
AUGUST 26, 2023
MONTAGNE CENTER
at LAMAR UNIVERSITY, BEAUMONT, TX
English Session: Registration @7am-4:30pm
Spanish Session: Registration @2:30pm-8pm
Lunch & Dinner Catered
Enter code: EARLY BIRD
for 10% off before June 30th
Tickets and Information
www.christinyou-cmc.com

"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." 1Thessalonians 5:11

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. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. 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. 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. 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

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR PARISH SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BEREAVEMENT FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless those who lost a child in July. Next weekend he will bless single, widows and widowers who lost a spouse in August.

See our Bulletin Board in the Vestibule for announcement/information in our community and local area.

IF YOUR FAMILY OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS



Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Kenya Avila, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, James Brady, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Bernadette Brown, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Martin Charles, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Henry Dwin, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, Carolyn Francis, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Harrison Hill, Jr., Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Donnette Eulain-Jackson, Yvette Jacquet, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Bernard Mouton, Jr., Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, and Hazeletta Younger

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All announcements to be placed in the bulletin must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Wednesday to the Parish Office.



Parish Social Service Ministry is available to assist anyone in the parish that needs help with electric, gas, or water bills. Other services are available based on the parishioners need. All assistance provided is confidential. We are now in our 7th year of service to the parish and the community. If you would like to know more about Parish Social Ministry, please take home a brochure located in the vestibule.



Parish Social Service Ministry is collecting Jell-o monthly for the United Board of Missions. The box is still located in the vestibule. This will be put in the low income bags given to members of the community who apply through United Board of Missions. Please be generous. If you have any questions, you can contact Brenda Broussard or Sheryl Alpough.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
August 5th & August 6th

First Friday-August 4th
Adoration 5pm/Mass-6pm-Corine Jones

LECTORS
SAT. 4:30PM Delores Yeggins
Cynthia Sinegal
SUN. 9:00AM Paul landry
Dmidge Jacobs

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS
SUN. 9:00AM Corine Jones
Rodney Broussard

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