

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

MATTHEW 13:45-46



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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]

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Saturday & Sunday: 45 minutes before Mass

Celebration of the Sacraments:
Mass: Saturday

Marriage or Baptism:
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Temporary
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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Ruth Linker. Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emily Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from

our parish community: New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3R James Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Mass—Intentions

- Sat 7/25 Parishioners**
- Sun 7/26 Carolyn Bonicard (David Bonicard)**
- Tue 7/28 Fr. Monaghan+ (Marie Hansen)**
- Wed 7/29 Joe Cirasola+ (M/M Murfin)**
- Thurs 7/30 John & Lois Murfin+ (M/M Murfin)**
- Fri. 7/31 Ben & Marcella Rottinghaus+ (M/M Murfin)**
- Sat. 8/01 Eddie Rottinghaus+ (M/M Murfin)**

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance
Sat. Sun.

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| Required Weekly Funds: \$ 3,962 | | | |
| Offerings: 7/18 & 7/19 \$ 2,369 | | 33 | 40 |

One can Give without Loving...
But one cannot Love without Giving.

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these bumpy days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Rev. Fr. Mike Snider

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 some thing 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.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR JULY

Our Families

That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).
- Psalms** — 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 storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday:** Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

WISDOM

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.
—Theodore Roosevelt

GO

Go forth and set the world on fire.
—St. Ignatius of Loyola

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Saturday, July 25th at 5:00pm and Sunday, July 26th at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass.
4. **Chairs** are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS**, they are to remain as they are.
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.** Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church

Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tuesday — Friday at 8:00am.

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church** we ask you to cooperate by **alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

Dear organization/ministry/service leaders,

Along with the list of our Parish Organizations/Ministries/Services in the parish website, the Welcome Committee would like to provide a brief description of each. In that way anyone who is considering becoming involved in our parish can be better informed of the focus/objectives of each organization/ministry/service.

Some ministries with descriptions are already on the website, but below are the ones that do not have any information listed.

We ask that each ministry leader/head provide a brief explanation of their committee. Please send this short summary to Anna Parker at parkerbiz52@yahoo.com or call 903.833.7019 (home #).

Thank you.

Angel Tree
Bereavement Committee
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Cenacle of Life
Church Food Pantry
Cleaning Crew
Community/Parish Events
East Texas Food Bank
Eucharist Minister
Finance Council
Fundraiser Committee
Grounds/Maintenance
Lectors
Legion of Mary
Parish Council
Prayer Blankets
Prayer/Meditation Garden
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Respect Life
Ushers

Dispensation: The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

10th Annual Dinner & Casino Night, The Roaring 20s Event Canceled. See page 3 for detailed information.

CONFESSIONS: TUES., JULY 28TH & WED., JULY 29TH. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883. Confessions rain or shine, cold or hot weather. I will be parked in front of the double glass doors that you enter into the Narthex, under the overhang, seated in my front seat of my car. Please drive up and park your vehicle 6 feet from my vehicle and stay in your vehicle. Roll your window down, turn motor off and start your confession. After your confession, you may drive around to our meditation garden, to say your penance.

Food donations: We are currently doing fine with food. We are still in need of **sundries (i.e. shampoo, deodorant, soap bar & liquid, etc.). Blessings to all of our givers.** Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

Cenacle of Life: Fr. Mike has given us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm began June 24th.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382

Second Collections for the month of August:

1st & 2nd: "Building & Maintenance Fund."

8th & 9th: "Holy Spirit Faith Formation."

15th & 16th: "Black & Indian Missions and Church in Central/Eastern Europe."

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Everyone is invited to join us to pray the Patriotic Rosary on the first Saturday of each month after the 8:00 AM daily Mass. This Rosary was inspired by the Blessed Mother as a consecration of our Nation to her Immaculate Heart. It is a powerful prayer for divine intervention for protection and mercy for our Nation and our Church. At these times of serious unrest in America we hope you will join us in praying this special Patriotic Rosary. See you on Saturday, August 1st.

10th Annual Dinner and Casino Night, The Roaring 20s Event Canceled

We canceled Holy Spirit's 10th Annual Dinner and Casino Night, The Roaring 20s, due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), and the uncertainty of scheduling a future date. The Casino Night event was originally scheduled for April 25 and rescheduled for November 7, if feasible at that time.

People who purchased dinner tickets are entitled to:

1. A refund, or
2. Purchase additional raffle tickets, or
3. Donate your refund amount to Holy Spirit Catholic Church

If we ***do not hear*** from you by ***Friday, August 14***, we assume you want to donate your refund to Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Although the Dinner and Casino Night event has been canceled, the **raffle**, consisting of four \$500 Visa gift cards, with the possibility of winning \$2000, will still be conducted on **Saturday, September 19 after 5:00pm Mass. Raffle tickets** are still available, and, to increase the chances of winning a possible total of \$2000, you may want to purchase additional raffle tickets with your refund.

We regret having to make this difficult and unpleasant decision, but the health and safety of our community is our primary concern.

Please contact Bridget or Richard by email or phone (leave message). Let us know your decision of 1, 2 or 3 on the refund of your dinner ticket(s).

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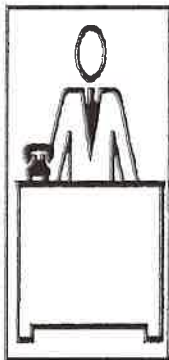


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