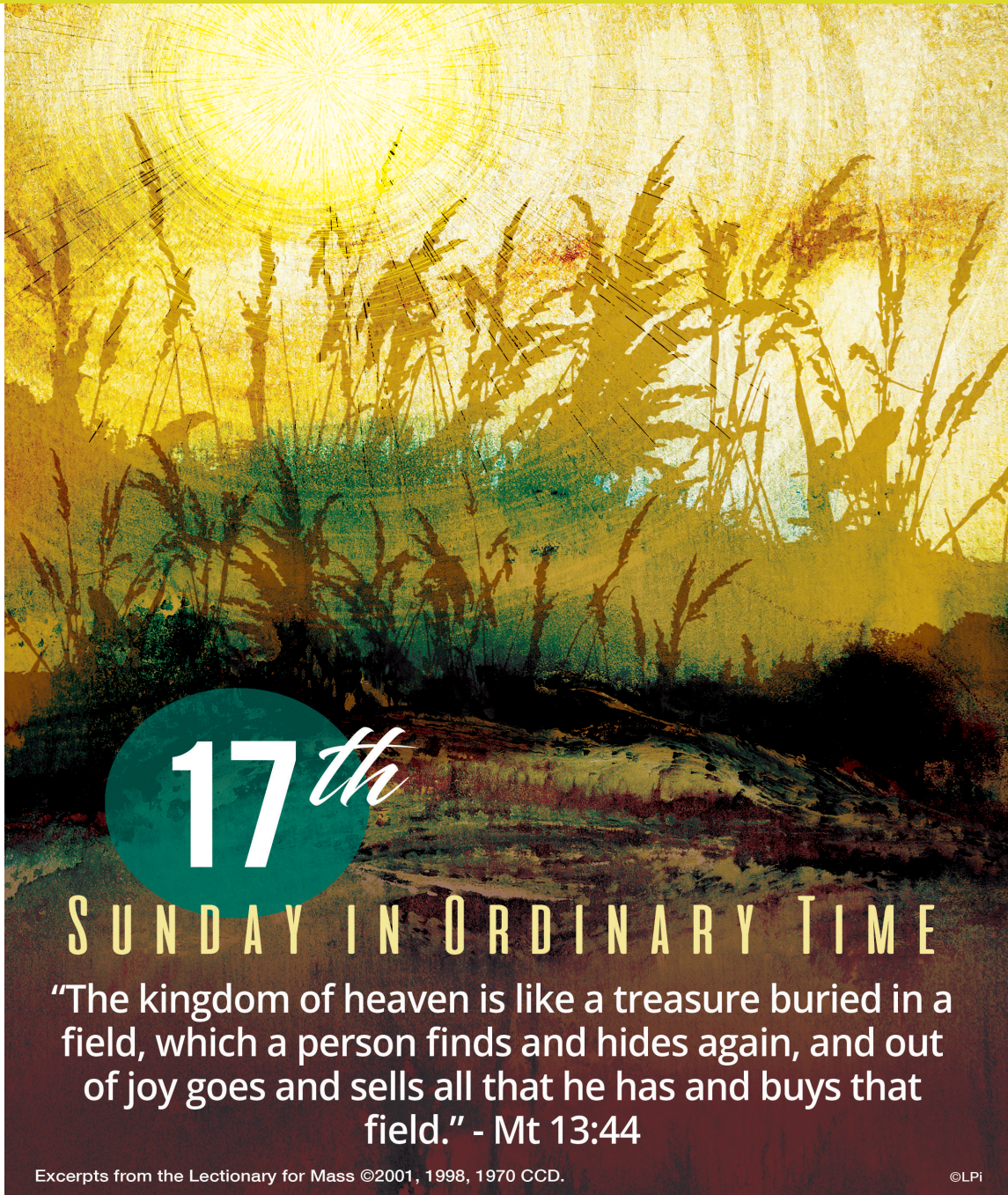


Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

JULY 30, 2017 — SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
30 DE JULIO DE 2017 — DECIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



17th

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.” - Mt 13:44

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday5:30 p.m.
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo.....12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY July 29, 2017
4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass souls of Joe Melendez & Bertha Jordan

SUNDAY July 30, 2017
9:00 AM Mass for soul of Richard Gerhardt
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa por Rudi Organiz Aguilon

WEDNESDAY August 2, 2017
12:00 Noon Mass soul of David Taylor

THURSDAY August 3, 2017
8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY August 4, 2017
12:00 Noon **NO MASS**

SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2017
4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass for soul of Carl Carlson

SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2017
9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." - Mt 13:49-51

Readings for the Week of July 30, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
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
Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2
Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

CONDOLENCES

St John's expresses their deepest condolences to our parishioner, Raul Perez, on the death of his cousin, Rudy Organiz Aguilon, who tragically drowned in the James River last week.



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/
RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:**
Pray for

Keith Pinney, Edna Stanley, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah

Shorter, Virginia Saunders, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes, Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur, Carole Trent, Mary Helen So-haski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Shirley Hughes, Barbara Greene, Leslie Gray, Eugene Cooley, Joel Rivera, Sherry Wright, Lou Burnett, Albert Patterson, David Stull and Otts Miskimon.

Prayers for members of the Armed Forces; Daniel Gaudette, David Licciardello, Josh Drumheller, Lee Balderson, Daniel Johnson and Shon Azubike.

July 22 & 23, 2017

Weekly
Actual \$3,694.04
Budgeted \$5,266.00
Difference (\$1,571.96)
Year to Date
Actual \$15,570.21
Budgeted \$21,064.00
(\$5,493.79)

Monthly Debt Expense
Monthly Debt Collection
Difference

Remaining Debt Balance \$56,543.59

MASS ATTENDANCE

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|------------|------------|------------|
| 5:30 | 9:00 | 12:15 |
| 108 | 122 | 320 |

The item being collected for **FISH** for **July**
Highlighters and #2 pencils
En el mes de **julio**
Resaltadores y lápices # 2

Some people think the demands of priesthood are too difficult and should be loosened. They say that's why we don't have enough priests. They say, "we should let them get married and then we will have more priests" or maybe "why don't they ease up on the whole obedience thing" or maybe "they should be paid more and then more men will want to be priests." They say "maybe if we did some of these things, we would have more priests"

But what did Jesus say in the Gospel today?

Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl that one finds and once he discovers it, he is willing to sell all he has to obtain it. Or it is like a treasure he finds in a field, and once he finds it, he is willing to sell all he has to obtain the treasure in the field.

In those situations that Jesus is describing, those people had plenty of things. They had plenty of homes, food, money, 401k's...(well maybe not 401k's). They had the opportunity to have other things but voluntarily gave those things up to obtain something beyond. And if they gave up all their wealth to get that pearl, you can be sure they were also giving up their freedom and independence (at least their financial freedom) and the chance to be married (after all, who's going to marry them if they are broke). So they gave up everything.

The reason they were willing to give that stuff up was because the thing they discovered was very far beyond the stuff they had before. Those things from the past had brought them a certain amount of joy, but this pearl or this treasure that they found brought them joy to an extent that blew the other joy out of the water. That is to say, that old stuff couldn't compare to the thrill, excitement and happiness of that one pearl, or that one treasure.

And so it is when a man becomes a priest. When a man becomes a priest (or a woman becomes a consecrated religious), he wants it because he wants the pearl of great price. He has found the field with the treasure. And based on this discovery, he has determined it is worth selling all the other stuff (marriage, independence, big salaries) to get that pearl, to get the treasure. For a man who is called, the priesthood is the pearl of great price.

So it silly to say we need to do certain things to make the priesthood more appealing to men because for those who are called it is already the pearl of great price. It's worth it to trade in those other things in order to obtain it.

You might say, "if it is such a good deal, why aren't more men willing to make that deal? Why aren't more men willing to trade everything they have in order to get it?"

Unfortunately we do not always make the best business decisions. Sometimes we buy bad stocks. Sometimes we buy homes that are money pits. Sometimes we get ripped -off on craigslist. We have to be careful. "Buyer beware." For the man who is called, there is no better deal than the deal God offers.

There is no need to pray that God makes the priesthood more appealing to men. Rather, we should ask God to make men better businessman

Fr Rossi



August 6 is the big **70** for MITCH, be sure and wish him a big Happy Birthday .

Attention Counters

There will be a mandatory meeting on Sunday, August 6, and August 27, to review the new procedures for Sunday's Collection. Please make sure to attend one of the meetings. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

St John's Religious Education Registration has officially started. **August 20 is the deadline to register your children.** All registrations submitted after the deadline will incur a late fee of \$30 per family. Please call the office 737-8028 or email pmatheny@stjohnscatholicchurch.org .

SCHOOL SUPPLY WISH LIST

St John's Religious Education Program is conducting their annual school supply Wish List. We are in need of the following items: **large glue stick, crayons, markers, children scissors, colored paper 8 1/2 x 11 (NO CONSTRUCTION PAPER), chalk, board erasers, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer.** Next week there will be a container in the commons area for your convenience. Thank you for your continuous support with this project.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU. All of us who work in children's ministry know that the Holy Spirit works through us and that the children and families we serve grow in faith and in true Christ likeness. But in order for us to continue to successfully teach and share the word of GOD to his people, we will need more catechists. No previous experience is needed. If you are interested and want to know more, or if you are willing to volunteer, please call at 737-8028 or email at pmatheny@stjohnscatholicchurch.org.

Ministry Sunday

In September the St. Johns parish will be holding a Ministry Sunday. We will provide an opportunity for all parish organizations to set up a table with information on their organizations. Parishioners will be afforded the opportunity to meet with representatives of those organizations after the weekend masses. Christ's call to go and make disciples was given to every baptized Christian. Not just to a few. Please take the time over the next two months to prayerfully consider what is God's call to you and how He would have you minister to a needy world. If you are a representative of an organization please contact either the church office or Dan Mages. The contact information for the church office is listed in the bulletin. Dan Mages may be contacted

ESTUDIO BIBLICO DE VERANO

El grupo de estudio bíblico durante el verano, esta de vuelta. Las clases serán cada miércoles y comenzarán a partir del 19 de julio hasta la última semana de agosto de horas 7:15 PM a 8:30 PM. Ven, date la oportunidad de conocer un poquito mas acerca de tu fe. Aprende a defender tu fe cuando te sientes atacado, o simplemente ven a profundizar en tu conocimiento. Te esperamos.