

July 26 – 17th Sunday of 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 . . .

“Again, 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 to buy it . . .

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down and put what is good into buckets . . . ” Matthew 13: 44-52

“Our least renewal resource”

Not too long ago, Jesus’ parable of the dragnet would immediately confront us with our consumerism, our obsession with having the biggest, the newest, the flashiest.

But more and more of us have started to worry about not having enough of something else: Time.

James Wallman, author of **Time and How to Spend It**, writes in (ironically) **TIME** magazine [February 10, 2020] that a growing awareness of consumerism’s effect on the environment and a propensity to broadcast our lives on social media have led many of us to prioritize experience over things — and we fear of misusing time or wasting it on less-than-satisfying experiences.

But, Wallman writes, “there’s some irony to this predicament: We have more free time now than we have had in decades. But for a number of reasons, it doesn’t feel that way.”

In fact, our life spans have gotten a bit longer: 13% since 1960, and our spending power has surged by 198% — but we’re finding it harder and harder to stuff all the things that we want and can afford into the time we have, time that we worry is becoming more and more limited because of the many expectations and demands made on us.

And then there’s our cell-phone addiction.

“American adults spend around three-and-a-half hours on their devices each day, trying to keep up with the volume of e-mails, texts, social-media updates and 24/7 news,” James Wallman notes. “And much of our time is ‘contaminated time’ — when we’re doing one thing but thinking about something else. Trying to get more miles out of every minute — scanning Twitter while watching TV, for example — makes us think we’re being productive, but really it just makes us feel more frazzled.

“Add to this the ever-expanding options in today’s experience economy. Think of all the pop-ups, plays, talks, workshops and escape rooms you could go to tonight” (were it not for the coronavirus pandemic). No wonder many of us suffer from what psychologists call “time famine.”

“People who feel strapped for time are more likely to be anxious or depressed. They are less likely to exercise or eat healthy foods. And they’re less productive at work . . .

“Time is our least renewable resource. Despite the stress our fixation on it may cause, it’s good for us to consider if we’re using it wisely.”

So maybe we should take a look at the “net” of our calendars and e-journals to realize how we use our time: Are we spending the gift of this time God has given us for what is good and enriching and affirming — and are we able to “throw away” those demands and expectations that make our lives less than we want them to be? That doesn’t mean we can eliminate everything that is unpleasant in our lives; we can’t (nor should we) avoid sacrifice and suffering for the sake of others or for what is good. Jesus urges us to stop and look at our time as if it were a “net” of so many experiences and recognize what those experiences teach, what we have learned from the time we have been given, and how we might use our days to make God’s Kingdom of justice and mercy a reality in our lives.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: No daily Masses this week.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Discontinued until further notice.

Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

NOTICE

Due to the church repairs there will be no masses scheduled from
Monday, July 27th to Friday, July 31st inclusive.
Mass will resume on Saturday, August 1st at 4:30 pm

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

July 19, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$2664.60
Building Fund	310.00
Good Friday	25.00
Votive Candles	5.00
Garden Party Proceeds	65.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Cemetery Fund	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	No Mass
Wed, 10 am	No Mass
Thur, 7 pm	No Mass
Fri, 10 am	No Mass
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks: Julia Hackett Myles.

COVID 19: To protect yourselves and others, we ask that you maintain physical distancing of 6 feet at all times. This does not apply to people within the same bubble. Hand sanitizer is provided in the church or you may bring your own. Facemasks are not required but you may wear one if you wish.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS: While dealing with the Covid 19 Pandemic we are required to keep a contact list of all persons attending all services and masses. You should call in Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm to have your name registered. You will be asked to provide your telephone number and to answer some simple screening questions.

CHURCH PAINTING/STUCCO REPAIR: for some time, our church has been in need of stucco and concrete repairs. Once these repairs are done the church would need to be repainted. The Parish Council and Finance Committee has approved a major contract to have this facelift done as one project. Please be patient while this work is being done and please be vigilant to the work of our contractor. This work which began on Monday July 13th will continue throughout the summer.

The church will be closed for masses from July 27th until July 31st inclusive as work will be done on the main entrance and steps. Mass will begin again on Saturday August 1st at 4:30 pm.

A SUMMER BLESSING

May you walk with God this summer.
In whatever you do,
wherever you go,
walking with God means...
walking with honesty and with courage,
walking with love and respect,
with concern for the feelings of others
May you talk to God this summer
and every day and in every situation.
Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise
for the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks
for friends and good times,
Asking God's help in all your decisions,
Expressing sorrow when you have failed.
May you talk and walk with God every day.
Amen.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION – July:

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL: June 29th is celebrated as the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. We celebrate these two saints together because they are considered the founders of the Church of Rome through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Saint Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope, and he made sure that the true faith was kept alive. Although Saint Paul started out as a Jewish Pharisee who actively persecuted early followers of Christ, he had a conversion encounter with Jesus that caused him to spend the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. His letters are included in the New Testament and it is because of these writings that he is the patron saint of writers and public relations.



E-TRANSFER: Now you also have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you."

HUMOR: What did the kid say when the instructor told him he'd missed summer school? "No, sir. I didn't miss it at all."

PRAYER TO SAINT ANNE:

Good St. Anne, you were especially favored by God to be the mother of the most holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Savior. By your power with your most pure daughter and with her divine Son, kindly obtain for us the grace and the favor we now seek..... Please secure for us also forgiveness of our past sins, the strength to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen.



HUMOR: Why do fish like to eat worms? After the first one they're hooked!

Do fish ever go on vacation? No! They are always in a school.