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# 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

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Catholic Liturgy of the Mass, the 1st reading from the Old Testament and the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading from the Gospel are usually connected. The Old Testament reading often prefigures the Gospel and the Gospel often enlightens our understanding of the Old Testament reading.

In today's first reading we have the story of Solomon's wonderful dream. We are all delighted when we have a good dream and often share it easily at the breakfast table. Other members of the household listen willingly and give their own expert interpretation from their own two cents of wisdom. Solomon's dream was amazing, unbelievable. God invites him to ask for anything he wishes and promises to give it to him. If God spoke to me like that what would I ask for? If God spoke to you like that what would you request of him?

Solomon's request was gracious, humble and thoughtful. He was aware of his youth and of his new responsibilities as the successor to his father, King David, who ruled Israel for 40 years.

"Give your servant therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.  
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

God was pleased with Solomon's petition – not for riches, not for a long life, not for victory in battle, but for an "understanding heart to know what is right". He gave it to him willingly and abundantly, so much so that Solomon's name has become synonymous with Wisdom.

The Gospel for today's Liturgy gives us the last 3 parables of the 7 presented in Chapter 13 of Matthew's account of the preaching of Jesus. All are parables of the Kingdom of God and the ones we hear today – that of the treasure hidden in the field, then the pearl of great price and the net thrown into the sea and bringing out a great haul of fish of every sort. They all give us some insight into the mystery of the Kingdom. They also provoke us to think, to figure out things for ourselves and above all to recognize the presence of the Kingdom in our midst. The use of parables was a favorite way of preaching by Jesus. He interpreted some of them for the disciples but for the most part he left them for us to do our own job of interpretation.

Perhaps for that task we all need something of the wisdom of Solomon; we too need an understanding heart and the willingness and ability to apply it to the reality of our present-day situation.

We are all "DREAMERS" longing for acceptance, for a place we call home for justice and a better way of life. God is in our dreams too.

We are all "LEADERS", maybe not in a political sense, but we need to pray regularly for our elected leaders. Each one of us is a leader in the sense that every single person can make a difference in the life of our nation.

We are all "SEEKERS" searching for the hidden treasure of truth about life and about justice for all. Each and every human life is precious and matters.

We are all "SEARCHERS" for that mysterious pearl of great price – to love and to be loved, now and for all eternity.

We are all in the same boat and in the same "NET" of humanity like the fish, good and bad, until the "end of the age", when that difference will be resolved by the angels of God.

### THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AMONG US

Like Solomon, let us ask God for an "understanding heart" to know what is right and what is wrong, so that together we may fulfill His plans of peace for all His sons and daughters

*~Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.*

## 17 Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En nuestra Liturgia Católica de la Misa, la primera lectura del Antiguo Testamento y la tercera lectura del Evangelio generalmente están conectadas. La lectura del Antiguo Testamento a menudo prefigura el Evangelio y el Evangelio a menudo ilumina nuestra comprensión de la lectura del Antiguo Testamento.

En la primera lectura de hoy tenemos la historia del maravilloso sueño de Salomón. Todos estamos encantados cuando tenemos un buen sueño y, a menudo, lo compartimos fácilmente en la mesa del desayuno. Otros miembros del hogar escuchan de buena gana y dan su propia interpretación experta y su opinión. El sueño de Salomón fue asombroso, increíble. Dios lo invita a pedir cualquier cosa que deseé y promete dársele. Si Dios me hablara así, ¿qué pediría? Si Dios te hablara así, ¿qué le pedirías?

La solicitud de Salomón fue amable, humilde y reflexiva. Era consciente de su juventud y de sus nuevas responsabilidades como sucesor de su padre, el rey David, quien gobernó Israel durante 40 años.

"Dale a tu siervo, por lo tanto, un corazón comprensivo para juzgar tu gente y distinguir lo correcto de lo incorrecto.  
¿Para quién puede gobernar a esta vasta gente tuya?"

Dios estaba complacido con la petición de Salomón - no por riquezas, no por una larga vida, no por la victoria en la batalla, sino por un "corazón comprensivo para saber lo que es correcto". Se lo dio de buena gana y en abundancia, tanto que el nombre de Salomón se convirtió en sinónimo de Sabiduría.

El Evangelio para la liturgia de hoy nos da las últimas 3 parábolas de las 7 presentadas en el Capítulo 13 del relato de San Mateo sobre la predicación de Jesús. Todas son parábolas del Reino de Dios y las que escuchamos hoy - la del tesoro escondido en el campo, luego la perla de gran precio y la red arrojada al mar y sacando una gran cantidad de peces de todo tipo. Todas nos dan una idea sobre el misterio del Reino. También nos provocan a pensar, a descubrir cosas por nosotros mismos y, sobre todo, a reconocer la presencia del Reino en nuestro alrededor. El uso de las parábolas era una forma favorita de predicación de Jesús. Interpretó algunas de ellas para los discípulos, pero en su mayoría nos dejó que hicieramos nuestra propia interpretación.

Quizás para esa tarea todos necesitamos algo de la sabiduría de Salomón; nosotros también necesitamos un corazón comprensivo y la voluntad y la capacidad de aplicarlo a la realidad de nuestra situación actual.

Todos somos "SOÑADORES" que anhelamos la aceptación, un lugar que llamar hogar, por justicia y una mejor forma de vida. Dios también está en nuestros sueños.

Todos somos "LÍDERES", quizás no en un sentido político, pero necesitamos orar regularmente por nuestros líderes electos. Cada uno de nosotros es un líder en el sentido de que cada persona puede hacer la diferencia en la vida de nuestra nación.

Todos somos "BUSCADORES" en busca del tesoro escondido de la verdad sobre la vida y sobre la justicia para todos. Cada vida humana es preciosa e importa.

Todos somos "EXPLORADORES" de esa perla misteriosa de gran precio - de amar y ser amados, ahora y por toda la eternidad.

Todos estamos en el mismo barco y en la misma "RED" de la humanidad como los peces, buenos y malos, hasta el "fin de la era", cuando los ángeles de Dios resolverán esa diferencia.

### EL REINO DE DIOS ESTÁ ENTRE NOSOTROS

Al igual que Salomón, pidamos a Dios un "corazón comprensivo" para saber qué es bien y qué es mal, para que juntos podamos cumplir Sus planes de paz para todos Sus hijos e hijas.

*~Padre David Costello, O.C.D.*

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

There has been a substantial spike in Covid-19 cases. Please remember that the Sunday Mass obligation is temporarily suspended for everyone. While I am permitting our parishes to have Masses I nevertheless encourage everyone to consider remaining at home and joining with the Church in prayer through technology. For those who wish to attend a Mass in person, face masks are mandatory. I especially urge those who are classified in the CDC Guidelines as vulnerable to remain at home and let the Church come to you. Hopefully our fast from full Church participation will soon come to a close. The Church loves you and only wants you to be safe and well.

Also, if your personal financial situation has not been harmed then please keep up your generous support of your parish. Keeping utilities paid and providing for our employees and ministers is crucial.

Your devotion to Christ and His Church moves me deeply. Know that the people of the Diocese are daily in my prayers.

+Edward J. Weisenburger Bishop of Tucson

## Santa Cruz Catholic Church Mass Times

**Saturday, 6pm** (English) Rosary followed by Mass in school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM.

**Sunday, 9 am** (English) outdoor Mass in school courtyard. Must wear a mask. Bring your own lawn chair, umbrella and hand-sanitizer.

**Sunday, 11 am** (English) Mass live streamed on Facebook. It can be viewed later on the Santa Cruz Parish Tucson channel on YouTube. No attendance is permitted at this Mass.

**Sunday, 6 pm** (Español) Rosary followed by Mass in school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Robert Louis Lopez/R.I.P.

Dean Bowen/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners

In Thanksgiving for All Carmelite Priests

Alejandro Roman/R.I.P.

Tanicia Hood/Happy Birthday

Dolores Sanchez Aviles/R.I.P.

Alejandro Roman/R.I.P.

Albert Chavez, Jr./R.I.P.

In Thanksgiving to all Santa Cruz Donors

Steve Romero/R.I.P.

Allan Cruz-Martinez/R.I.P.

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Allan Cruz-Martinez/R.I.P.

Martha Ramirez Meza/R.I.P.

Allan Cruz-Martinez/R.I.P.

Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

### Parish Collection July 19th, 2020

Collections: \$ 3,470.28

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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

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In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.

In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~

**Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm**

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

**Confession:** Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Baptisms:** 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4º Domingo del Mes (Español)

**Matrimony:** Please call at least six months in advance.

*Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.*

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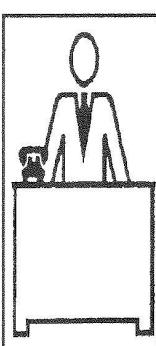
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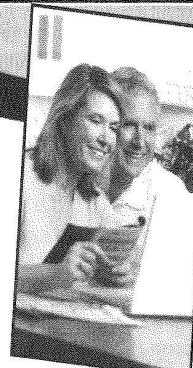
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