

DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 27	17 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I	Jer 13: 1-11; Mt 13: 31-35.	5:30 PM
Tues 28	17 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I	Jer 14: 17-22; Mt 13: 36-43.	5:30 PM
Wed 29	17 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus	1 Jn 4: 7-16; Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42.	5:30 PM
Thu 30	17 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I St Peter Chrysologus	Jer 18: 1-6; Mt 13: 47-53.	5:30 PM
Fri 31	17 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I St Ignatius of Loyola	Jer 26: 1-9; Mt 13: 54-58.	12:15 PM
Sat 1	17 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I St Alphonsus Liguori	Jer 26: 11-16, 24; Mt 14: 1-12.	5:30 PM
Sun 2	18 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week II	Is 55: 1-3; Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14: 13- 21.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM



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Reading I: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: 118: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Reading II: Romans 8: 28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52 (or 13: 44-46)



Revised Roman Missal: 537 (Bahasa 1254)

REFLECTION: Treasure

Today's three readings invite us to reflect on our true treasure and how we live for it. In the first reading taken from the book of Kings, God invites King Solomon to ask for anything. Solomon responds, *"Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil..."* Instead of asking for long life, wealth or victory, Solomon's true treasure is his desire for wisdom to discern God's will rather than seeking personal gain. In the second reading from Romans, St. Paul states that we are chosen and called to *"become true images of His Son."* God's purpose is to shape and mould us to be like Christ, which is His treasure in us. Today, let us seek God and His wisdom as our true treasure, so that we can become more like Christ.

In the Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a hidden treasure in a field and a precious pearl. In the parable, the man and the merchant joyfully sell everything they have to own it. Let us be aware that we have God's treasure in us. The daily invitation is to rearrange everything else- our possessions, time, and plans- around it.

Reflective question:

What can I give up to gain greater awareness of God's treasure within me and live a life centred around it?

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Second Collection

Today's second collection will be for the Seminarian Fund.

6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (26th July)

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives. Let this day be a time for everyone — especially young people — to spend time with our grandparents, the elderly, and most importantly, those who are completely isolated.

Registration for Deacon Karel's Ordination Mass

The Mass for the Ordination of Deacon Karel to the Sacred Order of Priesthood will be celebrated at our parish on Tuesday, 1st September at 6:00PM. As seating is limited, parishioners are requested to register their attendance by scanning the QR code on the poster at the church entrance or via the Vicariate website under *Vicariate Announcements*. As the host parish, we ask everyone to give priority seating to visiting clergy, guests from other parishes and the elderly. Please make use of the seating provided in the tents where possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Catechetical Sunday (2nd August)

Our next Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 2nd August at 8:00AM. Parents and their children are invited to join the catechists for breakfast in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know one another, share about the catechetical ministry, and build our parish community. We look forward to welcoming you and greatly appreciate your presence.

Not saying "Amen."

It's easy for this part of the liturgy to get rushed, especially when the Communion line is long, and people feel pressure to move quickly. But the Order of Mass is clear: after the priest (or minister) presents the Host and says, "The Body of Christ," the communicant is to respond, "Amen."

This simple word matters—it is a personal profession of faith that you truly believe you are receiving Christ Himself, and a moment to renew that faith interiorly.

It's just one word, so don't skip it; slow down, look at the Host, and consciously say, "Amen."

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!

