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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pearl of Great Price

In this week's Gospel passage, Jesus offers three images of the "kingdom of heaven." He is teaching his disciples on the nature of what will be the Christian community established as he returns to heaven. The additional images of someone finding a "buried treasure" contrasts with another who casts a net into the sea and brings in fish of every kind – needing to separate the good from the bad fish – reminds his listeners that "value" is perceived in the eye of the beholder, but also in God's eye.

Last week I marked the anniversary of my baptism, which took place on a Sunday a mere 20 days after my birth many years ago. Mom and dad are in heaven so I'm not able to ask them why it took place so quickly. However, the previous day was their 5th wedding anniversary, so it must have offered an opportunity for all my Polish relatives to come together to celebrate with Mass followed by a big family meal.

Many of us who were baptized as infants and grew up in the Catholic faith and surrounded by a Catholic culture and customs never really chose to "be" Catholic until perhaps some later experience in our lives. Fortunately, in my life I had the grace of several spiritual encounters which provided me the opportunity to personally renew the choice that

mom and dad made for me. But as recent research studies have shown, many former Catholics no longer practice the faith.

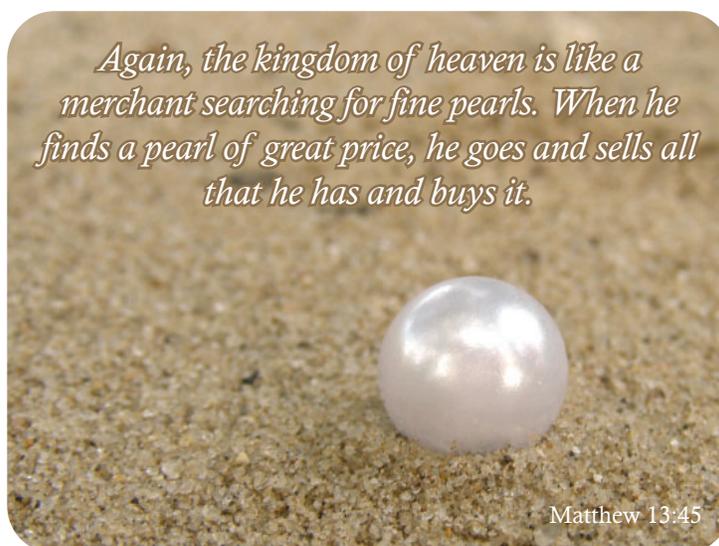
When the Second Vatican Council renewed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) it provided the Church with a rich "pearl" of opportunity for persons later in life to come to understand, accept, and "choose" the Catholic faith and community. Their faith journeys enrich all of us each year at the Easter vigil with a spirit of hope and renewed appreciation for the gift of faith itself.

Our current pandemic's restriction on gathering in larger community offers all of us the challenge of bringing from the "storeroom both the new and the old." Will we each find new ways to experience the Mass, sustain our Eucharistic faith, and live

that faith in Christian community amidst these hardships? These days and times are not easy, yet they provide us with the grace to discern true values and take action.

St. Paul reminds us, "*Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*"

— Tom Tomaszek, Pastoral Associate



WEEKDAY SERVICES AT OLL

Daily Homily by Fr. John Kerns available at www.ollparish.com or on Facebook

Prayer - Church open Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM for individual silent prayer. Please be mindful of social distancing.

SUNDAY MASSES

Livestream Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM available at www.ollparish.com. Sign up to attend Mass online.

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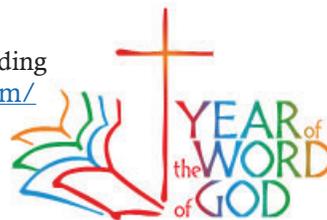
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YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD

This year we are encouraging you to read the Bible. Reading Plans available in the church and online at ollparish.com/read-the-bible. If you have questions, feel free to ask, we'd be happy to help as well as offer encouragement!



Remember, don't worry about getting behind or starting at a later date. You can go at your own pace or begin where we are. Follow along with our journey of **Reading through the Bible** this year on social media, the weekly emails, and online at ollparish.com/read-the-bible.

This Week's Readings

Sunday, July 26 • Day 183: 1 Chronicles 18-21 (Battles and a Census is taken), **Proverbs 15:1-17, and Romans 1** (Paul's Longing to Visit Rome; God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity). Visit us on Social Media to share what you are learning!

Bible Reading Encouragement

This last week, we finished 2 Corinthians. In this letter, Paul gives a defense for his ministry by speaking about his weakness: *"If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus knows, he who is blessed forever, that I do not lie."* (2 Corinthians 11:30-31).

Visit us on Instagram or Facebook to share your thoughts, ask your questions, and encourage others!

ONLINE GIVING IN 3 EASY STEPS

If you are already using online giving skip step 1 and 2. (If you forgot your user ID or password click the forgot button and a new password will be emailed to you.)

STEP 1 - REGISTER

- From OLL website www.ollparish.com
- Click **"Giving"** in top right navigation bar
- Click on **"Give Now"**:
- Click on **CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT**.
- Fill in the information boxes that contain a red asterisk. Make sure to write down your User ID and Password (put in a secure and safe place.)
- **Submit. You will receive an email to confirm your information.**



STEP 2 – SET UP PAYMENT METHOD

- Now log into your account, click on **MY PAYMENT METHOD**.
- You will need to **ADD NEW BANK ACCOUNT** (if using your checking account) **OR ADD NEW CREDIT CARD** (if using your credit card).
- Provide all the information requested. Then click **SUBMIT**.

STEP 3 – SET UP DONATION

OPTIONS: You can choose multiple funds (RE, Building Maintenance, SVdP)

- Now return to **MANAGE MY ACCOUNT** and choose **GIVE A NEW GIFT**.
- Choose **OFFERTORY** (fund), then select gift type **RECURRING**.
- Select payment and frequency and start date.
- Select the account (check or credit card), then enter amount and frequency.
- Click **NEXT** (at the bottom of the page)
- In the **CONFIRM MY GIFTS** window, review the details to insure all is correct. Click **SUBMIT**.

Liturgy, Music, & Prayer

In Every Age

“Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

~ Matthew 13:52 ~

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus offers his disciples images of the “kingdom of heaven” to encourage them to understand all that would take place following his death and resurrection. We now are in times that challenge us to keep the faith in every age.

Here is the “offertory” song we will sing at Mass this weekend.

In Every Age

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

Refrain

In every age, O God,
you have been our refuge.
In every age, O God,
you have been our hope.

1. Long before the mountains came to be
and the land and sea and stars of the night,
through the endless seasons of all time,
you have always been,
you will always be.

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word
we return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,
as the light that fades
at the end of day.

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have.
Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our every joy and pain.
To sleep peacefully,
and to rise up strong.

*Text: Based on Psalm 90:1–4, 12. Text and music © 1998, Janèt Sullivan Whitaker.
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WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, in Salem

Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on October 9-11, Salem, Oregon. To apply for YOUR WWME Weekend or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org.

Please notify the office of any family changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions.

Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or office@ollparish.com.

Offertory

We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30.

THIS YEAR: Week ending 7/19/2020

Weekly Collection: \$16,856

Fiscal Year to Date: \$63,919

LAST YEAR:

Weekly Collection: \$24,750

Fiscal Year to Date: \$81,950

BUDGET:

Fiscal Year to Date: \$80,000

PARISH OFFICE AND CENTER CLOSED DURING COVID-19

Parish phones available
Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to
4:00 PM at 503-636-7687.

Visit our website for current
information on parish events,
closures, and Mass Sign Ups, at
www.ollparish.com.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 26, 2020

9:00 AM For the Parishioners

11:30 AM +Sean and Hayden
Fredrickson and Sofia
and Quinn Olsen

Monday, July 27, 2020

8:30 AM +Ronald Cox

Tuesdayz July 28, 2020

8:30 AM +Joseph Dylag Sr.

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

8:30 AM +Charlie Tyler

Thursday, July 30, 2020

8:30 AM +Sandy Nosler

Friday, July 31, 2020

8:30 AM Int. Adriano, Michael,
Raphael Namgung, and
Wiborada Hong

Saturday, August 1, 2020

8:30 AM +Bill Heup

5:00 PM +Georgina Alexandroff

Sunday, August 2, 2020

9:00 AM For the Parishioners

11:30 AM Int. Janet Philichi

To view upcoming Intentions and
request an Intention online, visit
www.ollparish.com/intentions.

Mercy Teams

Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy

The need throughout the Portland Metro has increased, both with food insecure families and the unsheltered. Mercy Teams will continue our Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy Outreach through the month of July.

To date parishioners have donated and delivered 20,000 sack lunch meals of mercy, and another 135 family meals, each serving 5 to 6 individuals. All of this since the end of March.

To continue, we need 40 volunteers to make sandwiches, organize and deliver these meals to the various missions we serve Sunday & Monday. Volunteer with email by going to www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams.

Shopping for the Homebound

We have matched 8 homebound parishioners with shopping assistance so far. We have the capacity to do more. If you are aware of a need, please submit that persons contact info.

Street Ministry to the Unsheltered

Always on the 4th Saturday, we prepare a terrific breakfast safely in the parish hall. We meet at 8:00 AM, leave for our first destination under the bridge in Oregon City by 9:00 AM and are home by 11:30 AM. 6 Volunteers needed for July 25 or August 22.

Respect Life



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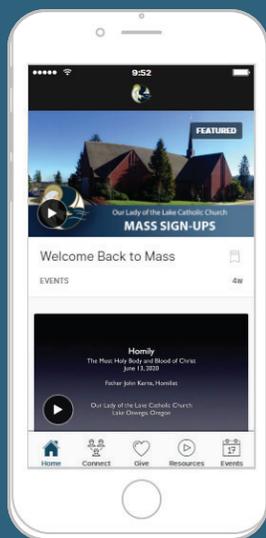
What Is Walking With Moms In Need?

Week 18: Did You Know?? There is a Portland-based nonprofit organization, Global Health Promise, that focuses on the need of mothers who have been trafficked or in prostitution and their children. For more information or to get involved in helping women, please go to www.globalhealthpromise.org.

Other resources are www.usccb.org/stopslavery to identify a potential victim and what you can do to help. To report suspicious behavior, call the Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force Hotline, 503-793-9221; Catholic Charities Outreach and Support to Special Immigrant Populations, 503-688-2713; Sexual Assault Resource Center, 503-640-5311; or the National Human Trafficking Hotline, 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233733).

“Human trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime that has become ever more aggressive, that threatens not just individuals, but the foundational values of society.” Pope Francis

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