



30 July 2023
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



INTRODUCTION:

Jesus bids us look deep into the ordinariness of our lives for the truest treasure. He invites our vision toward the very dust beneath our feet, where, we might discover what has been there all along—faith: anchor for our earthly life and the promise of heavenly life in a day to come.

READINGS:

First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Second Reading: Romans 8: 28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: We pray that God's gift of wisdom will guide us to the 'treasure': the delight of knowing and loving Jesus, and the riches this brings.

Response: *Listen to your people, Lord.*

For the Church, that the Pope, bishops, and all church leaders will continually seek, and be blessed with, God's wisdom and guidance. We pray to the Lord.

For a better world, that all nations, living in freedom, may respect human rights everywhere. We pray to the Lord.

For communities under tension, that selflessness, gentleness, and patience may dwell in their hearts and guide them along paths of charity and understanding. We pray to the Lord.

For parents, that they be blessed with sound mind and good health and that they be graced with a life of ease, peace of mind and absence of wrong. We pray to the Lord.

For all who are sick or suffering, homeless or housebound, that they will know the loving touch of Christ in their lives. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, in a world full of selfishness, ignorance and greed, grant us the gifts of humility, compassion and charity. Humbly we ask you to hear the petitions we make, through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN