

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 he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



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July 26, 2020 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the Kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. Along with studying the scriptures, we must pray over them and ask the Spirit to show us how they apply to our lives. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. The saints may have lived extraordinary lives, but they all began as ordinary people who gave their lives to Christ. The writings of the Church, though sometimes very technical, contain the wisdom of centuries of living the faith. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. You might say we have to learn a new way to respond to that situation. In the Bible, the word repentance itself means a change of heart, a new way of seeing and doing things.

We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. These stories can teach how to live our faith (or how not to!). One of the advantages of having friends whom we trust enough to confess our faults to is that we do not have to figure out life on our own. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice.

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ATTENTION PLEASE: THE LOCATION WHERE THE MASSES ARE GOING TO BE CELEBRATED HAS CHANGED:
DAILY MASSES, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY @ 8 AM - IN DIAMOND COURTYARD
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS, 5 PM - DIAMOND COURTYARD,
SUNDAY MASSES, 7 AM & 9 AM - DIAMOND COURTYARD
♥ 11 AM - PASTORS PLAZA ♥ 5 PM - DIAMOND COURTYARD

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH, 2020 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONTINUE TO CHECK THE ST. ANASTASIA WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE TO STAY TUNED WITH UPDATES!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR SO MANY YEARS WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY LISTED THE PRAYER INTENTIONS IN THE BULLETIN. KEEPING WITH THAT TRADITION, WE NOW LIST THOSE INTENTIONS AND PLACE THEM ON THE ALTAR DURING MASS.

(THIS IS A TEMPORARY CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING)

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

7 AM - JIM HENNESSY ♦
9 AM - ROGER LORTIE †
11 AM - GUADALUPE DE LA ROSA ♦
THE 1 PM MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED!
5 PM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JULY 27TH

8 AM - SPECIAL INTENTIONS ♦
TUESDAY, JULY 28TH
8 AM - ESTER HERNANDEZ †
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH
8 AM - ROBERT B. KLEIN ♦

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH

8 AM - HANK SINNOCK ♦
FRIDAY, JULY 31ST
8 AM - SPECIAL FAMILY INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST
8 AM - DONNA MITCHELL †
5 PM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †



ON JULY 26, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMEMORATES THE PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: SAINT JOACHIM AND SAINT ANNE.

Originally, July 26th, was the feast of St. Anne. Today however, in the new liturgical calendar, the two feasts for the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, have been combined and are celebrated today. Also, the entire month of July celebrates the Precious Blood of Jesus. The Blood that ran through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents St. Joachim and St. Anne **are honored this Sunday.** Our information about Mary's parents come from the Gospel of James, written around 150. Anne was born in Bethlehem in 50 B.C. According to his writings, Joachim was a prominent and well respected man who had no children, and he and his wife, Anne, looked upon this as a punishment from God. Tradition, has it that, Joachim had gone into the desert, lamenting his sterility, and praying for a child. We are told that Anne, the wife of Joachim, was advanced in years before her prayers for a child were answered. **An angel appeared and told her she would conceive a child who "shall be spoken of in all the world."** This same angel appeared to Joachim in the desert. **In answer to their prayers, Mary was born and was dedicated to God at a very early age.** At Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of St. James, **St. Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and allowed nothing "common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child.** The writing, records that when she was one year old, her father, **"made a great feast" and invited the priests and the scribes and the elders, and all the people of Israel.** **"And Joachim brought the child to the priests and the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations. And then he brought her to the chief priest; and they Blessed her saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the upmost blessing, which shall be forever.'** Then, it describes how Mary's parents, along with the Temple priests, subsequently, decided that she would be offered to God, as a consecrated Virgin, for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the Carpenter, Joseph. St. Anne is often shown in paintings with Jesus, and Mary since, Anne, is the grandmother of Jesus. There is a Church of St. Anne in Jerusalem and it is built on the site of the home of Joachim and Anne, when they lived in Jerusalem. The couple has become models of Christian marriage, and many artists, show them meeting or kissing at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Sometimes, Joachim is portrayed as an older man carrying a basket of doves or an elderly man with the child Mary. When the French began to colonize Quebec, they brought their devotion to St. Anne with them for her protection in the New World. A very well known shrine to St. Anne is Ste. Anne d'Auray in Brittany, France. A Basilica in the city of Quebec, St. Anne de Beaupré, is very popular with visitors, especially on July 26 and the Sunday before the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, September 8. In 1892, Pope Leo XIII sent a relic of St. Anne to the Basilica. St. Anne is the Patroness of Canada and Brittany, France. **St. Anne's body was brought from Palestine to Constantinople, in 710, where portions of her relics have been sent to the West.** Many miracles have been claimed through her intercession. She was a great model of virtue for married couples and those charged with the education of children. St. Anne is also Patroness of Taos: New Mexico; Norwich, Connecticut; Detroit, Michigan; grandmothers, mothers, pregnancy, homemakers, women in labor, lace makers, broom makers, and equestrians. St. Joachim is Patron of fathers, grandfathers, married couples, cabinet makers, linen traders, and of Puerto Rico.

(Excerpts taken from writings of: Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery)

FACTS OF LIFE

When Ruth was 19 and pregnant, she was pressured by her mother, a nurse, into aborting Melissa Ohden. Ruth said she did not want the abortion, but her mother insisted. Afterward, Ruth was told that the abortion had been successful and her baby was discarded as "medical waste." For many years, she did not know that Melissa had survived. A miracle baby, Ohden was adopted into a loving home. She said her parents were open with her about the fact that she was adopted, but she did not learn that she had survived an abortion until she was 14. Then, in 2013, Ohden said she received a call from her biological mother's cousin. That connection eventually linked the mother and daughter together. Ruth did not know about her daughter's existence until 2007. "We got to know each other gradually and I learned she had cut ties with her mother. In turn I told her about my parents, husband Ryan, 44, and children, Olivia and Ava," Ohden said. Today, Ohden is a sought-after speaker and pro-life advocate. She runs the Abortion Survivors' Network, which connects people who have survived abortions. www.lifenews.com

Did You Know?

Refresh your summer water safety rules
With many vacations cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, families may be spending a lot of time at local beaches. Before you hit the sand, brush up on your water safety rules with your children. Think about implementing the buddy system, where two people stick together and keep an eye on each other. Know who will be in charge of watching children at each time, and, if possible, make sure the adults in your family know CPR. For more information, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "Refresh your memory about summer water safety" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

***This Sunday, July 26th, 2020
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time***



***We encourage all to read and reflect
on the Biblical passages that will be
proclaimed at Masses next week!***

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).



Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

Venerable, Fr. August Tolton, April 1st, 1854 - July 9th, 1897 -



When they first arrived in Quincy, the Tolton family, attended St. Boniface Church. There were 2000 parishioners, mostly from Germany. But, Fr. Scheffmeyer would read the gospel and then summarize the sermon in English. With this, Martha decided Augustus ought to get an education. St. Boniface had a parish school in which the Notre Dame Sisters taught the younger children. Priests and laymen instructed the **older students. Augustus was assigned to Sr. Chrysologus' room.** School life proved to be intolerable, as the children tormented Augustus. They taunted him because he could not read or write, and mimicked his accent. He finally broke down and sobbed. Sr. Chrysologus would keep him after school, not only to give him special lessons, but to protect him from the older children, waiting outside to bully him. While at St. Boniface Church, he learned to speak German, even though he only attended school three months out of the year. That was due to the Harris Tobacco Factory closing for the winter months. He worked the other nine months, which attributed to his illiteracy and educational deficiencies. In 1868, the first all-Black public school was founded and held in a small log cabin. During the winter factory closure, Mrs. Tolton decided to enroll Augustus in this public school thinking it may resolve any further torment for him. Yet, this school also proved to be a bitter experience for Augustus. He was tall, 14 years old, and could not read. He had to learn with the younger primary children, which did not help with the bullying. Even through the bullying, Augustus made some progress in learning and being socially accepted. There were four Catholic Churches in Quincy. Because of the concern with bullying, a priest from one of these churches felt Augustus should attend their school. So Mrs. Tolton and family chose St. Lawrence. Their Pastor was a strong-willed Irishman, named Fr. Peter McGirr, who immigrated to America, from Ireland during the potato famine. Father McGirr, had a chance to talk privately, with Gus, as he was called by this time. It was on the occasion of the death of Mary Ann Davis. She was the daughter of Mrs. Davis and they were the ones who took in the Toltons, when they arrived in Quincy. Mary was like a stepsister to Gus and the two families attended prayer group together. Father McGirr and Gus stayed and prayed with Mary Ann, until she passed away from **tuberculosis, at age 16. After Mary Ann's** passing, Father McGirr and Gus spoke of transferring to St. Lawrence. Father knew that Augustus had trouble and had been mistreated at St. Boniface and at the public school. Father insisted that Gus attend St. Lawrence School, as they also had Notre Dame Sisters as teachers, and where he felt Gus would be more protected. Father would see to it, that no harm would come to Gus. **The Tolton's then moved to a brick dwelling in an alley, just a few steps from the Church and school.** Augustus was the only black student in an all white school. There was no trouble at the school, however, Father McGirr received threats of withdrawal of support and many were going to quit the Catholic Church. This gave Father McGirr the opportunity to turn his Sunday sermons into parables, which would give a deeper message of **Christ's teachings to his parishioners. Thus,** the opposition died down. **As things progressed, Gus's teacher, Sister Herlinda arranged to give him additional instructions after school.** Augustus spoke kindly of his time at **St. Lawrence, "As long as I was in that school, I was safe. Everyone was kind to me. I learned the alphabet, spelling, reading and arithmetic."** During his first month, he memorized the Latin Mass prayers in order to serve as an altar boy. Gus attended school 3 months out of the year, for 4 years when the tobacco factory was closed for the season. Gus was confirmed in 1869, at St. Lawrence Church, which was renamed to St. Peter. He most likely received First Communion at the same time, as that was the custom. According to Church records they were using the surname, Tolton. Gus would serve daily Mass before going to work, and at one point, Father McGirr discussed the possibility of priesthood as a vocation. In discerning this direction, they found there were no black priests in the United States and due **to Gus's limited education, it would be challenging** to be admitted into an order. With this in mind, Gus would join the Franciscan Order, since his educational needs would be easily accommodated. Gus would also receive **financial assistance from his previous Pastor, Father Scheffmeyer, from St. Boniface. Who was also supportive in Gus's seminary training.** Unfortunately, the Franciscans turned down his request. Father McGirr then wrote to his Bishop and told him about this talented and devout young man, Augustus. **The Bishop replied, "Find a seminary which will accept a black candidate... the diocese will pay the expenses."** But that response was useless, **Father McGirr had** already written to every seminary in the country, and the response was similar to: ...we are not ready for a black student. Tolton graduated from High School and Quincy College in 1880. **With Fr. McGirr's support, Tolton** was finally accepted into the Seminary in Rome. He learned to speak fluent English, German, Latin, Greek, and several African dialects. Augustus also learned on his own, the customs of several African tribes, as that was where his missionary work would begin. In his studies, he also became a talented musician, played the accordion and had a beautiful voice. Tolton was ordained to the priesthood, after six years of study, in Rome. His ordination took place on Easter **Sunday 1886, in St. Peter's Basilica.** For the first time in his life, he experienced racial harmony and total acceptance. Father Gus was ready to be assigned to an African Parish, with all the necessary knowledge he would need for his mission work. But much to his surprise, he was instructed to return to the U.S. to serve the Black Community. **Cardinal Simeoni, on the day before Augustus'** ordination ceremony, told him that a committee meeting was held the night before and it was agreed, that he should be sent to Africa. But, by the end of the discussion, Simeoni overruled the committee saying, **"America has been called the most enlightened Nation in the world. We shall see if it deserves that honor. If the U.S. has never seen a black priest, it must see one now."** Father Augustus Tolton, became the first Black American Priest in the USA. Fr. Gus held his first public Mass at St. Boniface Church in Quincy, Illinois. Eventually, he became Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church and School. However, not without some opposition from the parishioners. Father Tolton was **reassigned to Chicago, where he led a mission society, which met in the basement of St. Mary's Church. He led the development** and administration of the National Black Parish of St. Monica Catholic Church. **St. Monica's Parish grew, from 30 parishioners to 600, with the construction of the new Church building.** The Jesuits of Holy Family Church and St. Ignatius College, would ask Fr. Tolton to preach and sing at their churches. **Fr. Gus, appeared "at all the Masses" and collected \$500 (\$14,000 in 2020)** for the new St. Monica Church, which was dedicated in 1894. The Dean of Clergy was upset that money was going to a black Church. Fr. Weiss told Tolton that he was expected to minister to the blacks only and to tell the white people to stay out of his Church. Life was taking its toll on Father Augustus. He spent much of his time, trying to help many of the impoverished black neighborhoods. On several occasions, he had to ask the altar server to bring a chair, before he could deliver a sermon. Fr. Tolton made the rounds every day in the filthy, smelly, streets, and alleys. He visited his people in rat-infested hovels and tenements. He would dress in his tattered black cassock and left his red sash at home. One Sunday, Father Gus, announced to the Parish, that he would be on a retreat that week, but would then return on Friday. Father was very weak and his hands shook when he gave out Holy Communion. Father Gus did return that Friday, but had a temperature of 105 and could barely walk. As he was walking towards the Rectory, he swayed back and forth and then fell hard on the cement. He was rushed to Mercy Hospital. That evening, by his bedside, his mother, sister, the chaplain, and the Sisters of Mercy, knelt in prayer. He was given the last rites and then took his last breath. According to hospital records, Father Tolton, died of heat stroke and uremia, on July 9, 1897. At his funeral, there were 100 priests in attendance and the Church was packed. **They said farewell to "Good Father Gus". In honor of Father Augustus Tolton,** in 2010, the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri dedicated a new high school as the Father Augustus Tolton Regional Catholic High School. We will continue in the Tradition of Father Augustus Tolton: **"Follow not the well-worn path. Go instead where there is no path and blaze a trail"** (FINAL PART!)



MINISTRY EQUIPS US TO DEEPEN OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND SHARE OUR FAITH...



THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The safety of our parishioners is our top priority at this time.

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This Thursday, July 30th (2-3 p.m., Eastern) - For those interested, register for a webinar on **Faithful Recovery in a Time of Climate Change**. We are in the midst of two interconnected global crises: the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change. Both have enormous economic, social, and health consequences, especially on the world's most vulnerable populations.

This webinar will explore:

1. How we recover from the immediate Covid-19 pandemic in a manner that is faithful, sustainable, and just.
2. **The pandemic's far-reaching impacts** and how the U.S. Catholic Church is responding to its enormous economic and social impacts as we also deal with climate change. We will especially focus on the immediate human and environmental needs that U.S. disaster and aid agencies are seeing on the ground and how they are helping.
3. The principles, efforts, and strategies that U.S. Catholic agencies such as Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are advocating and promoting for a sustainable long-term recovery for the future.

Presenters:

- ** Kim Burgo, Vice President of the National Disaster Operations office for Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA)
- ** Marilyn Shapley, Senior Policy and Legislative Specialist with Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- ** Ricardo Simmonds, Environmental Policy Advisor and Consultant, US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

The webinar will be recorded and a link to the recording will be sent to all who register. For more information contact Paz Artaza-Regan (Paz@CatholicClimateCovenant.org).

Now that the Churches have been reopened, it is very important to make sure the guidelines are followed properly:

- Keep social distancing of 6 FEET;
- Wear your mask properly;
- Make sure to use hand sanitizer, and avoid unnecessary touching of surfaces.



A REMINDER OF NEW MASS SCHEDULE AND PLACE:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM - IN DIAMOND COURTYARD

Sunday: 7:00 AM & 9 AM - IN DIAMOND COURTYARD

11 AM - IN PASTORS PLAZA

5:00 PM - IN DIAMOND COURTYARD

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM

ALL IN DIAMOND COURTYARD

(Please be mindful of the fact that Masses are outside, so it is recommended to bring a hat and wear sunscreen)

➔ THE CONFESSION SCHEDULE AND LOCATION HAVE ALSO CHANGED:

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

– Patio - Back entrance to Parish Office



"You have been told...to walk humbly with your God!" - Isaiah 7:9

Rita is the fastest runner and swimmer on her day camp team. But in today's contest, teams will race to finish jigsaw puzzles. Uh-oh! "It takes me hours to do a puzzle," Rita tells Larry, the team leader. "That's all right," he says. "Matt can do puzzles fast." Rita grins. She's happy that Matt will get a chance to shine and show his talent. Rita is grateful to God for all the talents He has given everyone:



Larry's leadership, Matt's brainpower and her own speed. Rita is humble. She knows that these and all good things come from God. How can you be humble today?

Jesus, with you I can walk humbly every day.



Please remember to show reverence at the end of Mass, when approaching at Communion, and after receiving Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist!



Pope Francis' Prayer

Intentions for July - Universal Prayer

Intention - *Our Families*

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



Continue praying THE ROSARY; a POWERFUL PRAYER, a POWERFUL WEAPON AGAINST EVIL!

"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together."

- Fr. Patrick Peyton

Especially at times like these!!!



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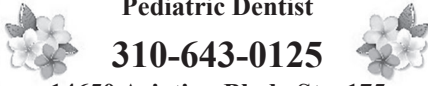
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