

St Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Church

**Seventeenth Sunday
in**

Ordinary Time

**1 KGS 3:5, 7-12; PS 119:57, 72,
76-77, 127-130; ROM 8:28-30;
MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46**

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven. In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus uses a series of parables to help us understand the incomparable value of that Kingdom.

First, He reminds us that living for Him and for His Kingdom will require sacrifice. Yet the joy that comes from following Christ makes any sacrifice worthwhile.

Jesus says, "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 that he has and buys that field." He then compares the Kingdom to "a merchant searching for fine pearls." When the merchant finds a pearl of great price, he gladly sells everything he has to obtain it. In both parables, the Kingdom is something precious that must be sought and recognized. We must intentionally look for it amid the distractions and noise of the world.

Yet Jesus also reminds us that the Kingdom is meant for everyone. He compares it to a net cast into the sea that gathers fish of every kind.

At the same time, He reminds us that each of us will one day be judged. The angels "will separate the wicked from the righteous." It is a powerful reminder that our choices matter.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst and to pursue it above all else. There is no greater treasure, and no greater source of joy, than a life lived as a faithful disciple of Jesus.

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Monday July 27
Weekday Jer 13:1–11 Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday July 28
Weekday Jer 14:17–22 Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 15:10, 16–21 Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

Thursday July 30
Weekday Jer 18:1–6 Mt 13:47–53

Friday July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26:1–9 Mt 13:54–58

Saturday August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11–16, 24 Mt 14:1–12

Sunday August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1–3 Rom 8:35, 37–39, Mt 14:13–21

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV God speaks to us.... The first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, JANUARY 14,
2026

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Stewardship of Treasure Mahalo for your generosity!

July 18-19, 2026

Collection	\$ 2676.00
Maintenance	.00
Food Pantry	<u>270.00</u>
Total	\$2946.89

Attendance

St. Benedict 70 adults 12 Keiki

St. John 94 11

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If you point your phone-camera to this OSV QR Code to locate the website, add your name and donation.

A specific ministry may be chosen for St. Benedict and St. John.



You are always welcome to use continue giving by cash or check.

For our ‘Ohana who are ill (and no jokes about the apostrophe. No Hawaiian keyboard available)

Dolores Sedlack (Lisa K.’s Mom)

*Mahina Kaupiko

*Kamala Galletes

*Miriam Janczak

*Reggie Lee

Geraldine Gabriel (Glenda’s Aunt)

*Cindy Pangan

*Linda Alcain

*Terrance Terada

*Deacon Craig Camello

*Pam Shultise

*Merla Kline

*Paul Ruskey

*Carla Vonderahe

*Joevelyn Delas Reyes

*Gwen Menchaca

*Deb Reed

*Gloria Grapa

Apr 24, 2026 · Governor Josh Green on Thursday established April 27 of each year as “**Brother Joseph Dutton Day**” by signing Act 4, Sessions Laws of **Hawaii** 2026 (Senate Bill 2256) into law “Brother Joseph Dutton, the ‘Saint of Molokai,’ who has devoted forty years of his life to service among the lepers at Kala-wao, Molokai. U.S.A., during the Civil War.” Credit: Hawaii State Archives.

Mass Intentions

July 18-19, 2026

SATURDAY

4:00pm +Max Farrell,+Michael Magat, +Jesus Magat, +Criselda Magat

6:00 *Misa Pro Populo

* Joseph Luksic (LUCK-SIC), Health

SUNDAY

8:00 AM +James Bernard

10:00 AM +Helen Jolly

Weekdays July 21-24,2026

Tues +Mum, +Dad, +Margaret & +Dominic Nash

Wed. +Tater Johnson

Thurs. Evangelio Family, good health

Fri Gina M Ballman

Religious Education

Angie Tabieros

Music director

Ariel Hadap

Wed. 5: 30 St. John Church, Choir Practice

Food Pantry

Kenneth & Gloria Ciriako

Tom McLoughlin

What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

ANN M. GARRIDO



Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world.

They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish. At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like "the head of a household who brings from his store-room both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●

Reflect:

What image of God's kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a nondenominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean? Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ● Printed with permission by Liguori Press



DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA!

THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART! SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A "MASS INTENTION". THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR A FORM AND ENVELOPE.

The Wisdom of the 'Finders'

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 • Wisdom of Solomon
- ▶ Romans 8:28-30 • God's love for all
- ▶ Matthew 13:44-46 • The treasure and the pearl

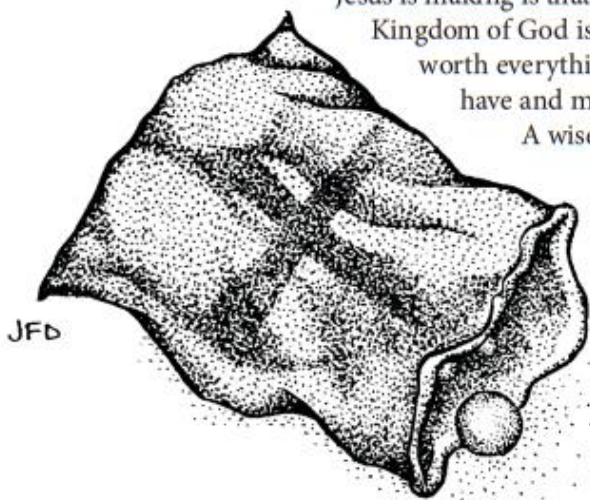
Today's Gospel reading is a continuation of Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God, described through several parables. When we first hear the parable of the man who buys a field with a hidden treasure, we may wonder about his ethics. Isn't he, in effect, stealing the wealth from the previous owner? In Palestine, during this period, it was common for people to bury their valuables to protect them, especially in times of war. If they weren't able to recover them later, others would benefit from them. Rabbis debated who was entitled to the treasure when it was found. The parable here assumes the finder, rather than the field's previous owner, is entitled to it.

In the second parable, "the pearl of great price," the finder was actively seeking something valuable rather than stumbling upon it like the person who found the treasure in the field. Finally, in the third parable, the fishermen are looking for what is good and throwing away what doesn't serve them.

All three parables emphasize the value of what is found and the focused response of the "finders," whether the person was actively seeking a treasure or stumbled upon it. The point

Jesus is making is that the Kingdom of God is worth everything we have and more.

A wise person will



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"Give your servant an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong."

Sheepish Question:

When was the last time I asked God to help me form my conscience? Where have I fallen short?

sacrifice anything and everything to acquire the Kingdom. What we receive in return will far surpass what we have to give up or renounce.

The passage ends with Jesus pointing out to the disciples that there is treasure in both old and new teachings. The old teachings are the Hebrew Scriptures (aka the Old Testament), and the new teachings are from Jesus' life. Jesus doesn't surpass the old, but he upholds the wisdom found there, even while he re-interprets some of the Jewish laws.

Questions of the Week

- ① When have you sold/given up something valuable so that you could attain something more worthwhile? (This could be a possession, a job, a relationship, etc.)
- ② Think of some "old" treasure of faith (perhaps a Bible verse, a scripture story, some wisdom from a parent or elder) that you still hang onto. Think of some new wisdom or insight that helps you in your faith life now. Please share these old and new treasures.

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