

July 16, 2017 and July 23, 2017

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection: July 16, 2017

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IS 55: 10-11; PS 65: 10-14; ROM 8: 18-23; MT 13: 1-23



In today's Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, Christ is asked why He speaks in parables. His response in part is the statement, "To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away." Christ's parables, of which there are many, may not always make sense to us, unless we consider them carefully.

Christ's speaking in and relating to parables has everything to do with what we call The Word. If we listen conscientiously to the Word (represented by our readings at Masses and to the homily we hear), we may, and perhaps even should, grasp the meaning. The Word is filled with the deeper truths of the Bible. God opens our eyes and ears to these truths, but we must be amenable to them and must be willing to try to understand them. Too often we merely listen and do not hear. We go through the motions, when our total concentration should be on what we are being told. First of all we need to appreciate that only God can open the eyes and ears of each of us.

One of the popular phrases about stewardship is "an attitude of gratitude." That is so important. On a bad day, even the most hardened of us can find one thing for which to be grateful, and that can adjust everything in our thought processes. Are we closed to the teachings of Jesus? If we open our minds and concentrate, the Lord's teachings may unfold to us like nothing we have ever experienced previously.

HOLY HOUR



There will be silent adoration on a regular basis every Tuesday evening, following the 7pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm). Also, Adoration every Friday throughout the year, following the 9:00 am mass. Come and spend some time with the Lord!

ANNOUNCED MASSES
July 15th – 30th, 2017

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| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | July 15th | Sunday Vigil Antonio Melo and Maria dos Anjos Serra – RIP – by Maria |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | July 16th | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Alfredo Ferraresi – RIP – by his wife Maureen Blackwell – RIP – by the family |
| Monday | July 17th | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7:00 p.m. | July 18th | Weekday Joseph and Mathilde Van de Bennet – RIP – by M and E Wojciechowski |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | July 19th | Weekday Martin and Wladyslawa Wojciechowski – RIP – by M and E Wojciechowski |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | July 20th | Saint Apollinaris Gertrude Billette – RIP – by Connie and Jim |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | July 21st | Saint Lawrence of Brindisi Blessings for Carmel – by her sisters |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | July 22nd | Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | July 23rd | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Louis Ottoni – RIP – by the family Thanksgiving by Verina and Neville D'Souza |
| Monday | July 24th | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7:00 p.m. | July 25th | SAINT JAMES Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | July 26th | SAINT ANNE and SAINT JOACHIM Bruce Fyfe – RIP – by Joan |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | July 27th | Weekday William Paulin - RIP |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | July 28th | Weekday Pelajia Jubac and Norberto Arao-arao – RIP – by the family |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | July 29th | Sunday Vigil Corrine Legare Pasalis – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | July 30th | Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary Time Louis Ottoni – RIP – by the Di Fruscia family Maximiano Jaronel – RIP – by Anna Jaronel |

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE - JULY 22



Since the 6th century, Western tradition has linked three gospel accounts as referring to one woman, although some notable writers are undecided.

Luke relates that an unnamed sinner who anointed the Lord's feet received forgiveness of her many sins because of her great love. He also writes that among the women who travelled with Jesus and the apostles was Mary Magdalene, who had been exorcised of seven devils. Mary Magdalene was a faithful follower of the Lord. With the other women, she stood near the cross, brought spices to anoint the body and alone, weeping with grief, was the first witness to the resurrection of Christ. Mary Magdalene is a patron of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).

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SAINT ANNE AND SAINT JOACHIM – JULY 26



The gospels are bereft of details regarding Mary's parents – Jesus' grandparents – not even offering their names. What we do know comes from writings excluded from the canon of Scripture, in particular the Protogospel of James. Nevertheless, the cult of Saint Anne existed in the 6th century in the Church of Constantinople and early in the 8th century in Rome. In the 13th and 14th centuries, popular devotion to Anne increased, as seen by the number of churches bearing her name. At the request of some English bishops petitioned by parishioners. Pope Urban VI made her feast an annual celebration. Joachim has been honored in the East from earliest days, but in the West only the 16th century. Their names were entered into the Roman calendar in 1584.

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