



***Saint John  
&  
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***Together in Christ  
Collaborative***

***July 26, 2020***

***The 17th Sunday  
n Ordinary Time***

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For both Churches**

# TREASURE



“The kingdom of heaven  
is like a treasure buried  
in a field.”

MATTHEW 13:44

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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**The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday**

## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday  
9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday  
After Mass.

### St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.  
9:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

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in the Church.

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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**St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes**  
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**MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED**  
**ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR**  
**GROUP GATHERINGS.**

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

### Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

### Observances for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Martha

Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. Ann's)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. (St. John's)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann's)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. (St. John's)

**TO ATTEND A MASS YOU MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE WEBSITES PRIOR TO THE MASS. PLEASE TRY TO DO THIS BY FRIDAY EVENING. MASSES ARE BEGINNING TO FILL UP AND YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET A RESERVATION.**

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**PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE MASS TO INSURE YOUR SEATING.**

My Dear Friends in Christ,



One often hears of someone having the “wisdom of Solomon”. Often times, it is a judge, a teacher, a parent or, in the case of the man himself spoken about in our first reading, a ruler. When Solomon assumes the kingship of Israel (following the death of his father, David), he is visited by God in a dream. When given the opportunity to receive anything he wishes to make his rule successful, he doesn’t opt for the “quick fix” or the “easy out”. In recognizing an apparent shortcoming in being “a mere youth” (1 Kgs 3:7), he opts for “an understanding heart to judge...people and to distinguish right from wrong” (1 Kgs 3:9). Solomon starts off on the “right foot” with God by not being concerned with himself, but with his people.

This gift of **discernment** is a key element to having true wisdom, the God-given variety which we attribute as a Gift of the Holy Spirit. What is it that makes us successful and happy? Surely the world would say “riches” or “power” or “prestige”; this flies in the face, of course, of the life God wants for us. We would do well, like Solomon, to ask (in prayer) for those things (attributes, behaviors, mindsets) which will help us to grow in faith, hope and love. In looking at not merely what we *want* but what we *need*, we grow in the eyes of God. We grow in the gift of Wisdom (a Gift of the Spirit given at Confirmation, free for our use) by discerning, in union with God’s plan for us and for the world, by separating out the wants (which we can pray for, but not necessarily rely on getting) from our needs, that which helps us truly grow in the Spirit. It all works together for our good and the good of the world

It is in the gifts of discernment and wisdom that help us to determine that which is of true and lasting value, that which will bring to life and light the Kingdom (both the Kingdom awaiting us, as well as the Kingdom in our midst (which, when discerned properly, are one and the same!)). In the gospel, the “treasure in the field” (Mt 13:44) and the “pearl of great price” (Mt 13:46) are images of that Kingdom. These images are used because, like the Kingdom, they are only found by discerning what is lasting from what is fleeting, what is finite from what is infinite. This “separating” is like the “dragnet” (see Mt 13:47) which is cast into the sea and collects fish of all kinds (the fish, in this passage, being an image of humankind); the good (godly) and the bad (worldly) are separated, and the bad is thrown away. In that same way, we will be separated at the end of time with those who have striven to follow God’s way welcomed into the Kingdom.

May we always strive to discern God’s will for us, for our brothers and sisters and for the world. May we look to God for all things which help us to grow in faith, hope and love. Finally, may we continue to (like Solomon) ask (in prayer) for those things which will build up the Kingdom, serve the needs of ourselves and our brothers and sisters, and usher forth the greater glory of God!

Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul

## Journey to Peace: The Good Thief

### It's never too late

The story of the good thief is the story of repentance and mercy. The word “repentance” comes from a Greek word that means “a change of mind and heart” or “a change of consciousness.” In Hebrew, the idea of repentance means both “to feel sorrow” and “to return.” We repent by first feeling remorse about something (the sorrow), and then by **returning to God for a change of mind, heart, and consciousness.**

Recently in this retreat we prayed about humility. Once we're humble enough to see ourselves as we really are, we're led naturally into repentance. The story of the good thief teaches us that with true repentance and belief, we will obtain mercy, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life.

When St. Paul was converted, he was hurled to earth at the climax of his relentless persecution of Christians, and he was *immediately* changed into a dedicated servant of God's love. When we repent, *we* are changing, day by day, moment by moment, into servants of God's love, and bringing that love out into the world with us.

**Take a few moments to become aware of God's presence.** Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths, remembering that in this very moment you are under the gaze of God, who knows and loves you totally.

**Bring to mind something that's coming between you and God.** It could be something that you're worried or unsure about. It could be a problem, a task, or responsibility. It could be anything.

### A reading from the Word of God:

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, “Are you not the Messiah! Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:39-43, NRSV).

**Ask yourself:** What do Jesus' responses mean? What can they tell us about mercy and repentance?

**Slow down and wait** for this feeling, image, or word to become clearer for you. Become fully aware of it and sit with it for a few moments.

Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) **speak to that Divine Spirit**, saying: *O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that you desire of me and to accept all that you permit to happen to me. Let me only know your will.* (Cardinal Mercier's Prayer to the Holy Spirit)

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



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**Again, slow down and wait** for an image, word, or feeling to come into awareness that perfectly expresses what is at the core of your present experience.

**Place your feelings and thoughts in a package... and hand it to Jesus.**

#### Prayer

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen*

**End your time of prayer** with an Our Father, entrusting all your needs and feelings to God.

The other is the one known as the "good thief." His words are a wonderful example of repentance, a catechesis centered on learning to ask Jesus for forgiveness. First, he turns to his companion: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" (Lk 23:40). In this way he highlights the starting point of repentance: the fear of God. Not the dread of God, no: the filial fear of God. It is not dread, but that respect that is due to God because he is God. It is a filial respect because he is Father.

The good thief recalls the fundamental attitude that opens the way for trusting in God: the awareness of his omnipotence and of his infinite goodness. It is this trusting respect that helps to make room for God and for trust in his mercy. Then the good thief declares Jesus' innocence and openly confesses his own guilt: "And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong" (Lk 23:41).

While the good thief speaks of the future, saying: "when you come in your kingly power," Jesus' answer does not leave him waiting; he speaks of the present: he says "today you will be with me in Paradise" (v. 43). In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners. At the beginning of his ministry, in the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus had proclaimed "release to the captives" (Lk 4:18); in Jericho, in the house of Zacchaeus, a public sinner, Jesus declared that "the Son of man," that is, he himself, has come "to seek and to save the lost" (Lk 19:10)

On the Cross, his last act confirms the fulfillment of this plan of salvation. From beginning to end, he revealed himself as Mercy, he revealed himself as the definitive and unrepeatable Incarnation of the Father's love. Jesus is truly the face of the Father's mercy. And the good thief called him by name: "Jesus." It is a short invocation, and we can all make it several times during the day: "Jesus." Simply, "Jesus." Let us do so throughout the day.

(Pope Francis, *General Audience*,  
September 2016)

## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, , Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher, Dr. Irfan Francis & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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As people begin to come back to Mass and those of us who have been attending become more relaxed after having attended Mass for a few weeks, it is important that we continue to follow the guidelines set up to ensure our safety.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- \* In order to limit social gathering and allow time to seat registered parishioners, those attending Mass should arrive no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes before the start of Mass. (Seats will then be offered to those parishioners on 'standby' who arrived without pre-registration.)
- \* One entrance: Entry into church will be front right and left side doors (no entry through middle doors) at St. John's, front door at St. Ann's. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN SEATING PEOPLE (ASIDE FROM THOSE WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES), **DUE TO SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU A PARTICULAR SEAT IN THE CHURCH.**
- \* All parishioners must wear masks. There are several exceptions, such as: children under the age of two, and people with underlying health conditions. The wearing of masks for children between the ages of 2-5 is based on the parents' discretion.
- \* Parishioners should bring their own hand sanitizer if possible. The church will have limited supply.
- \* Parishioners must maintain 6 feet of social distance between each other at all times. This does not apply to families that live in the same household.
- \* Appropriate social distancing spaces will be designated on the floor/in the aisles. Ushers will provide guidance.
- \* Everyone will enter church using front doors and leave church using side doors. Those closest to the front doors will leave first
- \* There will be no sign of peace, offertory collection or singing during Mass. Baskets for financial contributions will be available as you leave church.
- \* **Special instructions on receiving Holy Communion will be presented during each Mass. (Please be patient; wait for instructions by the ushers — everyone will be served.)**
- \* To prevent close contact, the clergy will employ minimal entrancing in or recessing out of the church. **(Please wait for the Ushers to exit after the Priest and Deacon have exited.)**
- \* Public gatherings before or after Mass are not permitted outside church.

### AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you are uneasy about attending such an event, please remember that the Dispensation from Reception of Communion is still in effect. If you are in the "vulnerable/at risk" category, please remember that you need not (nor would I want you to) risk your health and well-being. It is for this reason that I will still be taping Sunday Mass (broadcast on EB-CAM and posted on Facebook/parish websites) and live-streaming Daily Mass on Facebook.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
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PO Box 544  
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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
Hotline—508-378-3760

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Pantry is working to make food available for all in need while at the same time keeping within the guidelines of the pandemic. Please contact the Pantry if you need help. The only requirement to access the Pantry is to be an East Bridgewater Resident. All religions are welcome.

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to the address above. **Gift cards are also a great help.**

**\$5—\$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100**

**The next Food Pantry will be Monday, August 3rd**

WHILE OUR SUNDAY MASS HAS GONE 'LIVE', THE DISPENSATION FROM COMMUNION IS STILL IN EFFECT. SUNDAY/DAILY MASS IS STILL ON LINE AND CAN BE VIEWED ON:

**CATHOLIC TV - CHANNEL 268 IS BROADCASTING DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS  
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