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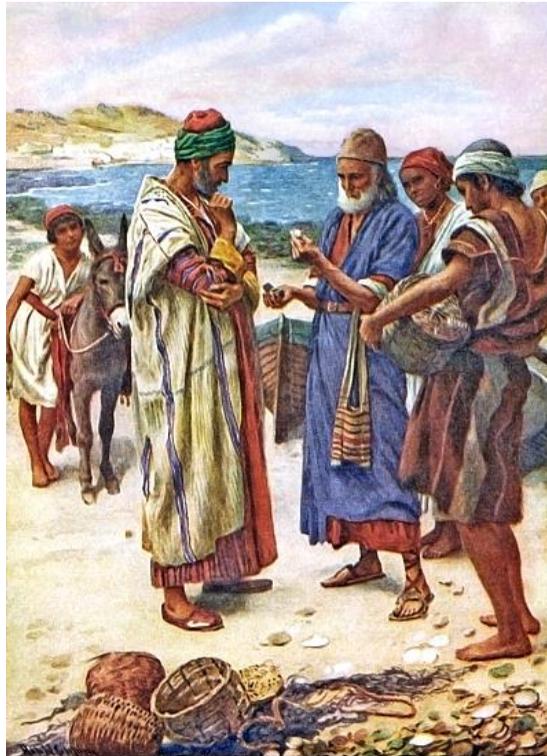
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July 26, 2020

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Merchant Finds The Pearl Of Great Price by Harold Copping

Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

Weekday Liturgies:

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Wednesday 6:00 PM

Thursday 6:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment

Baptism:

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office After Hours for

Emergencies Only

780-645-9749.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings of today give us a clear picture from God that shows our needs to listen and follow his Word. The readings may even sound harsh and a bit stern-they, of course, require a closer look to understand.

We need to always keep in mind that while the readings are thousands of years old they are very much alive for us today.

Let's look at our readings one at a time and determine what God is telling us today.

The 1st reading from the book of Kings is probably the most difficult to understand. We hear here where Solomon the son of David is telling of a dream he had where God is offering to give him whatever he wants. Solomon answers that all he wants from God is the gift of wisdom to properly judge his people. God is pleased with and gives Solomon exactly what he asked for. What is not mentioned in these verses is that Solomon like the other Kings do not remain faithful to God. Solomon becomes the 1st unfaithful king of Israel. God punishes Israel severely even to the destruction of Jerusalem in 567 BC.

Then our Responsorial points out the proper response to God's words are to love them and follow them.

Then our 2nd reading tells us that all things work for those who love God!

Then as usual our Gospel "fleshes -out" our message by Jesus telling us through Matthew that it takes a lot of effort and faith to live our lives as God desires.

REPORT THIS AD

Our response to this message of our need for faith and perseverance is to look at our own lives and see how well we are doing. Are we always receiving the Sacraments to give us the strength we need?

Are we guiding our families in the ways of God?

Are we good examples to others in how we conduct our lives and live our professions?



Holy Eucharist for Sunday 11:00 AM

Starting August 2, 2020 we will resume of having the Mass celebrated for 11:00 o'clock, we need volunteers as readers, ushers, greeters, sanitizers and coordinators. Please call, email or approach Noreen Radford, Denise Touchette and me for those who are interested.

BE NOT AFRAID!

Message from the Catholic Organization for Life and Family On the occasion of the 2020 National March for Life

The year 2020 will be recorded in history as the year that the COVID-19 virus impacted the world in unprecedented ways. In order to save lives and slow the spread of the virus, much of the world was shut down. Large numbers of seniors have died in long-term care facilities and the response has, rightfully, been one of outrage to the plight of our elderly. The world is reacting because of the value of life.



Every year at this time, Canadians gather to march for life – to remind Canadians that all life matters from conception until natural death. In doing so, we remember the passing of the infamous omnibus bill which decriminalized abortion under certain

conditions. We also recall the Morgentaler decision of 1988 which struck down that law. Since then, Canada has had no law governing abortion. Canada thus joins the ignominious ranks of three Communist countries: China, North Korea, and Vietnam where abortions are legal from conception to birth.

This year during the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot gather together physically, but we can still come together virtually to March for life. From a positive perspective, the global response to the pandemic has centered upon a common affirmation of the value of life. However, this affirmation has yet to be extended universally to life at all stages. While we are enacting this herculean effort to save lives, especially the elderly, our federal government still allows euthanasia (euphemistically referred to as MAID – medical assistance in dying). Although euthanasia is legally permissible it is never morally right. Provincial governments, in the effort to save lives, have shut down all non-essential services, but include among “essential services” abortion providers. These inconsistencies demonstrate that our society has yet fully to embrace the beautiful truth that all lives are equal and precious. Especially egregious is the fact that, since 1969, when bill C-150 was passed, there have been over 4 million abortions performed in Canada, 4 million children who never had the chance to live. Our country continues to experience an erosion of morality.

With all of the uphill battles we face—unrestricted access to abortion, the expansion of euthanasia, and the continued lack of respect for life—it might seem that our struggle is futile and hopeless. Now, more than ever, let us recall the words of Saint John Paul II during his inaugural homily in 1978: “Be not afraid!” We have nothing to fear and much to hope for. We know that in the end, the victory has been won in Christ Jesus and until that time when we shall definitively see good triumph over evil, we will continue to march for life. This year we shall gather together virtually and march for life. In doing so we are the voice for the voiceless, we are the advocates for those who have no advocates, we are the defense for the defenseless, and we give hope to the hopeless. We shall never stop marching until we have achieved victory for life!



We pray for the soul of **Roger Van Hecke** who passed away July 12th, 2020.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto him Lord and let your Perpetual light shine upon him.

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE ATTENDING THE MASS

Please note the new office hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Contact Parish Office at: 780-939-4412 please call during the new office hours to register any other times please call Fr. Trini otherwise your names may not be on the registration list prior to Mass or 780-645-9749 Fr. Trini mobile number

Email: office@sjbp.ca or
pastor@sjbp.ca

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

| Day | Time | Mass Intention | Feast |
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| July 25 Saturday | 5:00 pm | Special Intention for Colette Klein – Mom & Dad | 17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| July 26 Sunday | 9:00 am | For Parishioners | |
| July 28 Tuesday | 8:30 am | RIP Gerald VanBrabant – Robert & Georgette Honey & Family | |
| July 29 Wed | 6:00 pm | RIP Michelle Goulet - Mom | |
| July 30 Thursday | 6:00 pm | RIP Leon Schayes - Cecile | |
| July 31 Friday | 8:30 am | Departed Family Members - Cecile | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland, Colette Klein, Angela and Louise Wulff. All those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

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| <i>July 19th \$ 2560.00</i> | | |
| COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES | Cemetery Perpetual Care \$ 200.00 | <i>THANK YOU! MERCI!</i> |
| | Restoration \$ 25.00 | |

As we open our revered Parish St. Jean Baptiste and start our celebration of masses we knock at your hearts to volunteer in the ministries that our diocese is asking us: **greeters, ushers, cleaners and sanitizers** and as **coordinator**. These ministries are crucial for us to continue our public celebrations and so as to ensure that we are doing the protocols set by the Diocese of St. Paul and AHS for the safety of our priest and parishioners.

Our sincerest gratitude for your continued support to our parish and May the Good Lord Bless and Keep you. Rest assured that we are keeping all of you in our prayers.