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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2026

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

is like a treasure

WORTH EVERYTHING.

MATTHEW 13:44-52

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,
preceded by **Daily Rosary** at 8:30am

Weekend Masses ~ Saturdays 4:00pm
Sundays 8:00am 10:00am* 12:00pm & 5:00pm

*Family Mass

~ **Church Open for Prayer** ~
Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

Bereavement Support Ministry ~ For support, please
Contact Deacon Dan Nelson at dcn785@aol.com

Staff Directory ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

Parish Prayer Wall ~ Submit requests on parish website.

Parish Newsletter ~ Visit parish website to subscribe.

St. Mary's Cemetery ~ For inquiries, please contact
Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 x 311.

Hearing Assistance ~ ListenWIFI App (StOscars)

Sacramental and Devotional Life

Anointing of the Sick ~ Contact the parish office.

Baptism ~ Twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
To register, visit www.cantoncatholic.org and click on
Sacraments. Questions? Contact: Nancy Cunniff at
ncunniff@cantoncatholic.org

Marriage ~ Arrangements should be made six months
in advance. Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm
Mass

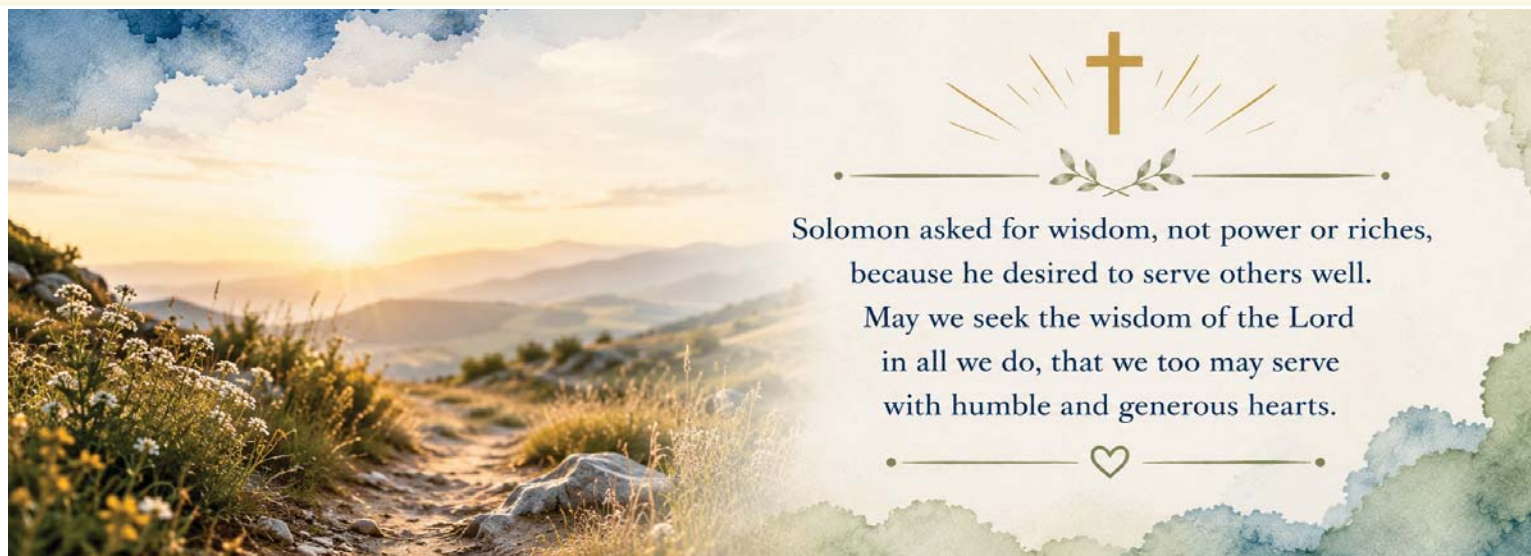
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via a zoom link
option. Email jptjr2@gmail.com for more information.



*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*



Dear Friends,

Today's first reading, from the first Book of Kings, contains one of my favorite Scripture passages. Solomon is told in a dream that the Lord will give him anything he asks of him. In his response, Solomon acknowledges that he is the Lord's servant and his inexperience. He then asks for the gift of wisdom. God is pleased with his response.

In seeking wisdom, he implies that he seeks to serve others over himself. Doing the right thing is more important to him than power or recognition. What a wonderful example for all who seek or assume positions of responsibility.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Did You Know?



The word "Gospel" means "Good News." It comes from the Old English word *godspel*, meaning "good tidings," and ultimately from the Greek word *euangelion*. Every time we stand to hear the Gospel at Mass, we are doing something special—we are standing as a sign of respect for Christ, who speaks to us through His Word.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven is the greatest treasure we can ever find. Just as someone would joyfully give up everything to gain a priceless treasure, Jesus invites us to place God at the center of our lives. Each time we listen to the Gospel, we discover more of that treasure and learn how to live as His disciples.

Join Us for Our Parish Cookout!

Join Us!
— FOR OUR —
PARISH COOKOUT!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

11:00 AM COMBINED MASS
Our 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Masses will be combined.

COOKOUT
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS
PARISH CENTER

FOOD ♥ FUN ♥ FRIENDSHIP

Everyone Welcome!

Bring your family, invite a friend, and enjoy a great afternoon together! ♥

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 9** as we gather for a wonderful day of worship, food, and friendship.

Please note: Our 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Masses will be combined into one Mass at **11:00 AM**. Following Mass, everyone is invited to the **Parish Center** for our annual Parish Cookout.

Whether you're a longtime parishioner or visiting for the first time, we'd love to welcome you. Come share a meal, make a new friend, and enjoy an afternoon together!

One of the best ways to grow as a parish family is simply to spend time together. I hope you'll join us for Mass and stay afterward for good food, good conversation, and a wonderful afternoon together.

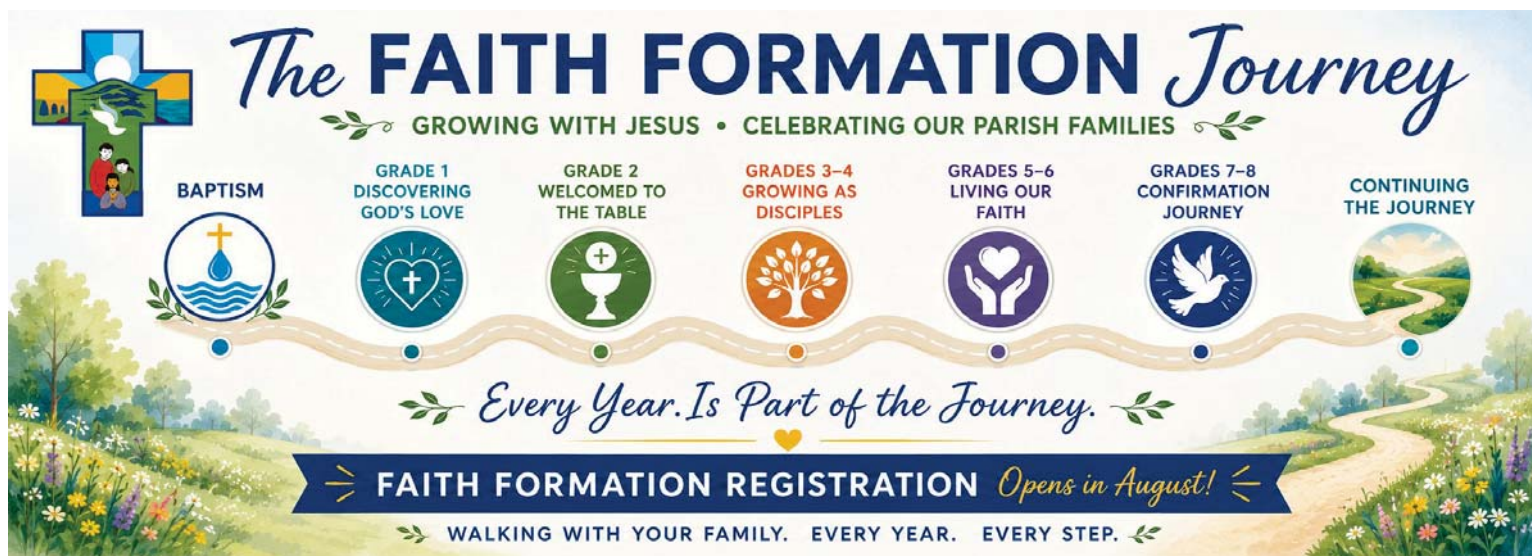
Everyone is welcome—we hope to see you there!

Don't Forget!

ONE COMBINED MASS AT 11:00 AM

COOKOUT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS MASS IN THE PARISH CENTER

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Bring your family and invite a friend!



Faith Grows One Year at a Time

Children grow and change in remarkable ways from one year to the next. Their questions become deeper, their understanding expands, and they begin to see God's presence in their lives in new ways. Faith Formation grows with them.

Each year offers children new opportunities to explore Scripture, experience the beauty of the Mass, learn about the saints, discover the teachings of our Catholic faith, and build friendships rooted in Christ. Just as children continue learning in school each year, they also continue growing in faith as they mature.

We are blessed to accompany families on this journey, helping children grow in knowledge, faith, and love of God—one year at a time.

Faith Formation Registration for the 2026–2027 year opens in August. We look forward to welcoming both new and returning families as we continue the journey together.

Every year is part of the journey. Growing in faith... one year at a time.



Living the Gospel

What Is Most Valuable?

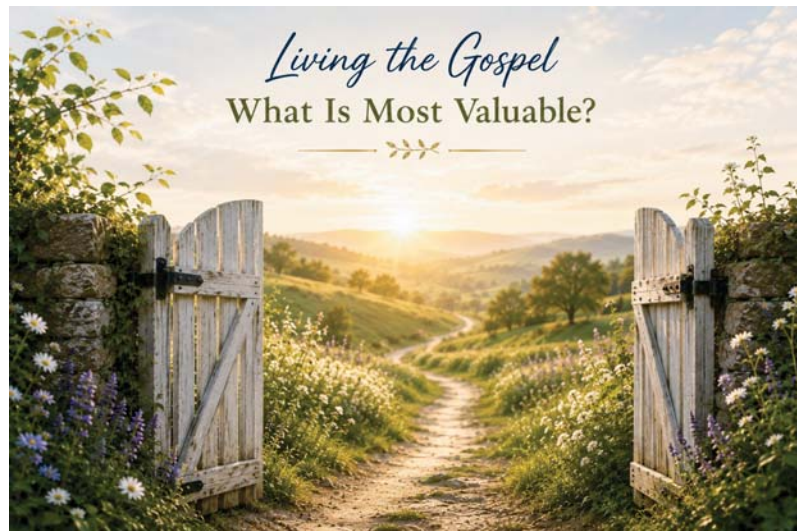
Imagine finding a treasure buried in a field or discovering a pearl so beautiful that you would gladly give up everything else to have it. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like that treasure and that priceless pearl.

We spend much of our lives searching for what matters most—success, security, possessions, or recognition. While these things have their place, Jesus reminds us that nothing compares to a life centered on God. A relationship with Christ is the greatest treasure we can ever receive, and it is worth making room for every day.

The Kingdom of God is not something we simply hope for someday. It begins here and now—in the choices we make, the kindness we show, the forgiveness we offer, and the time we spend in prayer. Each small act of faith helps us discover that God's love is the greatest treasure of all.

This week, take a moment to ask yourself: **What do I treasure most?** Then look for one simple way to place Christ at the center of your day.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." — Matthew 6:21

*A Moment for You. A Moment with God.*

Summer has a way of slowing life down, inviting us to notice the beauty around us. As you enjoy these longer days, take a few quiet moments to thank God for His many blessings. Whether you're sitting on your porch, walking a favorite trail, or simply enjoying your morning coffee, remember that God is present in the stillness as surely as He is in life's busiest moments. Sometimes the greatest treasures are discovered in the silence.

"Be still, and know that I am God." — Psalm 46:10

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Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week

17th Sunday
In Ordinary Time



Lord,
I love your commands.

Psalms 119:97a

Saturday, July 25

9:00am~Norma Lakin, Memorial
4:00pm~

Sunday, July 26

8:00am~
10:00am~Dominick Pugliese, Memorial
12:00pm~Warner A. Lund, Memorial
5:00pm~

Monday, July 27

9:00am~Sandra Hurley, Memorial

Tuesday, July 28

9:00am~Richard Daley, Memorial

Wednesday, July 29

9:00am~Petrena Pell, Memorial

Thursday, July 30

9:00am~

Friday, July 31

9:00am~Ignats & Julia Salenga, Memorial

Saturday, August 1

9:00am~Joan Moeller, Memorial
4:00pm~Michael & Catherine Regan, Memorial

Sunday, August 2

8:00am~
10:00am~Andrew S. Cameron, Memorial
12:00pm~Eugene Landolfi, Memorial
5:00pm~Outreach Mass

Prayers and Sympathy



*Please remember in your prayers
all those who have entered into eternal life.*

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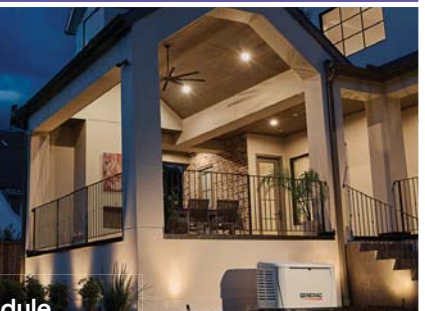
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