

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parables emerge from actual situations, events and practices in the life of Jesus and of those people around him. They are usually in the context of conflicts in the life of Jesus and employed as tools to address times and events of distress.

The collection of parables in today's Gospel offers various insights into the Reign of God and what is required of those who wish to be part of it.

Perhaps there were many stories of people who found buried treasure, and it was well known that often there was a risk involved in effectively obtaining that treasure for oneself. It was commonly feared: What if it turned out to be a hoax? What if someone else removed the treasure before you purchased the field for yourself? What if the pearl turned out to be flawed after all? Would it be worth the gamble.....

Such stories always highlighted the speculated risk one was taking, as well as the immense reward that awaited someone daring enough to take that chance and succeed.

Jesus challenges the popular imagination of his audience with stories of the Reign of God, presented as the prize of great price – but a prize that can only be obtained when one is willing to risk everything.

Perhaps the greatest treasure is one we do not yet know. Perhaps we have prayed but are not fully aware of the true nature of gifts we have received; Could it be that treasures lie buried in our fields today? Is there a gift we have overlooked until now that has not been fully realized? Maybe today is the day to unearth the treasure and put it to work for a greater good.



DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Parábolas surgen de situaciones reales en la vida de Jesús. Generalmente son en el contexto de los conflictos en la vida de Jesús y empleados como herramientas para dirigir tiempos y eventos de angustia. La colección de parábolas en el Evangelio de hoy ofrece varias perspicacias al Reino de Dios y lo que se requiere de aquellos que desean ser parte de ella.

Tal vez hubo muchas historias de personas que encontraron tesoros enterrados, y era bien conocido que a menudo había un riesgo involucrado para poder obtener efectivamente ese tesoro para sí mismo. Era comúnmente temido: ¿Qué tal si resulta ser un engaño? ¿Qué tal si alguien quitó el tesoro antes de que usted comprara el campo para sí mismo? ¿Qué tal si la perla resulta ser imperfecta después de todo? Valdría la pena la apuesta... Estas historias siempre destacaron el riesgo especulado que tomaba uno, así como la inmensa recompensa que le esperaba a alguien con suficiente audacia para correr ese riesgo y tener éxito.

Jesús reta la imaginación popular de su audiencia con historias del Reino de Dios, presentado como el premio de gran precio – pero un premio que sólo puede ser obtenido cuando uno está dispuesto a arriesgarlo todo.

Tal vez el mayor tesoro es uno que no conocemos todavía. Tal vez hemos orado pero no estamos completamente conscientes de la verdadera naturaleza de los dones que hemos recibido; ¿Podría ser que los tesoros están enterrados en nuestros campos hoy en día? ¿Hay un regalo que hemos pasado por alto hasta ahora que no ha sido plenamente comprendido? Quizás hoy sea el día para descubrir el tesoro y ponerlo a trabajar para un bien mayor.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

July 18 — July, 19, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 291.00
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$1,974.51
Music Ministry.....\$ 594.91

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

August 2: Reserve Fund

August 9: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

August 30: Mission Co-Op

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$13,368.65
Balance we owe:	\$18,926.35
Pledges Balance:	\$ 615.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25 TO AUGUST 1

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
July 25, 2026	July 26, 2026	July 27, 2026	July 28, 2026	July 29, 2026
9:00am Young Men's Institute	8:00am Parish of St. John	9:00am Young Men's Institute	9:00am ✠ Eufrene Tobes Dolores Arroyo	9:00am Young Men's Institute
4:30pm ✠ Henry & Teresa Thran	10:00am ✠ Leonora Mendoza ✠ Perfecto Hierro, Jr.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		July 30, 2026	July 31, 2026	August 1, 2026
	12:00pm Parish of St. John	9:00am ✠ William Bagley ✠ Glory Dalere	9:00am Parish of St. John	9:00am ✠ Anthony Genovea Mila de la Torre & Family
				4:30pm ✠ Pacita Santos

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