

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANGELS WILL SEPARATE THE WICKED FROM **THE RIGHTEOUS**

MATTHEW 13:49



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"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of Jesus teaching the crowds about the kingdom of heaven using parables. The first two parables today describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. The third parable reminds us of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away. At the final judgment the wicked and the righteous are separated. Notice well that it is the Lord who will decide, not us! It is not up to us to make that decision. Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. The scribe instructed in the kingdom of heaven knows both the teaching of Jesus (the new) and the law and prophets (the old) and provides in his own teaching both the new and the old as interpreted and fulfilled by the new (Jesus). Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

I shared this message last Saturday at the end of the morning Mass and Fr. Tom shared it for me at the end of Monday's morning Mass for those who may not have been there last Saturday. I now share it with the entire community. "I have one brief announcement before our final blessing this morning. There have been some people who have started

praying the Saint Michael prayer at the end of daily Mass. This can be a beautiful devotional prayer - just like the Divine Mercy Prayer and the Rosary. Over 60 years ago Vatican II formally suppressed the St. Michael prayer along with a number of other prayers at the end of Mass. They did that because those prayers were no longer considered appropriate at the end of the Liturgy - which is the Source and Summit of our Christian Life. So for the benefit of those who wish to pray the Saint Michael prayer or the Rosary, or the Divine Mercy Prayer or even the St. Veronica Prayer, please do so once the recessional is over and to give people, who do not have a devotion to these prayers, the opportunity to leave the church before you begin them. That way, our liturgical space is much more appropriate and conducive for a non-distracted and devout prayer experience for all who wish to offer these prayers. I thank you for your faithful cooperation."

The Summer Vacation Season is upon us. All of us at St. Veronica Parish hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation wherever you may find yourself. As you head off from Burlington and the surrounding towns, please be sure to remember St. Veronica Parish during the summer months. Thank you for remembering our parish while you are away! This may be the perfect time for you to sign up for on-line giving.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney

**Every person you see is someone
Jesus thought enough of to die for,
remember that in how you treat others.**

"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."

MASS Intentions

Saturday, July 25

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Bill Lincoln 10th Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Helen Callahan Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
William Lynch Birthday Memorial

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Armand Lauzon 5th Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Edna Boyle 17th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Francis & Anne Herlihy Memorial

Monday, July 27

9:00 am **St. Malachy**

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Mary Anne Emmett Memorial

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Dennis Reddington 1st Anniversary

Thursday, July 30

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
Special Intention

Friday, July 31

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Lois & James Shramek
(72nd Wedding Anniversary)
Mass for the Living

Saturday, August 1

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Susan Therese Diffley Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Barbara Meehan Memorial
Marie Gallivan 1st Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
James, Dorothy
& Jacqueling Marchese Memorial
Frank & Helen Zreba Memorial
George & Marian MacDonald Anniversary

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Vita Reagan 3rd Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Fernando Silva Birthday Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Howard & Mary Ellen Strachan
and Frank & Lillian Larson Memorial

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY July 26	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
MONDAY July 27	Jer 13:1-11/Deut 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
TUESDAY July 28	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11+13/Mt 13:36-43
WEDNESDAY July 29	Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
THURSDAY July 30	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
FRIDAY July 31	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
SATURDAY Aug 1	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
SUNDAY Aug 2	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21

Pilot Bulletins



ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of July 19, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$8,049

Online: \$3,889

TOTAL: \$11,938

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$11,938

Deficit -\$4,215

Month to Date: \$37,983

Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$165

Online: \$528

TOTAL: \$693

Venezuela Relief

Envelopes & In Church: \$7,988

Online: \$651

TOTAL: \$8,639



2026 Catholic Appeal

This year's *Catholic Appeal* theme, *Together We Are One*, is a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus Christ and our call to be united as the Body of Christ. Our diverse and complex Archdiocese is a family of faith with a shared mission to spread the Gospel. I am pleased to share that **our parish has raised 86% of our goal**. (\$82,483 toward our 2026 Catholic Appeal goal of \$96,000). Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope in your pew or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our Appeal is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal that put faith into action to support all.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AUGUST 13TH

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, August 13th in the chapel at St. Malachy Church from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No advance sign up will be necessary; spend as little or as much time as you want. Please park in the back parking lot and access the chapel by the rear door of the church.

What to do during Eucharistic Adoration

The primary purpose of Adoration is right there in the name of the act: to adore the One present to us in the Eucharist. Remember that you don't actually have to *do* anything. The greatest gift God gives us is himself, and Adoration is another way for us to recognize that gift outside of receiving the Eucharist at Mass. So, don't overthink it. Just receive the gift.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Small prayer booklets which can be used to help during your meditation will be available. These may be picked up as you enter the chapel.
- Pray in any way that's meaningful to you.
- Pray the rosary. To contemplate the mysteries of Jesus' life in the rosary is to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist given to us and the Blessed Sacrament we praise in Adoration. So, pairing these prayers is a great habit to get into.
- Read from Holy Scripture.
- Just sit there - receive the gift of Christ in the Eucharist and be at peace in the presence of Our Lord.

Guidelines for Adoration

- Adoration is a time for quiet meditation and prayer. Please remain silent while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Genuflect when entering or leaving a pew and if crossing in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

We plan to have Adoration on the second Thursday of every month, although, in some cases, it may be on a different day.

Please join us in this most important devotion to Our Lord. Rest for a while in the presence of Jesus. Let him fill you with his peace, grace, and love.



CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the

Archdiocese of Boston. The training consists of videos and discussions about how to recognize indicators of abuse or grooming, how to create safe spaces for children and youth, and how to address concerns. It is a three-hour training session held in person at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and take place on various days and times throughout the year, including evenings and weekends. Most weeks there are between 5 and 15 sessions scheduled around the Archdiocese. With minor exceptions, sessions are open to everyone.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org. On the left of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Click on "Begin Registration." Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)" when asked to select your diocese. When asked if you have ever registered before, click "no". (If you have previously registered, call 617-746-5985 for help.) Complete the registration process. When asked for your specific location, select your specific parish or school. You can enter more than one. Once you have completed the registration process the system will guide you to a list of all the upcoming training sessions. Select the one that works for you. If the training is in a language other than English, it will be noted. Be careful not to select a training session that is in a language you cannot understand. All training sessions are 3 hours long, even if the registration website states otherwise.

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING LOW GLUTEN EUCHARIST

Congregants requesting low gluten hosts are NO LONGER required to stop into the Sacristy before Mass. Instead, you are invited to come to the altar during the Lamb of God and are asked to stand on the opposite side of the altar from the Eucharistic Ministers to receive the low gluten eucharist before common distribution begins.

THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS GAVE THE FOLLOWING PASTORAL REFLECTION THIS WEEK ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026.

In light of several recent immigration enforcement encounters resulting in the loss of life, Bishop Daniel E. Garcia, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, and Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, chairman of the Committee on Migration, issued the following pastoral reflection:

"As Catholics, we believe that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God and, therefore, grieve all situations where human life is brought to an unnatural end. This is a core teaching of our faith and one we can never grow weary of proclaiming as disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

"As the bishops of the United States affirmed last November, 'We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement.' Racial profiling in particular not only violates God-given dignity (Open Wide Our Hearts, p. 4) but also inflicts profound harm on individuals, families, and communities by fostering fear, eroding trust, and increasing the risk of unjust and even tragic outcomes. Our pastoral concerns are distinct from what the civil law itself may permit."

"Acts that diminish or disregard the dignity of any person or group of people should never be normalized in our society. The dehumanization of immigrants, regardless of their legal status, is one such example of this; the vilification of law enforcement officers is yet another."

"We continue to affirm the legitimate role of civil authorities to implement the law in a humane manner and with respect for fundamental human rights, including the rights to life and due process. The power of the state must always be exercised within the limits of the moral law. To that end, we call for accountability, transparency, and justice, which require that meaningful reforms be made to our immigration system."

"We join in praying for the souls of those killed and for their families, for our nation, and for all those entrusted with the duties of public service. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric, racial prejudice, and violence and for a renewed commitment to recognizing the inherent dignity of every person as a child of God. We plead for the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, who is the model of perfect faith in times of grief, hardship, and uncertainty."



TASTE AND SEE PROGRAM

Kids in Grades 1-8 can fill out a bright raffle card and put it in the white box (located near the scanners) for a chance to win a \$20 School House Ice Cream gift card. In this raffle everyone truly is a winner, because those at Mass have received the *sweetest* gift of all: Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2026-2027 Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Please see our website to register.

www.stveronicama.org

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE: 781-273-HOPE (4673)

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the **Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673.**

When you call, listen to the prayer and then state your personal request, for example: 'Kindly pray for John who has cancer' or 'Pray for Mary who is having surgery', etc. Please do not leave full names or phone numbers on the Prayer Hope Line. Members of the Catholic parish communities in Burlington will be honored to include your intentions in their prayers.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

The Hope Line team is in need of more helpers. Your commitment would about 1/2 hour per day for 1 week per month and could be done from your home. If you are interested please call 781-272-3111.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AT OUR HOSPICE HOUSE

Sawtelle Family Hospice House provides compassionate care and support in a warm, comfortable residential setting for individuals at the end of life. Volunteers play an invaluable role by assisting our staff and offering a comforting presence to patients and their families during a deeply meaningful time.

From the moment loved ones arrive, volunteers help create a welcoming environment by greeting visitors, offering refreshments, and providing a listening ear or friendly conversation. Behind the scenes, volunteers also support the home by baking, stocking groceries, watering plants, and helping with other tasks that make the house feel warm and inviting.

Whether offering a kind smile, a helping hand, or simply your presence, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Join our volunteer team and help make a difference! Please call or email Maureen Burge at (781)901-6561 or maureen.burge@athome.bilh.org for more information.

**Nobody's life looks
perfect once you get close enough
Everyone is quietly fighting something
So today, choose to be gentle, choose
to be patient, choose to be grateful
A kind heart in a hard world is rare,
and it matters**





BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE BOOK OF KINGS

The reading shows Solomon as a young man, unsure how to act as king. He mentions his father, David. What can you discover about King David? Was he a great king, or a bad one?

King Solomon built a temple for the glory of God. See if you can find out where the temple was, what it was like, and what eventually happened to it.

God granted King Solomon the gift of wisdom. Was Solomon faithful to the great gift that God had given him, or was he unfaithful? Find out what happened to Solomon; what kind of a king he was. What happened to the kingdom after his death?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

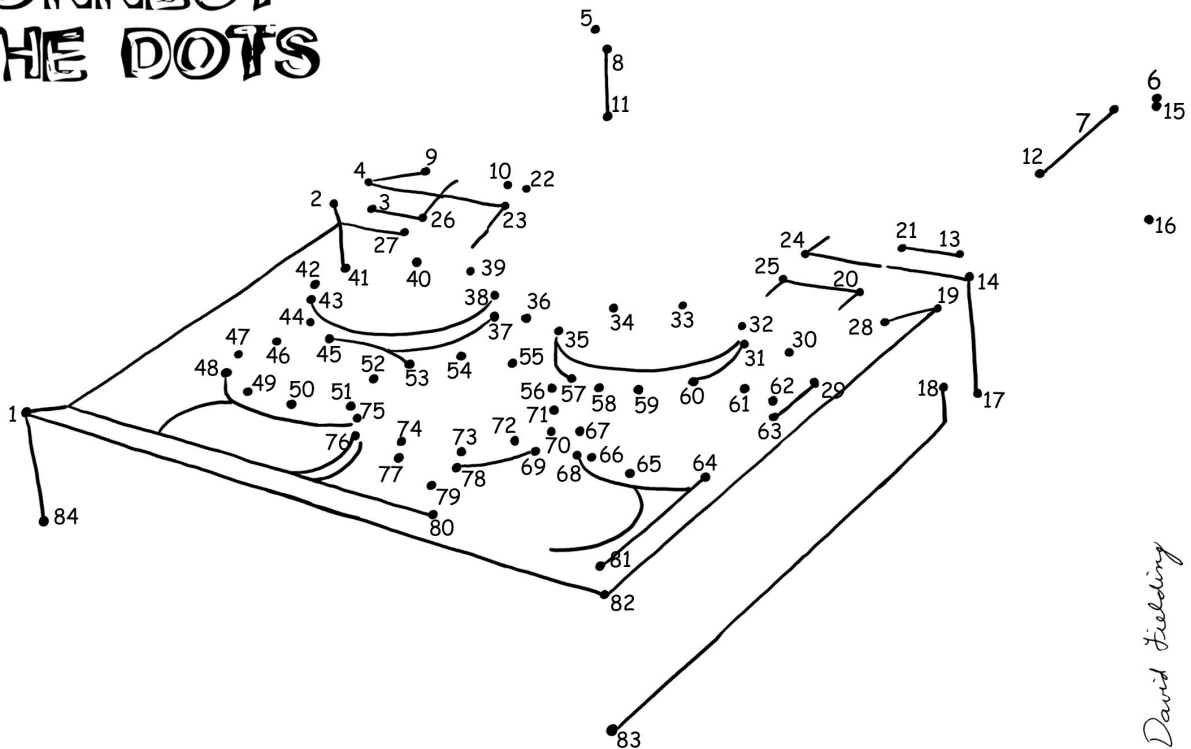
1. The Lord _____ to Solomon in a _____ at _____.
2. God said, "_____ something of _____ and I will _____ it to you."
3. We know that God makes all things work _____ for the _____ of those who _____ him.
4. The _____ of God is like a buried _____ which a man found in a _____.
5. Or again, the _____ of heaven is like a merchant's _____ for fine _____.

ANSWERS

1. appeared, dream, night 2. Ask, me, give
3. together, good, love 4. reign, treasure, field
5. kingdom, search, pearls

CONNECT THE DOTS

READING: MT 13, 44-52 or 13, 44-46



David Fielding

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