



Ask God for Solomon's Gift, an Understanding Heart!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

The readings this Sunday speak to the heart of what we truly value. Solomon asks God for one thing: an understanding heart to judge His people. Not riches, not long life, not power over enemies. God is pleased because Solomon desires wisdom over everything else.

Jesus then gives us two short parables in the Gospel. A man finds treasure buried in a field, and in his joy he sells everything to buy that field. A merchant searches for fine pearls, finds one of great price, and sells all he has to possess it.

Both men recognize something worth more than everything they own. Their response is immediate and joyful. They do not bargain or hesitate. They give everything, because they know what they have found cannot be compared to anything else.

These parables are not about real estate or jewelry. They are about the **Kingdom of God**. The Kingdom is not abstract. It is Christ Himself. It is the life He offers, the friendship He gives, the mercy that sets us free.

We spend so much of our lives chasing what we think will satisfy — security, approval, comfort, control. Sunday Mass reminds us to stop and look again. The treasure is already here. The pearl of great price is already offered. He is on the altar, in the Scriptures, in the poor, in the quiet of prayer.

The question for us is not whether the treasure exists. The question is whether we recognize it, and whether we are willing to let go of lesser things to take hold of it.

This week, ask for Solomon's gift: an understanding heart. A heart that sees what matters most. And when you see it, have the courage to give everything for Him who first gave everything for you.

Have a blessed week!

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