

THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Bread Broken for a New World

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 29-30, 2017

1 KINGS 3:5,7-12; ROMANS 8:28-30; MATTHEW 13:44-52
GATHER HYMNAL # 1028

The Pastor's Reflections



The first parable.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

First – In the time that Jesus lived it was common practice to bury one’s valuables for safe-keeping. Recall the parable of the talents. *“The man who received one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.”* (Matthew 25:18) People did use banks in those days, but they sometimes buried their valuables. Having a long history of insurrections and invading armies,

We’re given two more parables to contemplate this week. They’re the last in a series of parables taken from chapter thirteen of Matthew’s Gospel. Their theme is the kingdom of heaven. Jesus put these two short teachings into an interesting context – treasure.

Some background might be helpful for your interpretation of this parable. As I’ve done in my commentaries for the past two Sundays, I won’t share my interpretation with you. Yours is more important because the parable was spun to speak to your heart.

people often thought it prudent to hide their valuables in the ground so that if the political situation suddenly shifted they could flee quickly, and their valuables would be safe. So it wasn’t uncommon to find buried treasure in fields or under the foundations of homes. Previous owners who had fled their homes for one reason or another had buried their valuables hoping to return when the political situation became better. For us, if we should we find a treasure it belongs by right to the government. Under Jewish law, however, finders were keepers. So the situation in the parable would

seem perfectly natural for those listening to Jesus.

Second – The man found the treasure in a field. He was a farmhand. He wasn't walking along digging holes in the ground looking for treasure. He found it by accident. He wasn't like those people we often see walking along our beaches with metal detectors hoping to find something of value buried beneath the sand. This man was in a field. He discovered the treasure while he was working.

Third – The farmhand immediately re-buried the treasure, *“and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”* (Matthew 13:44b) He didn't pick up the treasure and run away with it. He sold all that he had and bought the field.

The Second parable. *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”* (Matthew 13:45-45)

In Jesus' day pearls were very popular. They were valuable and sometimes very expensive but, above all, they were prized for their beauty. Merchants scoured the seaport towns along the Red Sea and the Mediterranean searching for the most perfect pearl. In the parable, when that perfect pearl was found, nothing that the merchant had was worth keeping. *“He goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”* (Matthew 12:46)

The apparent difference between the two parables. In the parable of the treasure found in the field, the farmhand discovered the treasure by accident. He was just going about his daily work when he made this great discovery!

In the parable of the pearl of great price, the merchant had been searching for the perfect pearl his whole life. He finally found it!

Both men were filled with such joy that they didn't hesitate a single moment to sell all they had to obtain the treasure they discovered.

I invite you to ponder these two parables independently of each other. Remember the nature of a parable; it was spun just for you. Why does God want you to hear this parable about finding a treasure in a field? Why does God want you to ponder the life-long quest for the perfect pearl?

I end my reflection once again with the words of Jesus. *“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”* (Matthew 13:43b)



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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DAILY

MASSES

WEEKDAYS

7:30 – 12:15

SATURDAY

12:15 – 5:30 Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00 – 11:00 – 5:30 – 7:30

HOLY DAYS

7:30-12:15-7:00pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

RECITED ON WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

SUNDAY

5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

WEEKDAYS

11:45 until 12:10

SATURDAY

11:45 until 12:10

5:00 until 5:30

ROSARY

WEEKDAYS AT 11:55

NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Anne – Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass

St. Peter Julian Eymard –

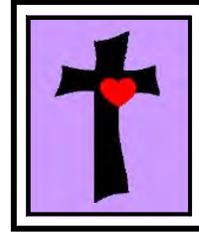
Thursday after the 12:15 Mass

JOIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Please register at the parish house, 184 East 76th Street any day during office hours from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily or fill out a registration card found at the rear of the church.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGES

To schedule a baptism or a marriage please contact the parish office to speak with Fr. John Kamas.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to schedule a home visit with one of the priests. 212-288-5082 Ext. 10

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR AN ADULT NEEDING COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

Make an appointment with Joan Prenty, Director of Religious Education, through the Parish Office by calling 212-288-5082 ext 30. Leave your contact information and she will get back to you to set up an appointment.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

TIME AND VENUE:

The Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be held every Sunday from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM in Wave Café of the High School, 173 East 75th Street. You may enter through the ramp on 76th Street at the east end of the rectory building .



MUSIC OF THE LITURGY

The scripture readings may be found in GATHER at No. 1028

HYMN OF GATHERING:

No. 742 "Gather Your People"

KYRIE

GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"Lord, I Love Your Commands"*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

No. 647 "Where Your Treasure Is"

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

ACCLAMATION

*When We Eat This Bread and Drink This Cup,
We Proclaim the Death of the Lord
Until He Comes Again*

THE GREAT AMEN

MUSIC AT COMMUNION:

No. 578 "We Remember"

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL:

No. 519 "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

**MUSICIANS
WANTED!**



If you sing or play an instrument, come join the music ministry. We always welcome new volunteers to join us at the Sunday Masses: 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM or 7:30 PM. This is a perfect time to dust off your instrument or clear your throat to praise the Lord in song. Contact Richard Owen for more information.

ADULT CHOIR OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE:

11:00 AM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal Sunday 10:00 AM, Choir Room.

5:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 5:00 PM. Choir Room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

11:00 AM Sunday Mass (first Sunday of the month);
Rehearsal Wednesday 5-5:30 PM, Choir Room

MODERN ENSEMBLE:

7:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 7:00 PM, in the Church

*Richard Owen, Jr., Director of Music Ministries & Organist
email: owenrick@aol.com; mobile: 845-729-4986
website: RichardOwenJr.com*

THE 7:30 SUNDAY MASS

Processional: No. 742 “Gather Your People”

Offertory: No. 647 “Where Your Treasure Is”

Communion: No. 578 “We Remember”

Recessional: “How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of a King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide
it trembles at his voice,
trembles at his voice

**How great is our God,
sing with me
How great is our God,
and all will see
How great
How great is our God**

And age to age He stands
and time is in His Hands
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End
The Godhead,
three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb

**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
how great is our God**



FACTS ABOUT THE CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

OUR MISSION

Everything we do, whether in our various ministries, in worship and prayer in the presence of the Eucharist, our daily living in community – everything is eucharistic evangelizing. We continually witness to the power of the Eucharist in our lives and in the Church. We give witness to the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood, proclaiming this great mystery. As Eucharistic evangelizers our personal and community life witness to the reality that we ourselves have to first be evangelized. We invite all God's people to share our Eucharistic spirituality.

WHO WE ARE

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament was founded in Paris, France, in 1856 by a French priest, St. Peter Julian Eymard. Since that time, its priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters have reached all continents of the globe and continue the mission begun by St. Eymard, the Apostle of the Eucharist. Like St. Peter Julian Eymard, Blessed Sacrament Religious want the Mystery of the Eucharist to be loved and lived in its fullness.

Blessed Sacrament Religious believe that Christ in the Eucharist has the power to effect a radical transformation in our society and in all people. The power of the Eucharist motivates and strengthens them to work for the establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth.



Procession to the Priestly ordination of Sudath Fernando SSS in Sri Lanka

WHERE WE ARE

Argentina	England	Puerto Rico
Australia	France	Scotland
Austria	Germany	Senegal
Belgium	Holland	Spain
Brazil	Ireland	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	India	Switzerland
Canada	Italy	Uganda
Chile	Mozambique	USA
Colombia	Peru	Vietnam
Congo	Philippines	

WHAT WE DO

Blessed Sacrament Religious share a common mission: to allow the mystery of the Eucharist to take hold of their lives so completely that they will live this mystery fully and proclaim its meaning through many diverse apostolates and reach out to mission lands in Asia and Africa.

We proclaim the reality of God's love in the Eucharist by our "gift of self" to Him and our brothers and sisters.

By prayer in the presence of the Eucharist and an active apostolic life, we strive to make Christ in the Eucharist better known and loved.

Our Eucharistic evangelizing includes celebrating the sacraments, writing, teaching, preaching, counseling, and working for justice. We publish *Emmanuel*, an award winning magazine for eucharistic spirituality, and other liturgical and devotional materials related to the Eucharist. We promote a program of Eucharistic evangelization called Life in the Eucharist (LITE).

We are active in the ecumenical movement and focus on having the Eucharist be a sacrament of unity. We bring communion to the sick and shut-ins, especially in hospital ministry. We offer hospitality and minister to priests and religious. In all that we do, Christ in the Eucharist is our inspiration and the center of our personal and community life.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I wish to thank the many people who volunteered to make this year's Novena to Saint Anne so special. The nine days of preparation for the Feast of Saint Anne are always special days of grace, renewal and healing. It takes a great deal of work and stamina to sustain the celebration throughout the ten days. So we thank the Fathers, Brothers, Sisters volunteers and support staff for their dedication and commitment to Saint Anne and the faithful who attended the Novena this year.

May God bless all of you, and our wonderful parish!

-Fr. John A. Kamas, SSS, Pastor



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Sunday collection amounted to \$ 8,219.00

ParishPay amounted to \$ 225.16

Total: \$8,444.16

ALERT: Please keep St. Jean's in mind when you travel or vacation. We rent every possible space in the complex in order to make up for our yearly shortfall. The weekly collection barely covers half the Parish expenses. When our collection dips below \$10,000 we feel a terrible strain on our cash flow. Please commit to the support of the parish. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Next weekend, August 4th and 5th, we will be taking up the annual collection for the support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Monsignor Thomas Modugno will be speaking on behalf of the Society at Saturday evening Mass and the two morning Masses on Sunday.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in exploring Catholicism for yourself, or perhaps you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about our faith?

Were you baptized in another Christian Church, and are thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you Catholic, but never received Confirmation or First Communion? Please consider joining the RCIA program.

Contact Ms. Joan T. Prenty, DRE at 212-288-5082 ext. 30 or stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Join the Religious Ed family at St. Jean Baptiste. St. Jean Baptiste welcomes all children and adults for religious education. Classes for children are held on Wednesdays, but we will try to accommodate all!

Contact Ms. Joan T. Prenty, DRE at 212-288-5082 ext. 30 or stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com

OLD TESTAMENT STUDY DAY

Join Mrs. Elizabeth Brim, MA, DRE and Professor at St. John's University for a day of reflection of the Old Testament on Wednesday, August 16 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM in the Eymard Room.

To RSVP call Joan T. Prenty at 212-288-5082 or email her at stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP



We are enjoying a most successful year with the Toddler Play Group. Eighty children ranging from 18 months to 3 1/2 years old are having their first "school" experience in our well-equipped and friendly play room. The program runs until June and reservations for the upcoming year, which begins in mid-September, have started to come in. If you, or any friends, will be looking for a place

for the Fall, we urge you to reserve now.

Call the St. Jean's Toddler Play Group Director, Pauline Reenock at 212-472-2853 Ext. 2 for more information or to plan a visit.

GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

Calvary Hospital's Grief and Bereavement services will soon be starting a "Precious Moments" group in Manhattan! The group is offered to children between the ages of 6 to 11, who have experienced the death of a loved one. This group is open to both Calvary Hospital families, as well as community members, and it is free of charge. The group itself will be located at St. Jean Baptiste High School, 173 East 75th Street, between 3rd and Lexington Avenue.

"Precious Moments" is an age-appropriate group designed for children to come and express themselves on a topic that is usually difficult for them to share. In this space, children are given the time and attention needed to find their voice and to disclose their feelings. Most often, this is done so through artistic expression such as arts and crafts, storytelling, and puppetry.

If you know of or are in contact with children who may benefit from this group, please feel free to contact Brittany Dalbow, Bereavement Counselor, at (646) 771-6604 to schedule an initial intake for the group, as well as to gain further information.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The St. Jean's Chapter of the Nocturnal Adoration Society will hold its monthly Prayer Vigil on Friday, August 4, 2017, from 5:00 pm (Evening Prayer) to 9:00 pm.



COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE

JULY 24- JULY 30

MONDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)
6:00-8:00 **LA Meeting** (Toddler Center)

TUESDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)

WEDNESDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)
1:00-2:00 **Senior Luncheon** (Eymard Room)

THURSDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)
6:00-10:00 **Elegant Dance** (Great Hall)

FRIDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)
10:00-2:00 **Senior Bingo** (Eymard Room)
6:00-10:00 **Manhattan Dance** (Great Hall)

SATURDAY:

NO EVENTS

SUNDAY:

1:00-3:00 **Elegant Dance** (Toddler Center)

The Center is available for seasonal and special events, parties, business meetings, wedding receptions, lectures and birthdays. For information as to availability and rates, contact the Director: Mr. Antonio Boccia at (212) 472-2853, ext. 1.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 30

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 Peter Gaine
11:00 Marie & Thomas Hogan
5:30 Joseph Satchwell
7:30 John M. Gallagher

MONDAY, July 31

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

7:30 Rose Reeves Yuguing
12:15 Constantine Surazynski

TUESDAY, August 1

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

7:30 For the Parishioners
12:15 In Honor of St. Anne

WEDNESDAY, August 2

7:30 The Zocche Family
12:15 Luca Zocche

THURSDAY, August 3

7:30 Constantine Surazynski
12:15 Constantine Surazynski

FRIDAY, July August 4

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

7:30 John M. Gallagher
12:15 The Feeley Family

SATURDAY, August 5

12:15 Anne Marie Mayers-Samaroo
5:30 Rosendo Nate, Jr.

THE NEW YORK COMMON PANTRY



New York Common Pantry is dedicated to reducing hunger throughout New York City while promoting dignity and self-sufficiency. St. Jean's is one of the early benefactors of the program and continues to support the distribution of healthy, nourishing food to those in need.

PLEASE ASSIST THE WORK OF THE PANTRY

by leaving donations of non-perishable food at St. Joseph's altar. The pantry picks up regularly from the Parish Office.

CELEBRANTS FOR AUGUST 5-6

Saturday

5:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS

Sunday

9:00 – Rev. George Dunn, SSS
11:00 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS
5:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS
7:30 – Rev. Norman Pelletier, SSS

RENEW AND REBUILD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

We're underway! We've signed contracts with PASCOM SOUND to conclude the upgrading of the sound system in the church. This involves a great deal of digital programming, and the installation of two major speakers (one is 15 feet long and the other 7 feet), and replacing and repositioning the present speakers in the church. This has a price tag of \$59,985. We're budgeting an additional \$10,000 for electrical work. The school auditorium is getting a completely new system. We've budgeted \$75,000 for the sound system and electrical work.

Both the church and the auditorium are daunting projects because of the amount of reverberation in both spaces. The church has the additional challenge of the many columns that interfere with the streaming of direct sound. To address that issue, we're going to add new speakers on the columns.



We don't have a date for the installation work yet. We've given a down payment of \$40,000 to purchase the speakers from the manufacturer.

A sidewalk bridge has been erected along 76th street. Over the next few weeks we'll be scaffolding the dome in preparation for some stone repair at the base of the cooper roof, and the recaulking, painting and sealing of the 12 stained glass windows. The construction of the scaffold will take about a month, the window and stonework about 6 weeks, and another month to take down the scaffold. (That's if everything goes as planned. Enough said!) The down payment for the scaffolding was \$100,000 with another \$26,000 to be paid at the conclusion of the job. The window repair and restoration was estimated at \$60,000. The stone work can't be estimated until the stone is inspected after the scaffold has been erected.

Finally, FELIX CHAVEZ, INC. is currently working in the vestibule of the church repainting parts of the walls that have been damaged over the years. The company is also restoring the exterior doors that aren't in good shape. They suffer from extensive exposure to rain and snow. This is a \$25,000 project.

We thank everyone who donated to the 2016-17 RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN that the diocese initiated. We're presently waiting for the first check from the diocese, about \$100,000. Concerned and generous parishioners give regularly for the maintenance of the church building. We managed to squirrel away \$179,000 outside the RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN for restoration maintenance. We're using this money to jumpstart the present projects. Thank you for your stewardship and dedication to the maintenance of this architectural gem and monument to the Catholic faith.

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