

**The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year A**

Sunday July 24, 2011

Readings: 1) 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12      2) Romans 8:28-30      3) Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**The focus for today's Mass is that we are to seek the treasures of God's Kingdom.****In Today's Liturgy of the Word,****In the first reading, Solomon asks God for wisdom, and God is pleased. In the second reading, we are reminded that we are called by God to conform to the image of his Son. In the Gospel, Jesus uses parables to teach his listeners that the Kingdom and its riches are a great and precious treasure.****GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:****As we seek to build up the Kingdom of God, let us join together in offering our petitions to the Lord.****For our Pope Benedict, Bishop Henry and Father Raul****As they ask us****to strive to value the Kingdom of God  
over worldly treasures.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For police, fire and emergency workers,  
as they offer protection and service to others.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the sick.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our parish****as we seek to grow in wisdom and understanding,  
so we can effectively witness the Gospel.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause).**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:****Gracious God, we praise and give you glory. Hear our prayers and grant them according to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

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