

Sunday, July 26, 2020

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

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that the wise seek God.

When Solomon asked for an understanding heart to lead his people, he must have known that it was the one gift that opened the door to every other gift. For wisdom (prudence) is the virtue that guides all other virtues, and grounds judgment. The wise seek God, and those who know him seek to know him more, as Solomon, and the parables, demonstrate.

God tells Solomon to ask for anything, and he asks for an understanding heart to lead his people. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that, *all things work for good for those who love God*. In the Gospel, Jesus uses three parables [buried treasure, pearl of great price, and a full fish net] to explain the kingdom of heaven.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Let us approach the Father with our prayers, confident of his infinite love for us.

For the Church of Christ, and all who dwell within her.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

**For the healing of nations,
and for the dawning of peace and justice in lands torn by strife.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, body and spirit,
may the Lord bring them hope.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For this parish community, may we do our best to reflect the face of Christ to others.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

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

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

God our Father,
please hear our prayers and grant them according to your holy will,
through your Son, Jesus Christ.