



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

St. Jude Shrine, July 26, 2026.

COMMENTARY *This Sunday, the liturgy alerts us to a very important issue: our priorities. For the evangelist Matthew, there is no doubt: to be a Christian is to have the Kingdom of God as a priority, as the most important goal, as a fundamental value. To possess it, we need to let go of ourselves, of the false values of this world, and of attachment to material goods. To those who are willing to sell everything to possess the treasure of the Kingdom, Jesus promises the reward of eternal life. With confidence, let us welcome **Father Max** and begin our celebration...*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. ENTRANCE SONG

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
Come among us fill this place,
Heal our hurting, mend our wounds,
Come among us with your grace.
2. Pour your love upon us now,
Touch our spirits make us new.
See our longing, hear our prayer,
Come among us with your grace.
3. Bless this moment
Take our hearts, use our hands to honor you.
With our voices we will sing,
"Come among us with your grace."

2. GREETINGS

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you All.

All: **And with your spirit.**

3. PENITENTIAL ACT

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

(SILENCE)

All: **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking breast, say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Celebrant: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

1. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart,
Kyrie Eleison (2x)
2. You came to call sinners,
Christe Eleison (2x)
3. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, to intercede for us,
Kyrie Eleison (2x)

4. GLORY

**Glory to God, give glory to God
Glory to God in the highest
Peace on the Earth and Glory to God
Peace to all people
Peace to all people on Earth**

1. Lord God Heavenly King
Almighty God and Father
We worship you,
We give You thanks
We praise you for Your glory
Refrain
2. Lord Jesus Christ - Only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the World,
have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer
Refrain
3. For You alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High - Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father
Refrain

5. LET US PRAY

Celebrant: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6. FIRST READING (1KGS 3,5.7-12)

A Reading from the first book of kings:

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made

me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So, God said to him: "Because you have asked for this — not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right — I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

7. RESP. PSALM (Ps119,57.72.76-77.127-130)

(2x) R. (97a) Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part / is to keep your words.
/ The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Response

Let your kindness comfort me / according to your
promise to your servants. / Let your compassion come to
me that I may live, / for your law is my delight.

Response

For I love your command / more than gold, however fine.
/ For in all your precepts I go forward; / every false way I
hate.

Response

Wonderful are your decrees; / therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your words sheds light, giving
understanding to the simple.

(2x) R. Lord, I love your commands.

8. SECOND READING (ROM 8,28-30)

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

9. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (MT 11,25)

(2x) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and Earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

(2x) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

10. GOSPEL READING (MT 13,44-52)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel, † according to St. Mathew:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "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. 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. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

11. PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. All: Amen.

12. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, confident that our life is hidden with Christ, let us ask our Father of goodness to grant us wisdom, so that we may pray for what is best according to His loving plan.

Let us say: **All: Grant us, Lord, the reward of eternal life!**

1. For the Church, faithful steward of God's grace, that she may inspire in her sons and daughters a longing for the future goods that do not perish, *let us pray to the Lord:*
2. For the leaders of nations, that they may govern with true wisdom the peoples whom the Lord has legitimately entrusted to them, *let us pray to the Lord:*
3. For all who invoke God as Father and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, that they may be living witnesses of the Gospel, *let us pray to the Lord:*
4. For those who seek the riches of this world, that they may discover in following Christ the true treasure of their lives, *let us pray to the Lord:*

5. For our grandparents, whether on earth or in Heaven, that they may receive from God the reward for the treasure of wisdom they witness to, *let us pray to the Lord:*

(Other intentions)

Celebrant: Holy Father, we know that without Your grace we can do nothing. Grant us, therefore, the gift of wisdom to discern what is good, what is just, and what pleases You, so that we may reach You without straying. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

13. OFFERING SONG

Take this bread, gift and work of human hands,
Take this wine from this branch of your vine.
Take our lives as an offering to you,
God of mercy, singing "Blessed be our God!"
(*Twice this verse above*)

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

14. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS LET US PRAY

Celebrant: Accept, O Lord, we pray the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface IV:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal being with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord. Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim: **Holy, Holy..**

Holy, Holy,
Holy Lord God of host
Heaven and Earth are full
Are full of your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes,
Who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body † and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith. (Singing)

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with **Leo our Pope and Odilo our Bishop** and all the clergy.

† Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph - her Spouse, *with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. All: Amen.

16. COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say together:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe

from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All: Peace be with you.

17. LAMB OF GOD

(3x) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: grant us peace.

Celebrant: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

18. COMMUNION SONG

Take and eat, take and eat, take and eat this bread, /Take and drink, take and drink, do this and you will be fed

1. Jesus the night he was betrayed
Took bread, gave thanks (he broke it) and said
This is my body, given for you,
Do this in memory of me

Refrain

2. In the same way after supper
The Lord Jesus Christ, took the cup and said
This is my blood, given for you,
Do this in memory of me

Refrain

3. For whenever we eat this bread,
And drink from this sacred cup,
We proclaim, the Lord said until He comes
He comes again
Refrain (2x)

19. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION LET US PRAY

Celebrant: We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

20. FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father †, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit †, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
All: Amen.

21. FINAL SONG

1. No one can live as an Island,
Journeying through life alone.
Since we're most Loved by a Mother,
Jesus gave us His own.

**Be with us Mary along the way,
Guide every step we take.
Lead us to Jesus Your Loving Son
Come with us, Mary come.**

2. When Jesus met with rejection,
Mary stood by the cross;
How can a Mother desert her Son?
She'll also stand by us.

Refrain

3. Help us, oh star of the ocean,
Be with us in our strife,
When we are faced with temptation,
Tossed by the storms of life.

Refrain

4. Often enough in life's banquet
We shall run short of wine.
Then as at Cana, request your Son
To make our lives divine.

Refrain

(2x) *Come with us Mary,
Come with us Mary come...*

22. ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

PRAYER TO MOTHER MARY: Hail Mary, full of grace.
**The Lord is with you. Blessed art you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at
the hour of our death. Amen.**

GLORY BE: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, **as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.**



**You are all invited to join us on August 23 at
10 am and celebrate together the 9th anniversary
of the English Mass.**