

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

Bless the Lord, O my soul!



Masses For The Week

Sun 26 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Carmen Jimenez (Armando & Nena Colchado)
+Maria Liñan (Armando & Nena Colchado)
+Trinidad & Estefana Cassiano (Josie Ponce de Leon)
For the Health of Griselda Alba (Mancha Family)
For the Health of Maggie Inocencio (Linda Mancha)

Thr 30 Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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God says to Solomon, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” “The Lord was pleased that Solomon” asked for an understanding heart instead of for long life or riches—for health and wealth can easily be lost, whereas “all things work for good for those who love God.” The desire of Solomon is what characterizes the heart of the man who sells all he has to buy the treasure-bearing field. The desire of Solomon is what sets apart the merchant who risks his whole livelihood to buy what he judges to be the “pearl of great price.” They can make these sacrifices with certainty because that treasure, that pearl corresponds to the very call and purpose of God in their lives. And what is that purpose? To be conformed to the image of his Son—in all his glory.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

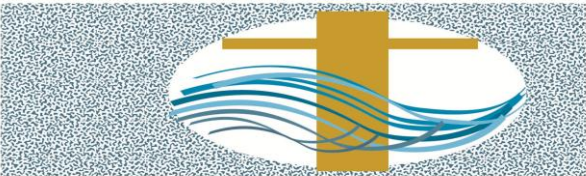
1 Kings 3:5, 7–12 / Romans 8:28–30 / Matthew 13:44–52 or 13:44–46

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Jesus’ favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God’s dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God’s reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus’ disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus’ work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.

CCD REGISTRATION SET TO BEGIN

Registration will take place on August 23 and 30 after the 9 a.m. Mass. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER DURING THESE DAYS. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

To Register Your Child(ren) in our Parish’s CCD Program (First Communion & Confirmation):

1. Parents must be active [already have been coming to Mass with child(ren)] and registered members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. If not registered, parents must register at Parish Office in person. Then the family must remain active for one year to qualify to register for the following year in our CCD Program.
2. Parents must bring a copy of the child’s **Baptismal Certificate** and **First Communion Certificate** to Registration.

NO CERTIFICATES.
NO REGISTRATION!
NO EXCEPTIONS!

**All CCD Classes will be held on Sundays
From 10:15 am to 12:00 pm
beginning on September 6**

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Any adolescent [(already have been coming to Mass with parent(s)] who has reached the age of 14 by September 1 of this year and has not been confirmed is encouraged to register.

2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal Report as of June 2026 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

2026 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL
Building The Kingdom Together

\$ 10,145.00 - Our Gifts to Date
\$ 12,345.00 - Our Pledges to Date
\$ 2,996.00 - Our Parish Goal
31-Families Participating

Create for me, O Lord, a clean heart



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Last Sunday’s Collection
Envelopes: \$ 861.00

Loose: \$ 56.00

Children’s Envelopes: \$ 0.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 917.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,695.00

Dear Padre

July 26, 2026

I’m in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage “convalidated.” Why? And what does that mean?

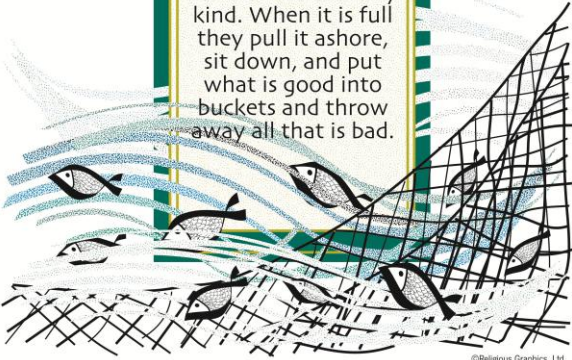
Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be “regularized” and “documented” for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●

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The Kingdom of God is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they pull it ashore, sit down, and put what is good into buckets and throw away all that is bad.



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