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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12 You have asked for wisdom.

Reading 2: Romans 8:28-30 God predestined us to be confirmed to the image of his son.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 He sells all that he has and buys the field.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	25	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday	26	8:30 a.m.	KW	June Terwert	✠	Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday	26	10:30 a.m.	SH	Bertha Mans	✠	Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Tuesday	28	9:00 a.m.	ML	Butch Criser	✠	Seventeenth Tuesday of Ordinary Time
Wednesday	29	5:30 p.m.	ML	Betty Ricke	✠	Memorial of St. Martha
Thursday	30	8:30 a.m.	KW	Charles and Josephine Inslee	✠	Seventeenth Thursday of Ordinary Time
Friday	31	8:30 a.m.	SH	Mary Ann Mantooth	✠	Memorial of St. Ignatius
Saturday	1	5:00 p.m.	ML	Velma Jean Hammersmith	✠	Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	2	8:30 a.m.	KW	Ernie and Connie Hoch	✠	Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	2	10:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: So Simple In the early 1970s Leonard Bernstein composed a dramatic oratorio, *Mass*, for the inauguration of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington. The work begins with the main figure, the Celebrant, preparing for the liturgy with a prayer that cries out for something unexpected: simplicity.

"Sing God a simple song . . . God loves all simple things. For God is the simplest of all."

I've always loved that idea. It challenges us, like this portion of Matthew's Gospel, and it tells us that perhaps God's kingdom isn't what we think. Something great can be so small, so elusive, so *simple*. It may be the simplest thing of all.

We tend to complicate our notions of God. But the readings these last few Sundays suggest otherwise. Could God, in his majesty and greatness, be found in something as humble as a shell, as primitive as a seed, or as ordinary as the earth? Is God something to be caught, like a fish in a net? Maybe. God could be closer than we realize.

Again and again, the Gospel calls us back to the basics. A seed of love. The yeast of compassion. A pearl of humility and hope.

Maybe, Jesus says, we misunderstand what makes God grand—and what makes God's work so wondrous. It's just that simple. Just that small. And just that overwhelming.

"God loves all simple things. For God is the simplest of all."

Deacon Greg Kandra

Word of Life

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Jerome Ricke, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Chuck Hobson, Hugh Rankin, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Lawrence Rausch, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Eulanda (Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Nick Noland, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

On-Line Giving

I am pleased to announce that we have partnered with myEoffering to provide you with the convenience of making online contributions. Online giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Fr Mark.

Link of the Week: Check out www.cruxnow.com

Catholics Vote!

A key tenant of Catholic life is faithful citizenship. We ALL have a responsibility to exercise that citizenship by voting. The Kansas Catholic Conference is helping by initiating a statewide nonpartisan voter registration drive. Please go to www.kansascatholic.org and click the link for Voter Registration Information. Please register today and vote your Catholic values.

Holy Rosary Parishioners: Remember to sign-up for Flocknote!

SCAM ALERT!

A number of parishioners have received texts or emails claiming to be from the pastor and asking for money or gift cards. This is a SCAM! Do not reply to them or click on any link.

Ministry Schedule August 1st – 2nd

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Briana Stephenson	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Volunteer
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Michael Lynch Myra Dick Kayla Zerr Marge Wright Nathan Honas
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Volunteers
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Marge Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright