

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Let us bring our prayers today to the God who has revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

- ☉ For our Church, as we continue to seek God's greatest treasures in the poor, the humble, and the outcast of the world, we pray;
▶ **God of Wisdom, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ That the leaders of our nation might govern with wisdom as they seek to serve the needs of all those entrusted to them, we pray;
▶ **God of Wisdom, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ For teachers, coaches, and all who work to share their wisdom and experience with others, we pray;
▶ **God of Wisdom, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ For all those seeking to learn the commandments of God, and for those inquiring about our faith, that they may learn from us of God's great love, we pray;
▶ **God of Wisdom, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ For police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and all first responders who risk their lives and welfare to serve and protect us, we pray;
▶ **God of Wisdom, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ That the faithful departed may be forgiven and raised up with Christ, especially Deacon Florian "Dutch" Hurrish, we pray;
▶ **God of Wisdom, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ That God hears the prayers of our basket, Raymond & Agnes Sampson, Eileen Busa, the Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes and the continued success of the Renovation projects, we pray;
▶ **God of Wisdom, hear our prayer.**

(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)

Presider: O God of wisdom, teach us your ways, that we may live according to your will. Grant this and all our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN!

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 29-30, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS:

†Raymond & Agnes Sampson
†Eileen Busa

Living and Deceased Members
of St. Joseph & St. Stephen
Parishes



PENITENTIAL RITE:

We seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, living Word, you are the source of all
that is good:

Lord have mercy;

.....**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, giver of life, you lead us to everlasting life:

Christ have mercy;

.....**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, just judge, you will come in glory on the
last day:

Lord have mercy;

.....**Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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. Amen.

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.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#45, Gather - Psalm 100
We Are His People

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.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.