

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, July 26, 2020



Gospel Reflection

To the seeker after fine pearls may be applied the words, “Seek and you will find,” and, “Everyone who seeks will find.” If you ask what is to be sought, and what will be found by everyone who seeks for it, I say with all confidence: pearls—especially that pearl which will be acquired by those who give their all, who sacrifice everything for it, the pearl Paul meant when he said: “I have accepted the loss of everything in order to gain Christ.” “Everything” means beautiful pearls; “to gain Christ” refers to the one pearl of great price.

Admittedly, a lamp is precious to people in darkness, and they need it until sunrise. Precious too was the radiance on the face of Moses—and I believe on the faces of the other prophets also. It was a sight of beauty leading us to the point of being able to see the glory of Christ, to whom the Father bore witness in the words: “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.” But compared with this surpassing glory, what formerly was glorious now seems to have no glory at all. We need at first a glory destined to be outshone by an all-surpassing glory, just as we need the partial knowledge which “will be superseded when that which is perfect has come.”

Thus, everyone beginning to live a spiritual life and growing toward maturity needs tutors, guardians, and trustees until the fullness of time arrives for him, so that after all this, he who at first was *no different from a slave although he owned the whole estate*, may on his emancipation receive his patrimony from his tutor, guardians, and trustees.

This patrimony is the pearl of great price, and the coming of what is perfect to supersede what is imperfect when, after acquiring the forms of knowledge, if we may call them so, which are inferior to knowledge of Christ, one becomes able to understand the supreme value of knowing Christ. The law and the prophets fully comprehended are the preparation for the full comprehension of the gospel and the complete understanding of the acts and words of Christ Jesus.

SC 162, 173-177 (Origen)

***"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."
Saint Augustine***

PARISH & MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

- As ordered by the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the County Health Department, St. Cecilia remains unable to offer ANY PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE due to the COVID-19 health crisis.
- In addition, effective Monday, July 20th, due to new, more stringent work regulations prescribed by the City and County of San Francisco, our Parish Office is now closed until further notice.
- See the parish website (stcecilia.com) or leave a voicemail message with the Parish Office for updates regarding when we will resume PUBLIC masses and reopen the Parish Office. We will check the Parish Office messages and return calls throughout the week.
- The church will be open for visitation and personal prayer, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, thanks to the dedicated service of the Knights of St. Cecilia.
- In the interim, please join us for our daily 9:00 AM mass, live-streamed seven days a week via the parish website: <http://cdn.audiovideoweb.com/lnks/play/8c3flslive2083>

Act of Spiritual Communion (for use with live-stream Masses)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love YOU above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN.

Two New Priest To Be Ordained

On Saturday, August 1st at 10:00 AM Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will ordain Benjamin Rosado and Ian Quinto. All are welcome to live-stream the mass at <https://www.pius.org/stream>.

"Finding God at the Movies": A Live Online Course

Tuesdays, July 28, and August 4, 7:30 - 8:00 pm

All are welcome to discuss cinematic art with Dr. Margaret Turek, Dr. Anthony Lilles, and Fr. Larry Ferrera, S.J. "Great stories are concerned with nothing less than the whole point of living," said novelist Joseph Conrad. Yet a distinctive mark of today's movies is the presence of the absence of

God. The course will cover a sample of movies which portray what is left of our human aspirations after God is forgotten, and show why a spiritual awakening is essential to human happiness. Helping others to come to this realization - to find God "in the dark" - is at the heart of our mission of evangelization. For complete information and to register, visit sfarchdiocese.org/film.

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park

The director of Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park announced that due to the restrictions imposed by Coronavirus health and safety measures, the center will close immediately. The closure will remain in effect until January 2021 when the situation will be reevaluated. Please keep the staff and those who would normally benefit from retreats at the Center in your prayers.

The Center's on-line speakers and programs will continue.

Friday, July 31 - Sunday, August 2, 2020

A 3 Day Virtual Retreat

"Shiny Bits of Scripture" with Alice Camille

For complete information and registration deadlines, visit vallombrosa.org/calendar.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27

Ann Hogan

Lupe Kolenda

Minne Wason Miguel

Tuesday, July 28

Carolyn Daly

Gregory Robert Morris

Joan Roemer

Wednesday, July 29

Mary McEntee McNally

John Bagatelos

Patrick McHugh

Thursday, July 30

Philip & Patricia Kwan

Ann Hogan

Rod Montgomery

Friday, July 31

Denis Murphy

Con Hagan

Frank Clark

Saturday, August 1

Stephen McEntee, Special Intention

Frank Clarke

Eugene Clark

Sunday, August 2

Peggy Clarke

Simon Corry

STAY SOCIALLY DISTANT
BUT SPIRITUALLY CLOSE



"AS THE SPARROW FINDS A HOME AND THE SWALLOW A NEST TO SETTLE HER YOUNG,
MY HOME IS BY YOUR ALTARS, LORD OF HOSTS, MY KING AND MY GOD!"

PSALM 84:4