

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Word of God is ever alive and ever new!

*Feed your
spirit with
the word of God*

**It brings a freshness to our lives if we listen with
open hearts.**



Matthew 13:44-52

The Treasure in the Field



Old and New Treasures



Jesus said to the crowds, *'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.*



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.



When we find what is precious to us, we will do anything to try to have it!

The kingdom of God is more precious than any other treasure known to us!

We spend our lives looking for it and moving closer to it!

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use.



**When we look back on our day
there is always some part of it
that we need to let go of so
that we are ready for a fresh
start tomorrow!**



This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

**The more selfishness that we let go of each day, the less that will need to be let go at the end of our lives!
A life lived well gives us peace and freedom from unnecessary burdens!**



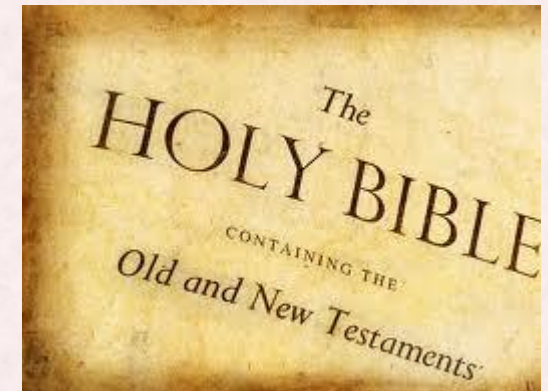
Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’



There are valuable treasures in both the past and in the present!

Jesus helped the people to accept change and a new way of looking to the future with hope.

Some of the people were stuck in old ways of being.....they had to be willing to see with fresh eyes!



Read **Matthew 13:44-52** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



**What are the treasures in your life?
How are you going to give thanks to God for these treasures?**



**Pray for the grace to be grateful for
the treasures in your life.**

**Ask God to help you to
the gift of joy with
others.**

