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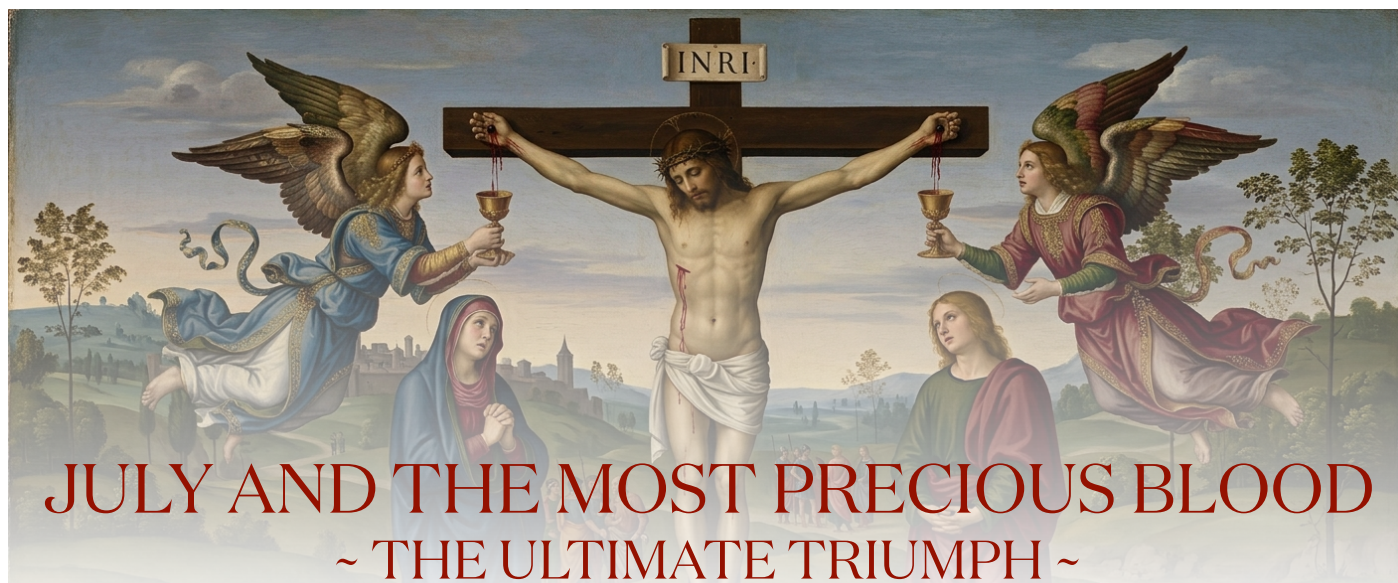
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As we conclude our July reflections on the Precious Blood of Our Lord, we are invited to look beyond our individual spiritual lives and lift our eyes to the grand, cosmic scope of Christ's redemption. From the very beginning of salvation history, blood has stood as the primary sign of covenant and divine protection. In the Old Testament, Israelite families marked their doorposts with the blood of the paschal lamb, finding safety when the angel of death passed over Egypt. How much infinitely greater is the protection afforded to us by the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ? His Blood, shed once for all upon the altar of the Cross, it is not merely a historical memory; it is a living, invisible shield that continues to safeguard the faithful, protect our households, and triumphantly overcome every power of darkness and division in our world today.

In our daily spiritual warfare, we often forget the potent spiritual weapon entrusted to us by our Holy Mother the Church. The enemy continually seeks to sow discord in

our families, despair in our hearts, and subtle doubt in our minds. Yet, whenever we consciously invoke the Precious Blood - pleading its protection over our homes, our families, and our daily labours - we align ourselves directly with the definitive victory of the Cross. Incorporating simple acts of piety, such as praying the Litany of the Precious Blood or making a humble morning consecration, serves as a powerful, reassuring reminder that no evil can withstand the redeeming power of the Lamb. This devotional practice sanctifies our domestic surroundings, bringing interior peace to troubled minds and restoring true harmony to struggling households.

Beyond earthly protection, this devotion anchors our deepest hope for eternal salvation. The Book of Revelation speaks of the triumphant saints in Heaven as those who "have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." It is through this priceless ransom that the gates of Paradise, once closed by original sin, were thrown wide open to all humanity. Furthermore, the

effectiveness of the Precious Blood extends into the afterlife to comfort and relieve the suffering Holy Souls in Purgatory, hastening their joyous entry into heavenly glory. Whenever we offer the Precious Blood during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or in our private prayers, we participate in a grand work of divine mercy that spans Earth, Purgatory, and Heaven itself.

Though the special month of July now draws to a close, our personal devotion to the price of our redemption must never fade from our daily routine. Let us carry the rich lessons of these past four weeks forward: approaching the Holy Eucharist with profound awe, seeking frequent cleansing in the Sacrament of Penance, and praying daily for the sheltering of our loved ones under Christ's protective sacrifice. May the Precious Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, remain our constant refuge in times of trial, our unwavering strength in temptation, and our everlasting joy when we finally stand before Him in eternal glory.

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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## DONATIONS

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

### Rosters

### Church and Toilets Cleaning

Sam Eid, Sharlene Eid, Annette Akkary,  
Paulo Lasalo

### Flower Arranging

Patricia Robertson & Sharon Minns

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 7:15 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

### Rosters

### Church Cleaning Group 1:

D.Portelli, L.Toman, W.Krasinski, J.Galea,  
A.Quinlan, N.Begley

### Readers

**Vigil** Sisters, Racquel La Rosa,  
Rebecca Hanson

**10:00 a.m.** Mary Georges,  
Jasmine Miranda, Armani Barakat

### Children's Liturgy

Elmo and Shanthi Xavier

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,  
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, John Borg,  
Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Gioenco,  
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter  
Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Jacob Lee, Josephine  
Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben  
Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo  
Tognini, Sam Warden, Gerard Watts.



Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.

## IN MEMORIAM

Juanita Zavalla Adato, Gil Adato, Victor Azzopardi, Joseph  
Baini, Carmen Bonello, Charlie Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen  
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie  
Camilleri, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John  
Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons,  
Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Nouhad Khoury, Kaye King, Thomas  
Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Mouna Malkoun, Lucila  
De Manuel, Roy McDonald, Aileen McIntyre, Jack McIntyre,  
Nancy McIntyre, Marie McDonald, Giovanna Mondello, Santo  
Mondello, Anthony Newell, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Jessica  
Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Michael O'Brien, Peter Olsen,  
Zackary Orenshaw, Samuel Pickering, Edward Pidgeon, Robert  
Pidgeon, Sheila Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Grace  
Saliba, Louis Saliba, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Alex Taktak,  
John Toye, John Vella, Peter Van Duc Vu, Graham Wales,  
Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe,  
William Yott, Jessie Zammit, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter

## **Reminder for Mobile Phones to be Switched Off Before Commencement of Holy Mass**

Before the Holy Mass begins, parishioners are reminded to turn off or switch their mobile phones to silent upon entering the church.

The church is the house of God and a place of sacred silence. A ringing phone directly disrupts the solemnity of the liturgy and distracts others from prayerful devotion before the Blessed Sacrament.

Please leave the noise of the world outside the church doors, offering our Lord your undivided attention. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining quiet reverence and sanctity in our churches.

## **Holy Trinity Church Audio System Upgrade Appeal**

A sincere thank you to everyone supporting the audio system upgrade at Holy Trinity Church. To help fund this next vital step in our parish refurbishment, we have applied for a NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant.

If you would like to make a contribution toward this project, please contact the Parish Office or donate securely online at [holycrossgranville.org.au/donate](http://holycrossgranville.org.au/donate) or by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for your enduring stewardship and care in preserving our sacred buildings.



## **Fr Galbert Taking Annual Leave**

Please note that Fr. Galbert, will be taking annual leave commencing this Sunday and returning in mid-August.

During this time, the Parish Office and Mass schedule will remain as normal. Should you require assistance or pastoral care while he is away, Fr. Joseph will be available to assist you.

## **Sacrament of Penance at Holy Cross Parish**

Parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance for the sanctification of their souls and spiritual renewal. Through humble confession and the priest's absolution, we receive God's mercy, purifying our hearts and restoring our union with the Church.

Confessions are heard each Wednesday at Holy Family Church from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. At Holy Trinity Church, the Sacrament is available every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Come and experience the peace of Christ's mercy.

## **Maintaining the Cleanliness of Our Churches**

A reminder to all to help maintain the beauty and solemnity of our churches. Recently, a noticeable amount of rubbish, including used tissues and water bottles, have been left behind in the pews after Masses.

Our churches are the houses of God, and caring for them is an act of reverence and respect for His presence. Please ensure you take all personal belongings and rubbish with you when you leave. Thank you for your cooperation and your continued stewardship in keeping our beautiful churches clean and worthy of solemn worship.

## **Annual Procession in Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, 14 August**

On Friday, 14 August, on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish will hold its annual candlelight procession in honour of this day. Following Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. the procession will form and walk to Holy Family Church.

To help with the procession, we are asking for people to volunteer as safety marshalls whose role it will be to help people to cross the roads safely and to help guide the procession. Please speak with Richard Zaiter, or contact the parish office if you are able to help.

The parish bus will be available to take people from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and the procession and then to take people back to Holy Trinity Church after the procession. Thank you to Joe Chidiac for once again arranging this for us.

Please join us as we honour the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on this most holy day as we take our faith to the streets as a sign of our gratitude to Almighty God for all that He does for us and also as a witness to our holy Catholic faith.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation, meaning that all are obligated to attend Mass on that day or its vigil (except for those legitimately unable to do so because of their age or their health). On Saturday 15 August, there will be two Masses said for the solemnity. The first being at Holy Trinity Church at 8:15 a.m. and the second at Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m. Please note that the regular vigil Masses on Saturday evenings will not be to commemorate the Solemnity as these Masses will be offered for as regular Sunday vigil Masses



## ***HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE HOLY CROSS PARISH APP?***

The Holy Cross Parish app is just another way of keeping updated on everything that takes place in the parish!

In addition to finding available Mass, Confession and Adoration times available in the parish, the app also has some great tools such as prayers, daily reflections, audio bible, news feeds, and homilies which are published weekly.

You can also find links to popular catholic podcasts, such as Dr. Taylor Marshall, Fr. Mike Schmitz and updated news from outlets such as the Catholic Weekly.

Once you have downloaded the app to your phone or device, simply click on the 'myparishapp' button, click on "find a parish" and type in "Holy Cross Parish"

Search for 'myparish' on the App Store or Google Play to download the app today!



# THE KING'S DAUGHTER IN GILDED CLOTHING

## ~ The Antiochene Tradition ~

As our discovery of the liturgical treasures of the universal Church continues, we turn our attention to the ancient city of Antioch and the rich Antiochene Tradition. Situated in modern-day Turkey near the Syrian border, ancient Antioch holds an irreplaceable place in Christian history. It was here, in this bustling metropolis, that the disciples of Jesus were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26), and where Saint Peter ministered before establishing his see in Rome. From this vibrant apostolic cradle sprang a distinct liturgical family characterised by deep monastic simplicity, profound poetic imagery, and an unwavering connection to the ancient Semitic roots of our faith.

To appreciate the Antiochene Tradition, one must look to its most prominent and resilient daughter: the Maronite Catholic Church. Founded around the life and witness of Saint Maroun, a fifth-century monk and hermit who lived a life of rigorous prayer and asceticism in the mountain of Syria. The Maronite tradition grew out of a spiritual movement rather than a royal court. Following Saint Maroun's death, his spiritual sons and daughters eventually sought refuge amidst the rugged, protective heights of Mount Lebanon to preserve their faith amidst centuries of political instability and persecution. Uniquely among all Eastern Catholic Churches, the Maronite Church holds the distinction

of having never severed its communion with the Holy See in Rome, maintaining an unbroken bond of papal loyalty throughout its entire history.

The most transcendent feature of the Maronite Liturgy - known in Syriac as the *Qurbano*, meaning the "Offering" or "Sacrifice" - is its sacred language. While many parts of the Divine Liturgy are celebrated in the local vernacular today, the central words of Consecration are traditionally chanted in Syriac, an ancient dialect of Aramaic. This is the very language spoken by Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Blessed Mother, and the Apostles. Hearing the priest chant the words of the Last Supper in the tongue of Christ creates an overwhelming sense of historical and spiritual connection, bridging two millennia and transporting the faithful directly to the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

Liturgically, the Antiochene Rite is marked by a deep sense of reverence, poetic theology, and monastic simplicity. The spiritual writings of Syrian fathers, most notable Saint Ephrem the Syrian - affectionately known as the "Harp of the Holy Spirit" - infuse the liturgical texts with rich, evocative metaphors rather than abstract philosophical definitions. In the Maronite Liturgy, incense plays a central role; during the *Hoseyo* (the prayer of forgiveness) rising clouds of fragrant incense symbolise the cleansing of sin and the prayers of the

faithful ascending to God's throne. The Antiochene Rite is also marked by distinct visual elements and gestures that set it apart from other traditions. A clear example is found in the priest's sacred vestments: unlike the tailored Western chasuble or the flowing, rounded Byzantine phelonion, the Maronite priest wears the phaino—a majestic, cape-like mantle worn over the shoulders that reflects both monastic dignity and royal authority. Furthermore, when bestowing a blessing upon the congregation, the priest holds a small hand cross. Rather than blessing with an open hand, this intimate gesture visually reminds the faithful that every grace, forgiveness, and benediction flows directly through the wood of the Cross and the triumphant victory of Christ. The reverence for the Holy Cross is paramount, with the cross honoured not merely as an instrument of execution, but as the cosmic tree of life and the victorious banner of the Resurrection.

Today, the Maronite Church has spread far beyond its spiritual homeland in Lebanon, establishing communities across many countries, including Australia and more locally in our neighbouring areas. By encountering the Antiochene Tradition, we are invited to breathe deeply of the Church's ancient semitic lung, drawing closer to the cultural and linguistic world in which our Saviour walked the earth.

# ASSUMPTION PROCESSION **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Volunteers are needed for the annual procession  
in honour of the Solemnity of the Assumption of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary on  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of August at 6PM.**

In particular, we need;

- Groups of 4 people to carry the bier
- Safety Marshalls
- Altar Servers



SCAN CODE OR CONTACT  
PARISH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER



# Saints & STUFF

## St. Melania the Younger

In this week's Gospel, Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a hidden treasure and a pearl of great price, declaring that when a person finds it, they joyfully sell everything they possess to buy it. A striking model of this radical surrender is St. Melania the Younger, a fifth-century Roman noblewoman who gave away one of the largest fortunes in the ancient world.

Born into immense privilege, with estates spanning Italy, North Africa, and Spain, Melania had everything the secular world prized. However, after experiencing deep personal tragedy and a spiritual awakening, she realised that earthly riches were worthless compared to the ultimate treasure of Christ.

Overcoming intense opposition from Roman aristocracy, Melania systematically sold off her massive holdings. She used the proceeds to free thousands of enslaved people, construct hospitals, and endow monasteries across the Mediterranean. She eventually moved to Jerusalem, living in humble obscurity and prayer until her death in A.D. 439.

St. Melania's life stands as a testament to the Gospel, proving that when we truly recognise the infinite value of Jesus, letting go of worldly security is never a loss, but pure joy.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Wisdom to Discern Truth*

**546** The parables are like a mirror for man: does he receive the Word like a hard soil or the good earth? ... The Kingdom demands a choice. To enter it, one must give everything; words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables of the treasure and the pearl show that the Kingdom is worth sacrificing every other attachment to possess.

**1038** The resurrection of all the dead, "of both the just and the unjust," will precede the Last Judgment. This will be "the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man's] voice and come forth, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

**1783** Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment.

## CATHOLIC Trivia

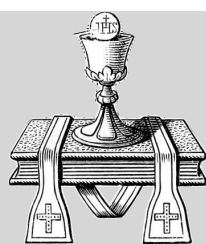
### The Monk Who Fought Bubbles

Dom Pérignon is world-famous today as the ultimate name in luxury champagne, but did you know this 17th-century Benedictine monk actually spent years trying to stop the bubbles?

As cellar master at Hautvillers Abbey in France, Dom Pérignon's main goal was to produce exceptional flat wine. In his era, unexpected spring warmth caused secondary fermentation inside the barrels and bottles. This produced carbonation, which was considered a major flaw. Worse still, the built-up pressure caused fragile glass bottles to burst. A single popping bottle could trigger a dangerous chain reaction across the dark cellar, earning sparkling wine the infamous nickname "the devil's wine."

To tackle this, the industrious monk introduced thicker glass, secure cork stoppers, and delicate grape-blending techniques to control the process. Yet while he worked tirelessly to eliminate the fizz, the English and French aristocrats fell head over heels for the bubbly, "faulty" drink.

What was once viewed as a defect quickly transformed into the world's most celebrated beverage. Dom Pérignon's meticulous care laid the foundation for modern winemaking, serving as a reminder that sometimes our unexpected mistakes can turn into something truly wonderful.



## MASS MATTERS

### ~ Preparation of the Altar ~

During the altar's preparation, two quiet actions carry profound theological meaning. First, the priest adds a single drop of water to the chalice of wine. The wine represents Christ's divinity and the water our fragile humanity; their mixing symbolises our entry into His divine life, recalling the blood and water flowing from His side on the Cross.

Next, the priest washes his hands—a ritual known as the Lavabo. Once a practical cleansing, it now signifies interior purification as he silently asks God to cleanse his heart before entering the Eucharistic Prayer. Finally, he invites us through the "Orate, Fratres" ("Pray, brothers and sisters"), uniting our hearts so this shared sacrifice may be acceptable to God.

The Readings

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**Introit**

(Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36)

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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**First Reading**

**The First Book of Kings**

(1 Kings 3:5.7-12)

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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**Responsorial Psalm**

(Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. R.

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. R.

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. R.

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. R.

**Second Reading**

**Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

(Romans 8:28-30)

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

(See Matthew 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of Matthew**

(Matthew 13:44-52)

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.

'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. 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.

'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.'

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**Communio**

(Psalm 102:2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

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*"A man seeking goodly pearls has found one pearl of great price; that is, he who is seeking good men with whom he may live profitably, finds one alone, Christ Jesus, without sin... Whatever else can be signified under the figure of the one precious pearl, its preciousness is the possession of ourselves, who are not free to possess it unless we despise all things that can be possessed in this world."*

*- St. Augustine of Hippo*