

FROM FR. DEO

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

This Sunday's readings invite us to seek and grow in divine wisdom. They ask us a simple but important question: What is the most important thing in your life? What is your greatest treasure?

I remember when I was in first grade, our teacher asked, "If you found a suitcase full of money, what would you do?" One student said he would buy a truckload of candy for the whole school; another would buy a house and car for his parents; yet another said she would feed the hungry and help the poor. But one little girl simply answered, "I'd give it to my mom." When the teacher asked why, she replied, "Because she would know what is really important."

We were all surprised by her mature answer. While the rest of us focused on the money, she trusted her mother to know what truly mattered. Her response reminds us that true wisdom is not about having or doing more but about knowing what is most important.

Jesus teaches us that true wisdom, our greatest treasure, is the Kingdom of God. Knowing, loving, and following Christ is worth more than wealth, success, or power. In the first reading (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12), when God invites Solomon to ask for anything, he chooses wisdom—a listening heart to know and do God's will. That is the greatest gift we can seek. We often pray for health, security, or success, but today's readings invite us to pray first for wisdom. In the Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52), Jesus tells two simple parables: a man discovers a hidden treasure, and a merchant finds a pearl of great price. Both sell everything they have because they recognize that what they have just found is worth far more than anything they already possess.

Many people spend their lives searching for happiness in wealth, success, or power, only to discover that something is still missing. As St. Augustine famously wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You." The greatest treasure is not "something"—it is Someone: Jesus Christ. Every Sunday we come to Mass because we have already found the treasure. In the Holy Eucharist, Christ gives Himself completely to us.

The question is whether we treasure Him enough to place Him at the center of our lives. As St. Paul reminds us, God can bring good even from our struggles when we trust in Him. May God give us listening hearts, the wisdom to recognize His Kingdom, and the courage to choose Christ above everything else.

In Parish news, Our Generation-to-Generation campaign is now underway. Thank you for your continued love and support for our Church. Please keep the campaign in your prayers and participate as you are able. Together, we are building a stronger parish for generations to come.

I am pleased to announce that our parishioner, Ryan Duggan, has been accepted as a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues to discern his vocation and begins his formation in preparation for possible ordination. We will introduce Ryan and his family to our parish community this weekend.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo