

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



All things work for good for those who love God.

— *Romans 8:28a*

JACKPOT

In our lottery- and sweepstakes-obsessed culture, it is common to ask ourselves or others what they would do if they won. In today's first reading, Solomon certainly hits the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for?

Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth's goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a "prize." We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel?

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Comment

God was pleased with King Solomon. The king was a good and just ruler and devoted to God. However, he felt humble as a successor to David and was concerned about his leadership skills. God came to Solomon in a dream, offering Solomon a gift of his choice. As a rich and powerful ruler, Solomon might have asked for a long life, more riches, and more power. Instead, he asked for wisdom so that he might distinguish between right and wrong.

The gifts of the kingdom are greater than anything we know. Jesus compares the kingdom to the finest jewels. If we found one such jewel in a field, we would sell all that we own in order to buy the land.

Reflection

We are told to renounce all that we have in order to acquire the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom is more precious than anything we know. It's easy to understand something more precious than jewels and other worldly possessions. But heaven is even more precious than our loved ones. It is more precious than wisdom, peace, and justice.

All things work for good for those who love God. The greatest treasure is one we don't yet know, but what of all the treasures working toward that ultimate treasure? Perhaps we haven't been given the exact gifts we've

asked for, but what treasures lie in our fields today? Is there a gift we've overlooked until now that hasn't been fully realized? Maybe today is the day to unearth the treasure and put it to work for a greater good.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2026 – 2027

REGISTRATION

(Note: **ALL CURRENT and NEW STUDENTS**)

WHEN: Starts: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Ends: Thursday, August 27, 2026

Days: Monday thru Thursday

Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Where: IHM Hall c/o Sister Tita, OND

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: NO REGISTRATION on WEDNESDAYS or SUNDAYS when CLASSES start!

CLASSES BEGIN:

(a) Wednesday, September 9th: 7th to 11th Grades
Class Time: 7:00-8:30pm

(b) Sunday, September 13th: Pre-K to 6th Grades
Class Time: 9:30-10:40am

***Religious Education Calendar 2026-2027 will be given upon registration.**

***Baptismal Certificate is required of all new registrants and current students without baptismal records.**

"Please come and register early!"

July 18/19, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$3,820.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1,488.00
BUILDING FUND.....	1,349.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$6,657.00

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► **RAFFLE TICKETS "2026 Jamaica" – Don't forget your raffle tickets !**

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**AN UNDERSTANDING
HEART**

Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Ebelio Solis; Rafael y Concha Acevedo; +Eugenia Guerrero

11:00AM – IHM – For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, July 28th 9:00AM-HF

+Guadalupe y Tom Morales, Belinda Gomez, Melinda Torres & Ray Reyes

Wednesday, July 29th 6:00PM - IHM

+José Cruces

Thursday, July 30th 9:00AM-HF

+Miguel Ortiz, Tomasita Alcaras, Alfonso, Sara & Benjamin Gonzales

Friday, July 31st 9:00AM – HF

+Elisandro, Albina, Israel & Morris Morales

Saturday, August 1st -

5:00-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Daniel Grimaldo; For the health and well-being of Sammy Camacho

7:00PM – Por la Gente de Nolan County

Sunday, August 2nd –

8:00AM – IHM +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Christopher Cardoza; +Martina Herrera

11:00AM – IHM – In thanksgiving for the birthday of John Falana; +Jaime Montealvo

Diocesan Cultural Relationships Survey. The Diocese of San Angelo is partnering with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., to evaluate and understand member relationships to their parish, clergy, and other parishioners. The survey focuses on the role of race and ethnicity in relation to members' experiences within the Church and in their everyday lives. In particular, Black and African Catholics are asked to respond; however, all are welcome to participate. Results of the survey will be shared at an Afternoon of Reflection on November 7 during National Black Catholic History Month. The survey is 100% confidential. Responses will be reported in summary form only. The survey will be available from July 27 to August 28. For more information, visit sanangelodiocese.org/survey.

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

August 1 - Guadalupanas

August 8 - Jamaica

Saturday, July 25th -

5:00-IHM – +Maria Morales Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales, Carlos C, Maria and Carlos Guerrero, Sr.; +Louis Flores; +Trini Longoria

Sunday, July 26th –

8:00AM – IHM En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Refugio Gonzalez y Sarah Kelly +Ezequiel, Albina,

• **MISSION APPEAL – *this weekend***, July 25/26, by the sisters religious order, “Oblates of Notre Dame”. The appeal is to raise funds for building a “Care Home” (Nursing Home) facility in the Philippines for the Oblate Sisters who are sick requiring special care. Please show your support for this great need.

WEDNESDAY – Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:00pm @IHM. Fr. Josh will be in the church after the Mass. If you need to go to confession, please let him know. He will hear confessions until 8:00pm.

GRUPO MISIONERO meets Thursdays, 7:00pm @Immaculate Heart Hall.

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, July 26th - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, July 27th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit

<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of July to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

►BABY DONATIONS to include:

Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,

New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,

Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de julio para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

►DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:

Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,

Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada, preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,

Laciones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

“HOLY SPIRIT 2026 VBS”

“The Rosary” - Incoming 7th – 12th grade,

Monday, July 27th, - Thursday, July 30th,

6:00pm – 8:00pm, at Holy Family Hall.

Sign-ups this weekend!

PRISON/JAIL MINISTRY: If you are actively involved in ministering to the incarcerated in the Municipal Jails, County Jails, Detention Centers, or Prisons, please send your name and contact information to the Director of Criminal Justice Ministry, Deacon Dan Shannahan at dshannahan@sanangelodiocese.org. He is attempting to compile an updated list with current data for CJM.

