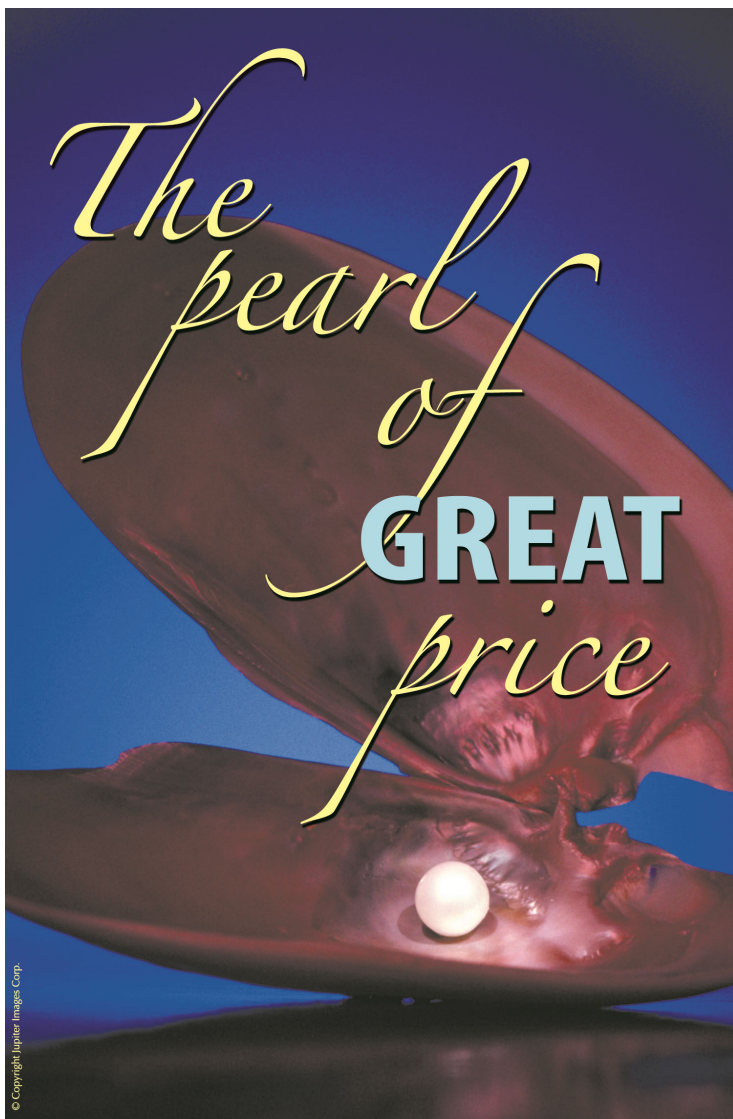


# St. Mary's Mission

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## 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 27, 2014

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?

### Mass Schedule

*Sunday 9:30 AM*

### Mission Staff

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

**PASTOR:** Rev. Emilio Jimenez  
**PRIESTS:** Msgr. Seamus McGowan  
Fr. Joseph Olikkara  
**DEACONS:** Allen Cicora  
Eluterio Farias  
Richard Lewinski

### *Living God's Word*

In the Gospel we hear that Jesus "was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick" (Matthew 14:14). Then we hear Jesus say to the disciples, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves" (Matthew 14:16). How do these statements speak to your heart today?

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**July 28-Aug. 3, 2014**



**Monday**

8:00 am †Juanita & Aurelio Cortinas - M/M Joe

**Tuesday**

Alaniz

**6:30 pm** Virginia Tristan - Dan & Marian Tajchman

**Wednesday**

**6:30 pm** †Leo Gonzalez - Leo & Cindie Gonzalez

**Thursday**

8:00 am Msgr. Michael Heras - Elbert & Jane

**Friday**

Ocanas

8:00 am †Thad & Orien Tindol - James & Harold McCown Fam

**Saturday**

**8:00 am** †Francisca S. Rodriguez - Wilma Emshoff

6:00 pm †Joyce Brand - Don & Carolyn Havelka

**COLLECTIVE MASSES**

**Sunday**

8:00 am †Leo Schwirtlich - Eddie Schwirtlich

9:30 am Joe & Lydia Quitugua

10:00 am †John A. Magee, Jr. - Family

12:00 pm Julian Cano (B-day) - Family  
 †Josephina Carmona - Carmona & Rangel Family

†Francisca S. Rodriguez - Chano Rodriguez

†Lena Cano - Gerald & Nancy Mooney

†Melvin Arnold - Richard & Sharon Starry

People of the Parish

6:00 pm †Simon Martinez - Family

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

*THE FULLNESS OF INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By the dawn of the fourteenth century, the sacrament of confirmation was ripe for a rescue, since vast numbers of the faithful never received it, and when it was celebrated, it was done so in isolation from baptism and Eucharist. A bishop named William Durandus set out to reclaim this liturgy, but he had a creative touch and added some things into the mix that had never been thought of before. One was a slap. Oddly, he replaced the kiss of peace at the end of confirmation with a slap on the cheek that endured to modern times. This "wake-up call" was related in his imagination to a custom in the military, wherein ceremonies of knighthood and investiture involved a symbolic wound as a sign of willingness to suffer.

Within every congregation today there are people who have memories of fretting through their confirmation liturgies, anxious to know how enthusiastic a slap the bishop would bestow. Durandus loved symbolism and had a reason for every ritual and practice, but his creative spin on the celebration shows how sadly adrift confirmation was from its anchorage in baptism, how far off-course from its home port of the eucharistic community.

**A Vocation View**

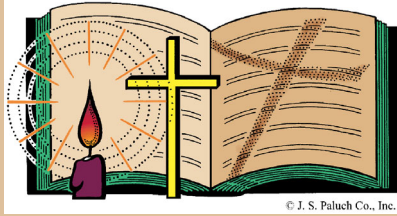
*Finding our vocation in life is like  
 Finding a buried treasure.  
 We will do whatever we have to  
 In order to be able to possess it.  
 Finding the treasure is a gift.  
 Possessing it is our vocation.*

**St. Mary Mission**  
**Stewardship For July 20, 2014**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 489.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 71.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 626.00</b>

**LAY FORMATION**

Will resume as planned.  
First Class will be Thursday, July 31  
Additional details Will be Provided at class.



**Office of Family Life**

As of Aug. 16, the location of Engaged Encounter has changed to the Pax Christi Retreat Center located at 4601 Calallen in Corpus Christi. Beginning Jan. 1, 2015 many of the Family Life seminars will be held at the Pax Christi Retreat Center. This includes Convalidation, Engaged Encounter and PreCana



**Congratulations to Sr. Patricia & Sr. Guadalupe! They both celebrated their 25th anniversary in Religious Life!**



**Msgr. McGowan gave a Birthday Blessing to Nikki G.**



**Have a safe and restful vacation Msgr. McGowan. We will all miss you! Don't forget to come back!**

**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; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; 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