



**July 30, 2017 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 109 Gospel MT 13:44-52**

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

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**Spiritual Reflection:** The last line of the Gospel is a reminder to us not to get caught up in whether an idea or a devotion is new or old. If the idea is going to get you to heaven then use it. If it is not then don't.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. What are some devotions that help you grow closer to God?
2. What are some devotions that seem to help others but they seem not to help you?
3. What are some devotions that you would like to know more about?
4. How do you pray best?
5. How can you help other pray?