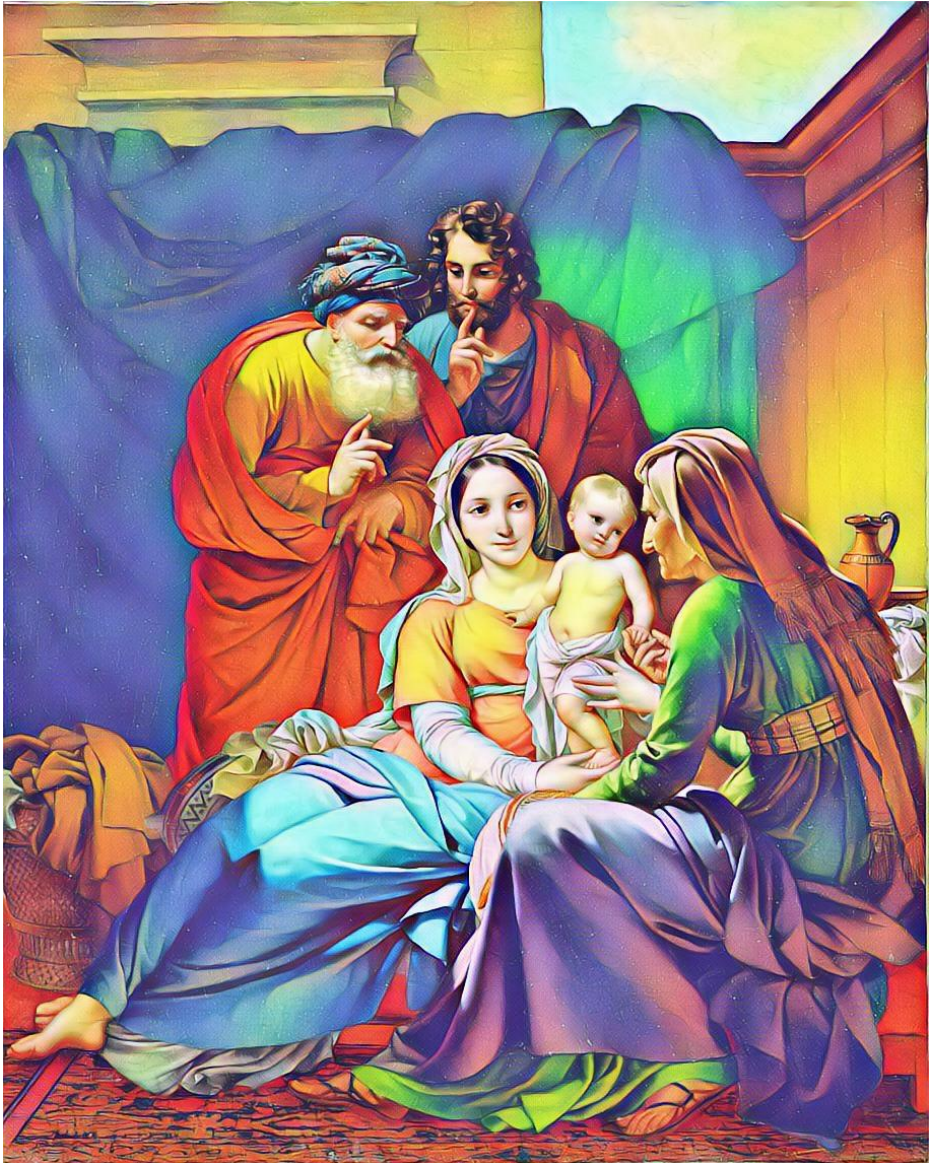


XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 2026 – Year A

FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE



THE TREASURE

Today the Word speaks to us of a treasure hidden in a field, of a pearl that is worth more than everything else put together. And today, in addition, we celebrate two simple people who knew how to recognize a treasure before anyone else: Joaquín and Ana, the grandparents of Jesus.

They did not appear in the important photos of history. They didn't do miracles, they didn't preach crowds. But they kept a seed, they took care of it in silence, and from that seed was born the Life that brings us together here today.

We begin this celebration by asking for that same look: that of knowing how to see treasure where others only see routine, that of believing that the small, cared for with love, can change the whole world.

SINGING. I NEED YOU – FRAY NACHO

<https://youtu.be/dAteg0ROrWc?si=Pl0XS4cOiyjGu8A>

EVANGELIO – MATEO 13:44-52

"And the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man finds, and hides it again; and rejoicing over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. The kingdom of heaven is also like a merchant looking for good pearls, who, having found a pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. In the same way the kingdom of heaven is like a net, which when cast into the sea, gathers of all kinds of fish; and when it is full, they take it to the shore; and sitting down, they gather the good into baskets, and cast out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age: the angels will come out, and they will separate the wicked from among the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things? They answered, "Yes, Lord." He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder, bringing out of his treasury new things and old things."»

To deepen the Word

1Ki 3:5.7-12. To those who ask Him, God gives, "with an attentive and intelligent heart", the spirit of discernment to fulfill their vocation.

Psalm 118:57-130. To know and welcome, with gratitude, the word of God and to adapt your life with love: supreme wisdom, a guarantee of happiness.

Rom 8:28-30. One thing is certain. When we respond to God's love, everything is given to us: the filial adoption of his Son, justification, and glory.

Matthew 13:44-52. Here are three, or rather four, stories in the style of Jesus and the rabbis of his time. All four speak of the Kingdom of God: first, a farmer is presented who finds in a field, which does not belong to him, a treasure that dazzles him. Next is a merchant in fine pearls who falls on a pearl more beautiful than all the others. The third tells of fishermen who bring to shore a net so full of fish to separate what is good to keep, from what is not interesting to throw into the sea. Finally, a Jewish scribe appears, following Jesus' message, and is compared to a proprietor he selects in his business. The common point between the four stories is a matter of choice: between the good and bad fish in the net, you have to choose; Between the treasure buried in the field and what the farmer possessed up to this point, we must choose; between the pearl and what the merchant possessed up to this point, that is: it is also a matter of choosing. And as far as the scribe was concerned, he was one who was familiar with the Scriptures, that is, with the Old Testament, imbued with the faith and hope of his people. But Jesus knew the effort they had to make to welcome the newness that He brought, in relation to preconceived ideas and to enter into God's tuning fork. For this reason, in a certain way, he puts them on their guard and tells them that, in order to welcome the Kingdom, they too will have to renounce.

For us, the lesson is clear: **Receiving the Good News of the Kingdom of God requires a choice and deserves that we sacrifice all the rest. But thanks to the joy that this discovery brings, dispossession and renunciation are possible.**

GOLD WITH THE WORD

In prayer with the text of the Gospel I become aware of my responsibility in the choices of the day to day. What are the motivations that move me in the different choices I make? What values, intentions... Do they move me? Am I aware that the Kingdom is already here and do I seek it and make it a reality with my choices?



GIBRAN ALCOCER'S BEST AMBIENT PLAYLIST VOL.1

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JOAQUÍN AND ANA *Hidden treasure in the simple*

Joachim and Anne,
noble family of God, a link of
grace that prolongs the lives of
so many.
Simple people, like the silent
field where no one looks, you
kept, without knowing it, a
treasure hidden in the small, in
the everyday, where life is built.
Like Solomon, you did not ask
for riches but for a heart that
listens, wisdom to accept the
circumstance, making it the
center of the concrete person.
When you found the treasure,
you gave everything you were to
keep it: the Word made life,
made a gift,
made a daily gesture. Like one
who seeks fine pearls, you
recognized the one of great value
in Mary and her project, and you
gave for her
your complete simplicity.

You did not stand out, nor did
you show up, nor did you
demand, nor did you take
anything away from anyone. And
yet everything worked together
for the good in your hands,
because you loved God from a
small age. Your message was
your lives.

Today, Joaquín and Ana, you
would be in the street, you would
open your house, you would
listen to everyone, you would bet
on the little ones, sowers of
treasures hidden in every person
who crosses the road.

Let us look at each other in your
gaze, let us walk in your light,
seekers of traces, witnesses of
hope. With you, Joachim and
Anne, who found the treasure
in your little world, let us begin
something new.

Thank you, Joaquín and Ana.

SINGING. NOBODY LIKE YOU - FRAY NACHO

<https://youtu.be/KRZpKvuQdgs?si=5xXSsaHoDxp4pAg0>



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