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July 26, 2026

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Pearl of Great Price: *What Do We Need to Let Go Of?*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure hidden in a field and to a merchant who discovers a pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44–52). In both parables, the person who discovers the treasure joyfully gives up everything else to possess what is truly valuable.

The Gospel invites us to ask a simple but profound question: **What is the pearl of great price in my life?**

If God were to ask us, as He asked King Solomon, “*Ask something of me and I will give it to you,*” what would we request? Solomon did not ask for riches, power, or a long life. Instead, he asked for **wisdom**—a gift that enabled him to know and follow God's will.

For many of us, our greatest treasures are not material possessions. They are our relationships: our **spouse, our children, our family, our friends**, and above all, **our relationship with Jesus Christ**. These are the treasures that cannot be bought and whose value cannot be measured.

The challenge is that every priceless treasure comes with a price. To protect what matters most, we must be willing to make sacrifices. There are only twenty-four hours in each day. We cannot say “yes” to everything without saying “no” to something else. Often, our instinct is to solve problems by adding more. We add more activities, more commitments, more meetings, more possessions, and more distractions. Yet spiritual growth often happens in the opposite way—not by **adding**, but by **subtracting**.

A student who wants to succeed may need to spend less time on social media or gaming. A family that wants to grow closer may need to protect dinner time by saying no to unnecessary commitments. A couple who desires a stronger marriage must intentionally choose one another over competing demands. Financial goals require the discipline to spend less today in order to build something greater tomorrow.

The same principle applies to our spiritual lives. The pearl of great price is life with Christ and the promise of Heaven. Growing in holiness is not simply about doing more prayers or adding another devotion—although those are wonderful practices. Sometimes the greater challenge is asking, *What do I need to let go of?*

Homework:

What is the pearl of great price in my life?
Say no or let go of something in order to protect your pearl of great price and grow closer to Jesus.

Fr. Steve Kim, Pastor



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*Thank you for your faith, service, and love for St. Elizabeth Parish.
You will always be part of our parish family.*



Name: Loida T. Edquiban

My Faith Journey at St. Elizabeth Parish

My name is Loida T. Edquiban. I am originally from the Philippines and moved to California on August 13, 2013. In 2014, I began serving at St. Elizabeth Parish as a Eucharistic Minister and became a member of the Legion of Mary. For the past 12 years, St. Elizabeth Parish has been my spiritual home and a place where my faith has grown deeper.

I found my calling to serve as a Eucharistic Minister at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Serving the Lord has brought immense joy and fulfillment to my life. I am devoted to praying the Rosary every day, attending the weekly meetings of the Legion of Mary, participating in Daily Mass online, and attending the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses in person. I also had the blessing of teaching Catechism at St. Elizabeth Parish for three years.

Before coming to the United States, I earned my Bachelor of Science in Education, majoring in Biology Sciences, from the University of the East in 1982. I taught Biology and Physics at St. Vincent Academy for 14 years and at Laus National High School for 17 years in the Philippines. After moving to California, I worked as a Paraprofessional in a school for 10 years. In my free time, I enjoy gardening and playing games. These simple hobbies bring me joy and help me appreciate God's wonderful creation.

As I prepare to move back to my hometown in Zambales, Philippines, my heart is filled with both gratitude and sadness. I will deeply miss my beloved St. Elizabeth Parish—my church family, my spiritual home, and the many wonderful people who have become part of my life and faith journey. Thank you to all the priests, parish staff, fellow ministers, and parishioners for your friendship, kindness, prayers, and support throughout the years. I will always carry the love and memories of this parish in my heart.

St. Elizabeth, pray for us!



Name: Ernesto Sto. Domingo

My name is Ernesto Sto. Domingo. My family moved from Florida to Milpitas, California, in summer June 2022. After receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in Florida during eighth grade, I felt called to deepen my service to the Church by becoming a Eucharistic Minister at St. Elizabeth Parish.

My journey toward this ministry began during my years in Catholic school, where I first discovered a desire to serve at the altar. At St. Elizabeth, I have had the privilege of serving as both a Eucharistic Minister and an Usher at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Through these ministries, my faith has grown stronger, and I have gained a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and values that have guided my life.

I graduated from Milpitas High School in June 2026. Outside of church, I enjoy hiking with friends, exploring new places and cities, fishing, and playing football, my favorite sport, which I have loved since I was seven years old. From a young age, I have felt a strong calling to serve my country, and that calling has led me to join the United States Navy. As I begin this new chapter of my life, I will sadly be leaving St. Elizabeth Parish. I am deeply grateful for this parish community and for the opportunity to serve as a Eucharistic Minister. The friendships, encouragement, and faith-filled experiences I have gained here have been a true blessing and will always remain close to my heart.

Although I will be serving far from home, St. Elizabeth Parish will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for your prayers, support, and the many ways you have helped me grow in faith. I will carry these memories and the values I have learned here with me as I begin my journey in the United States Navy.

St. Elizabeth, pray for us!

*Thank you for being a beautiful witness of faith and service.
You will always be in our prayers.
God bless you always on your new journey!*

Mass INTENTIONS

Sat - July 25
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. SK

Thx: Rio Schaub W.A: Rely & Guada Villanueva
Healing: Dominic Toan Than
Deceased: Tagumpay Tuazon, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Randy Anthony Herrera, Aurora Manaloto, Salvacion Hudson

Sat - July 25
4:00 PM_EN
Fr. SK

Deceased: Maria Kim Anh Tran, Lucy Tam Nguyen, Lori Misa, Constantino Cid

Sat - July 25
6:00 PM_Fr.TH

Vietnamese Mass Intention

Sun - July 26
8:00 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Bday: Madee Raymundo
Healing: Katharina Kang, Thomas Kang
Deceased: Randy Anthony Herrera, Michael De Jesus, Aurora Manaloto, Tagumpay Tuazon

Sun - July 26
9:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

S.I: Deven Gomez, Maria Teresa Gomez
Deceased: Rudy & Emerita Estacion, Cesario Simon, Joehl Garlit, Maria Pham Thi Man, Maria Thi Thanh Huong, Giuse Mai Ty, Giuse Mai Tuyen, John Fernando Gomez, Susie Contreras, Teresita Algonas, Cristina & Filimon Vilero, Maria Kim Anh Tran, Tagumpay Tuazon

Sun - July 26
11:00 AM_EN
Fr. SK

Thx: Rio Schaub, Martin & Elizabeth Lopez
Thx/S.I: Conchita Mamaril
Bday: Alex & Bernadette Resngit, Kai Valdez
Healing: Monica Bugaoan-Abakan, maria Christina Ramos
Deceased: Teresa Vuong Tran, Joseph Cù Ngọc Nguyễn, Peter Chin Ngọc Nguyễn, Mary Rung Thị Trinh, Peter Hiệp Ngọc Nguyễn, Martin Duy Khiêm Ngọc Nguyễn, Raymond Caguioa, Salvacon Hudson, Tagumpay Tuazon

Sun - July 26
12:30 PM_SP
Fr. SK

Deceased: Jose Manuel, David Ortiz

Sun - July 26
3:30 PM_VN
Fr.TH

Vietnamese mass Intention

Sun - July 26
5:30 PM_EN
Fr. SK

Deceased: Rameo Manuel, Tagumpay Tuazon

Mon - July 27
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. SK

Thx: Ryan Alducente
Deceased: Salacion Hudson, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Anthony Herrera, Constantino Cid

Tue - July 28
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Thx: Mother of Perpetual Help
Deceased: Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Giuse Trinh Kim Long, Salvacion Hudson, Trinh Thi Thai

Wed - July 29
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Bday: Alex & Bernadette Resngit
Deceased: Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Giuse Trinh Kim Long, Salvacion Hudson, Trinh Thi Thai, John Fernando Gomez, Susie Contreras, Salvacion Hudson, Trinh Thi Thai

Thu - July 30
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Deceased: Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Giuse Trinh Kim Long, Agnes Natalie Nguyet Thi Nguyen, Giuse Trinh Kim Long, Salvacion Hudson, Trinh Thi Thai

Fri - July 31
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Deceased: Salvacion Hudson, Trinh Thi Thai, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Randy Anthony Herrera, Jose Montiel



July 18th & 19th

16th Sunday In OT

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Viên Ngọc Quý Giá: Chúng Ta Cần Buông Bỏ Điều Gì?

Trong bài Phúc Âm Chúa Nhật hôm nay, Chúa Giê-su so sánh Nước Trời với một kho báu giấu trong ruộng và người thương gia tìm thấy viên ngọc quý (Mt. 13:44-52). Trong cả hai dụ ngôn, người tìm thấy kho báu đều vui mừng từ bỏ mọi thứ khác để sở hữu điều thực sự quý giá.

Bài Phúc Âm mời gọi chúng ta đặt ra một câu hỏi đơn giản nhưng sâu sa:

Viên ngọc quý giá trong cuộc đời tôi là gì?

Nếu Thiên Chúa hỏi chúng ta như Ngài đã hỏi Vua Sa-lô-môn: “Hãy xin Ta bất cứ điều gì và Ta sẽ ban cho ngươi,” thì chúng ta sẽ xin điều gì? Sa-lô-môn đã không xin sự giàu sang, quyền lực hay trường thọ. Thay vào đó, ông xin sự khôn ngoan—một món quà giúp ông nhận biết và làm theo thánh ý của Thiên Chúa.

Đối với nhiều người trong chúng ta, những báu vật lớn nhất không phải là của cải vật chất. Đó chính là các mối quan hệ: với người phối ngẫu, con cái, gia đình, bạn bè, và trên hết là mối tương giao với Chúa Giêsu Kitô. Đây là những báu vật không thể mua được và có giá trị không thể đong đếm.

Thách thức nằm ở chỗ, bất kỳ báu vật vô giá nào cũng đều đi kèm với một cái giá phải trả. Để bảo vệ những điều quan trọng nhất, chúng ta buộc phải sẵn sàng hy sinh. Một ngày chỉ có 24 giờ; ta không thể nói “có” với tất cả mọi thứ mà không phải nói “không” với những điều khác. Theo bản năng, chúng ta thường giải quyết vấn đề bằng cách thêm thắt: thêm các hoạt động, thêm những cam kết, thêm các cuộc họp, thêm của cải vật chất và thêm cả những thứ gây xao nhãng. Tuy nhiên, sự trưởng thành về mặt tinh thần thường diễn ra theo chiều ngược lại—không phải bằng cách thêm vào, mà là bằng cách loại bỏ bớt đi.

Một học sinh muốn thành công có thể cần dành ít thời gian hơn cho mạng xã hội hoặc trò chơi điện tử. Một gia đình muốn gắn kết hơn có thể cần giữ gìn khoảng thời gian dùng bữa tối bằng cách từ chối những lời hứa không cần thiết. Hai người mong muốn có cuộc hôn nhân bền chặt hơn phải chủ động ưu tiên lẫn nhau thay vì chạy theo những đòi hỏi khác đang tranh giành sự chú ý. Các mục tiêu tài chính đòi hỏi sự tính toán chặt chẽ để chi tiêu ít hơn vào lúc này nhằm xây dựng một tương lai tốt đẹp hơn.

Cũng vậy nguyên tắc đó cũng áp dụng cho đời sống tinh thần của chúng ta. Viên ngọc quý giá chính là sống cùng Đức Kitô và lời hứa về Nước Trời. Việc tăng trưởng trong sự thánh thiện không chỉ đơn thuần là đọc thêm kinh nguyện hay thực hành thêm một việc đạo đức nào đó—dù rằng đó đều là những việc làm tốt đẹp. Đôi khi, thách đố lớn hơn lại nằm ở câu hỏi:

Tôi cần buông bỏ điều gì?

Thực hành:

- **Đâu là “viên ngọc quý giá” trong cuộc đời tôi?** - Hãy nói không hoặc từ bỏ một điều gì đó để bảo vệ viên ngọc quý giá ấy và trở nên gần gũi hơn với Chúa Giê-su.

Cha sở Steve Kim

La Perla de Gran Valor: *¿Qué Vamos a Dejar?*



En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús compara el Reino de los Cielos con un tesoro escondido en un campo y con un comerciante que encuentra una *perla de gran valor* (Mateo 13:44-52). En ambas parábolas, quien descubre el tesoro vende con alegría todo lo que tiene para adquirir aquello que realmente vale la pena.

El Evangelio nos invita a hacernos una pregunta sencilla, pero profunda: **¿Cuál es la perla de gran valor en mi vida?**

Si Dios nos hiciera la misma pregunta que le hizo al rey Salomón: «Pídemelo que quieras y te lo concederé», ¿qué le pediríamos? Salomón no pidió riquezas, poder ni una larga vida. En cambio, pidió sabiduría, el don que le permitió conocer y seguir la voluntad de Dios.

Para muchos de nosotros, nuestros mayores tesoros no son las posesiones materiales. Son **nuestras relaciones**: nuestro esposo o esposa, nuestros hijos, nuestra familia, nuestros amigos y, sobre todo, **nuestra relación con Jesucristo**. Estos son tesoros que no se pueden comprar y cuyo valor no tiene medida.

Sin embargo, todo tesoro de gran valor tiene un precio. Para proteger lo que más importa, debemos estar dispuestos a hacer sacrificios. Solo tenemos veinticuatro horas al día. Cada vez que decimos «sí» a una cosa, inevitablemente estamos diciendo «no» a otra.

Con frecuencia, nuestro instinto es resolver los problemas agregando más: más actividades, más compromisos, más reuniones, más cosas y más distracciones. Pero el crecimiento espiritual muchas veces ocurre de la manera opuesta: *no añadiendo más, sino aprendiendo a desprendernos de aquello que nos aleja de lo esencial*.

El mismo principio se aplica a nuestra vida espiritual. La perla de gran valor es la vida con Cristo y la promesa del Cielo. Crecer en santidad no consiste únicamente en hacer más oraciones o añadir otra devoción, aunque esas prácticas son muy valiosas. A veces, el desafío más grande es preguntarnos: *¿Qué necesito dejar ir? ¿Qué distracción, hábito, apego o compromiso me impide entregar mi corazón por completo a Cristo?*

El Reino de los Cielos vale más que cualquier otra cosa. Jesucristo es nuestra perla de gran valor. Cuando reconocemos su valor incomparable, dejar atrás las cosas menos importantes deja de ser una carga y se convierte en una respuesta llena de alegría a Aquel que lo dio todo por nosotros.

Tarea para esta semana:

Dedica unos minutos a la oración y pregúntate:
¿Cuál es la perla de gran valor en mi vida?
Luego, elige una cosa que puedes decir «no» o algo que puedes dejar para proteger ese tesoro y acercarte más a Jesús.

Padre Esteban Kim, Párroco



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*"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them;
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

— Matthew 19:14

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Month of December 2025

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Men Nguyen †
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Month of January 2026

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Month of March 2026

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Month of April 2026

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Month of June 2026

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Month of July 2026

Salvacion Prado Hudson †

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him/her.
May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*