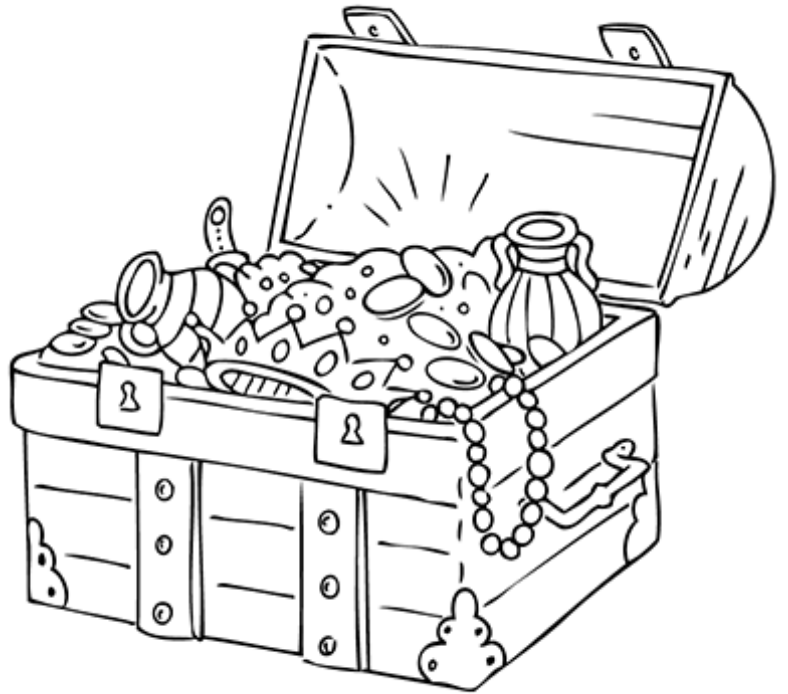




Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Today, we celebrate **The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We read from **Matthew 13:44-52**.

We read in this Sunday's gospel more of the "parables" or simple stories that Jesus used to teach his followers. In this passage he tells four parables: of a buried treasure, of a pearl of great price, of a net full of fish and of treasures old and new. These stories were meant to teach the disciples and followers that sometimes to find true faith in God there would be sacrifice. This is true for us as well. To love and to follow Jesus, we need to "treasure" things that are not of this world.



We know and love Jesus through his teachings. Let's work this week to share this "treasure" with the world around us.

For More Fun:

- ✓ This week, find something in your home that you consider a treasure. Ponder why this item means so much to you and how you might share it with a friend or loved one.
- ✓ Read some additional "parables" of Jesus in your children's bible this week.
- ✓ This week, we celebrate St. Martha (7/29). Learn more about the lives of the saints at Saints.SQPN.com.
- ✓ We love to hear from you! Email me at lisa@catholicmom.com to let me know where you live and where you go to Church!

Lord, I love your commands.