

Sunday, July 26

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the first Book of Kings 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.”

Solomon answered:

“O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king
to succeed my father David;

but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.

I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart

to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him:

“Because you have asked for this—

not for a long life for yourself,

nor for riches,

nor for the life of your enemies,

but for understanding so that you may know what is right—

I do as you requested.

I give you a heart so wise and understanding

that there has never been anyone like you up to now,
and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

The word of the Lord.

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Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called;
and those he called he also justified;
and those he justified he also glorified.

The word of the Lord.

