

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

- Who am I (Dcn Frank Tremblay)
  - Ordained 2002 - 6 years St. Tim's
  - Opportunity for the missions – 6 years on remote Bahamian island
  - Home on vaca – not a mission appeal - BUT
  - When we went to Andros Island
    - 3 churches, priest (once/4-6 wks)
    - Scorpions, tarantulas, mosquitoes, flies, can't drink water
    - 95-105 degrees no AC and hurricanes
    - All that is still true – but with your help, and other parishes
    - OLOH in North Andros – Bahamian & Haitian parish
    - Shanty town with unbelievable poverty AND Voodoo.
    - But - Besides tarantulas, mosquitoes & poverty - we have ***FAITH*** – Voodoo is no match for Jesus.
    - CCD, First Communion, Confirmation, Pre Cana, RCIA
    - When I return – 1<sup>st</sup> baptism at OLOH
    - Church is alive and growing – because its *seeking KOG*
- For the last few weeks Jesus has been teaching in parables about **KOG**
  - KOG is like seed sown on rocky path – thorns – or fertile ground
  - KOG is like seed growing up alongside weeds
  - KOG is like a treasure found in a field – give up all to get it
  - KOG is like a pearl of great price – give up all to get it
  - KOG is like a dragnet, good are kept, bad are cast aside
  - ***WATCH THIS*** – after 3 weeks of KOG parables
  - In the first reading Solomon asks for an Understanding Heart
  - In the Gospel, after all these parables JC asks 'Do You Understand?'
    - Do ***WE*** understand? It's important.
    - You don't need Wisdom of Solomon to get it
- ***KOG is like a dragnet***
  - "Keep what is good AND what is useless they throw away"
  - What is useless in your life?
  - What is getting in the way of YOU entering KOG?
  - Pride, Greed, lust, jealousy, envy, gluttony, laziness, anger
  - Is the fruit of HS in your life?
  - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Self Control
  - Like the Dragnet – what's useless is thrown away – good kept
  - We need to hold on to Jesus
    - Our destiny is KOG – it is the only treasure that matters
      - Treasure is ours – the Pearl is ours – KOG ours
    - Throw away the junk in your life & old onto Jesus