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Pastor's Column

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To What Voice Are You Listening?

A man walking alone on the beach hears a voice from above say, "Dig!"

The man looks around to make sure he is not having hallucinations, and then he hears the voice again: "I said, dig!"

So, with bare hands, he digs down into the sand and finds a treasure chest buried there.

The voice from above says, "Open it."

He pries the chest open and finds it full of cash.

The voice says, "To the casino."

The man carries the chest full of money into the casino and the voice says, "Roulette."

He goes to the roulette table and the voice says, "Number 27."

He bets everything on 27. The croupier throws the ball and it bounces and bounces and bounces around the wheel and finally comes to a stop on number 26.

There is a moment of stunned silence. The man looks upward from where he has been hearing the voice.

There is a prolonged silence and finally the voice from above says, "Oh, darn!"

There are many voices in the world competing for our attention. To which voices do we listen? To what are we looking to find meaning, to find the prize, to find our treasure?

In Gospel this week-end, we are reminded of the buried treasure and the pearl of great price which are sought after, with no expense or sacrifice being spared.

The Gospel speaks of treasure and our quest to attain it.

The Gospel reminds us that our true treasure is our faith. Our true treasure is Jesus. Our true treasure is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Good News it brings.

When we are willing to pay the price and to make the necessary sacrifices to bet on Jesus and the Good News, we are guaranteed to win!

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