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Monday Closed

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

ENGLISH Saturday 5:00 p.m.

ITALIAN Sunday 9:00 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 10:30 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the office in emergency or serious illness.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 12 months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Please call the Parish Office.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE BURDEN OF SIN

Whoever has ears ought to hear. (Matthew 13:43)

Does Jesus' explanation of today's parable make you uncomfortable? Especially his image of God sending his angels to toss the "children of the evil one" into a "fiery furnace" (Matthew 13:38, 42)? If a loving human father would never treat his children that way, how could God, our heavenly Father, do such a thing?

If you find this story troubling, it might help to know you're in good company. Even the ancient Fathers of the Church were divided on how to interpret it. In the third century, Origen of Alexandria taught that these "children of the evil one" were not individual people (Matthew 13:38). Rather, they were the "evil opinions" that the devil sows in our souls (*Commentary on Matthew*, 10.2). He said that God wants to burn these sinful thoughts and attitudes out of all people so that they can enter eternal life.

On the other hand, St. John Chrysostom, writing about a hundred years later, said that the "children of the evil one" were indeed sinners. These, Chrysostom said, would be "given over to punishment," and a "severe" punishment at that. Meanwhile, the righteous would "depart into the kingdom of heaven" (*On Matthew*, Homily 47).

You may favor Origen's view or Chrysostom's, but both men make one thing clear: sin is serious. It burdens us. It darkens our minds and poisons our hearts. It keeps us from loving each other and receiving God's love. But they both also taught that Jesus offers us the only way to escape its grasp: his cross and resurrection.

Jesus ended his parable with a warning: "Whoever has ears ought to hear" (Matthew 13:43). Let's do just that. Let's take his words to heart. Let's believe that his grace is powerful enough to save us from sin. Let's trust that he can make us "shine like the sun" (13:43).

"Jesus, give me ears to hear you as you call me out of sin and into your kingdom."

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8.26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-43

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 23 July, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Antonietta D'Amata

Sunday 23 July, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 23 July, 12:00 PM

+ Antonio Godoy Sr.

Tuesday 25 July, 9:00 AM

+ Mary Leung

Wednesday 26 July, 7:00 PM

Blessings for Enza & Mike DeMedicis on their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 27 July, 9:00 AM

+ Benita Cumal

Friday 28 July, 7:00 PM

+ Cleofe Cabalfin

+ Maria Triumbari

+ John Badongen Sr.

+ Teresa & Giovanni Capisciolti

+ Luigi Martini

+ Benilde Nalli

Saturday 29 July, 9:00 AM

+ Deceased Members of the D'Costa & Hov Family

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis instituted this day to highlight the importance of providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and to call upon communities to manifest the closeness of the Church to them. It is celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for the 2023 celebration selected by the pope is "His mercy from age to age" (Luke 1.50)

"Grandparents and the elderly's presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people."

— Pope Francis, Message for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

VISIO DIVINA

Come and join us on July 26, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the church hall for ancient form of prayer called Visio Divina. This is a process of contemplative praying with Sacred art and Icons. For this session we will focus on the Birth of the Virgin. This is a time of reflection, introspection, and seeing Our Blessed Mother Mary through the lens of this image. Light refreshments will be served after the Visio Divina process. All are warmly welcomed to attend!



'Because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'

RCIA PROGRAM

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program will be starting in October. Adults who are in need of the sacraments to become Catholic (Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion) should contact the office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Marriage Preparation course will start in October. Couples who are planning to wed are invited to now register in the Church Office.

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