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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.

RESOURCE CENTRE/GIFT SHOP

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: TREASURES OF GRACE

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. (Matthew 13:44)

Today's Gospel begins with two parables that, taken together, illustrate a paradox about the kingdom of God. In the first parable, a man discovers, quite by surprise, a treasure "buried in a field" (Matthew 13:44). In the second, a merchant also comes across a great treasure—this time, a pearl—but only after searching very hard for it. So what is the kingdom of God like? Is it something we discover by grace? Or is it something we find through diligent seeking?

Jesus seems to be saying that it's *both*.

On the one hand, God in his infinite goodness pours grace into our lives whether we are seeking him or not. He buries rich treasure in the field of our lives—treasures of his kindness, his love, his presence—in the hopes that we will find them, and so find him. God provides these gifts for everyone, just as he causes the rain to fall "on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

At the same time, there are some graces that we discover only as *we seek the Lord*. The very act of searching for God opens our hearts more fully to his grace. It stretches us and makes us more willing to let go of anything that would keep us from him. And the more we seek him, the more our capacity for his grace grows. As we "sell" what we have, we experience even more of his goodness, mercy, and joy.

God has so much that he wants to give us. But this all-powerful, ever-generous God will not force his grace upon us. We have to choose to receive it. Even the man who finds the buried treasure by surprise ends up selling all he has "and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44)!

Today, ask the Spirit to help you unearth the treasures of grace in your field. Ask him to help you "sell all you have" to find the Lord and his pearls of grace. Pursue him with all your heart! You won't be disappointed.

"Lord, you are the treasure that I seek – my great reward – for You, Lord, are my all in all! You are my everything."

MASS READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12

Second Reading: Romans 8.28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13.44-52

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 30 July, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Antonetta & Serafino D'Amata

Sunday 30 July, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 30 July, 12:00 PM

Special Intentions of the Lentini & Trinidad Families

Tuesday 1 August, 9:00 AM

+ Mary Leung

Wednesday 2 August, 7:00 PM

Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jane D. Almero

Thursday 3 August, 9:00 AM

Living & Deceased of The Lobo & Fernandes Family

Friday 4 August, 7:00 PM

Special Intentions of Antonietta Zanella

Saturday 5 August, 9:00 AM

+ Deceased Members of the De Los Santos Family

Saturday 5 August, 5:00 PM

+ Fiorella & Enzo Quattrini

MONTHLY ADORATION – AUGUST 4

The truth is life can be busy. It's hard to manage and juggle our everyday schedules, so sometimes the bare minimum is all we can ask for. But for the things that matter most, that extra effort can go a long way. Every month, on the first Friday, St. Joseph the Worker invites everyone to our holy hour of Adoration. Beginning at 7:30PM after our Friday weekday Mass, set some time in your schedule to connect with God and build on your relationship with Him. Follow along with your spiritual family through an hour of prayer, reflection, and music, all for the name of the Lord.

Our next monthly adoration is Friday, August 4, 2023

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.

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) can register in the church office.

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MATTHEW 13:44
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MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services' Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 16 at 7 p.m. Masses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and Barrie will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic Cemeteries.

The closest cemetery to our parish is Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill with celebrant Most Rev. John A Boissonneau. In the Event of rain, masses will be celebrated in Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend and continue to pray for the deceased.

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