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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom. In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind." But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.



Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 31

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Andrew Boyd †

Tuesday, August 1

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Yvonne DeRozario †

Wednesday, August 2

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Wayne Mattie †
Merlin Aviana Gebrial Palanniswamy †

Thursday, August 3 - No Mass

Friday, August 4

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Anne Mullen Kelly †
Special Intention

Saturday, August 5

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Harith Younan †
Pierette & Georges Cote †

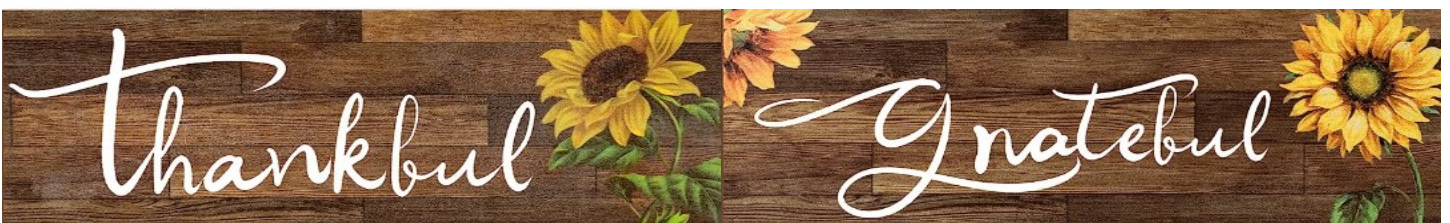
Sunday, August 6

9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle †
Angie Napoli † | Maria Virgulti †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People



We welcome Fr. Sam Samuel V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, to our parish this weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all the Masses this weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They also request our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be special collection this weekend to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help.

If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering this weekend or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support. The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and our parish in their prayers and Masses.





August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

The Book of Daniel, from which our First Reading is drawn, was written some two centuries before the birth of Christ. This is only significant in that many of the prophets (Daniel is considered one of the major prophets) lived as many as six centuries before Christ. However, regardless the timeline, we need to be moved by and appreciative of the prophecies we find in the Old Testament. In the passage in today's reading it states, "The one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship."



Today, of course, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and this reading very much parallels what is portrayed in the Transfiguration. The interesting point within this reading from Daniel, however, is that it refers to the "Son of Man," which is the term Jesus Himself used most often to describe Himself.

We have referenced this fact previously. In fact, the term "Son of Man" occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term. (It appears 32 times in Matthew; 15 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke; and 12 times in John, and it is in John where it is used twice by someone other than Jesus.)

The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Savior, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more.

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Parish Calendar

Monday, August 7

8:30 a.m. - Bert Mattie †

Tuesday, August 8

8:30 a.m. - Carmel Dube †

Wednesday, August 9

8:30 a.m. - Souls in Purgatory †

Thursday, August 10 - No Mass

Friday, August 11

8:30 a.m. - Pierette & Georges Cote †
Special Intention

Saturday, August 12

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Harith Younan †
Special Intention

Sunday, August 13

9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita Markle †
Jean Dalicandro †

11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

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Catholic Women's League Corner

- There is a meeting of the executive on Wed Aug 2 at 1:30 pm
- The Prayer Shawl group continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 2-3:30 pm in the Divinity Room. August 9 and 23 are our next dates. Anyone is welcome at any time.



Fr. Sam Samuel V.C., and all the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous mission offering last weekend. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions and will help them educate young men studying for priesthood. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering or would like to make an additional offering you may make your offering through the general parish collection in a specially marked envelope. Thank you very much for your generous support.

If you would like to sponsor a seminarian and help him to become a priest, you may write: Fr. Francis Cheruparampil V.C., Mission Procurator, P. O Box 45, Hazlet, NJ 07730.

(Email: Fcheru@aol.com) . The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and our parish in their prayers and Masses .

Are You Being Called?

"Be not afraid."

Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. Pray for clarity in your discernment. If you need help discerning your vocation contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



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