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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

LIVESTREAM MASS [English]

www.olghtamilparish.com

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Sunday at 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Pressing on Towards the Goal

Philippians 3: 8-14

As we quickly approach Holy Week let us take a moment to reflect on how we are using this time of Lent to renew our zeal for stewardship. In the second reading this Sunday, we hear St. Paul say, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." We can learn a lot from this image of constantly moving forward towards the prize of our heavenly reward.



FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND AND STRAINING FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD. I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HEAVENLY CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. (PHIL. 3:13-14)

Stewardship is a lifelong journey made up of many individual decisions. The decision to wake up and recognize each day as a blessing from God. The decision to offer the gifts of our time and talents for the good of the parish community. The decision to practice a moment of patience and understanding when we are frustrated or annoyed. The decision to forgive someone who has

wronged us even though it is difficult. The decision to pray and receive the sacraments in order to strengthen our lives through God's grace.

As we strive to make positive decisions, let us not be discouraged when we fall or face setbacks in our ministry. St. John Paul II says that, "life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Any adventure is sure to have mountains and valleys, but what God truly desires is that we simply keep pressing forward. St. Teresa of Calcutta said that "God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful." Let us strive to be faithful stewards as we journey towards our heavenly goal.

Summary

Stewardship is a lifelong journey made up of many individual decisions. St. John Paul II says that, "life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Any adventure is sure to have mountains and valleys, but what God truly desires is that we keep making positive decisions that deepen our commitment to love and serve Him.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

Holy Week Schedule



DATE	TIME
Palm Sunday Vigil [Apr. 9 th]	5 pm
Palm Sunday [Apr. 10 th]	9 am & 11 am
Monday – Wednesday [Apr. 11 th – 13 th]	12:05 pm
Holy Thursday [Apr. 14 th]	7 pm
Good Friday [Apr. 15 th]	1 pm
Easter Vigil [Sat. Apr. 16 th]	7 pm
Easter Sunday [Apr. 17 th]	10 am



This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
 is dedicated
 for the repose of the soul of
Danilo Cruz
 requested by
The Sevilla family



Mass Intentions

Mon.	Apr. 4	12:05 pm	† Ramon Taboy, Jr., <i>requested by Thelma Potal & family</i>
Tue.	Apr. 5	12:05 pm	
Wed.	Apr. 6	12:05 pm	† Fernando Policarpio, <i>requested by Maria Ramos & family</i>
Thur.	Apr. 7	12:05 pm	† John Richardson, <i>requested by Ann Richardson</i>
Fri.	Apr. 8	12:05 pm	† John Richardson, <i>requested by Ann Richardson</i>
		7:00 pm	† Regiedor Agati on his death anniversary, <i>requested by his sister Rogelyn</i>
Sat.	Apr. 9	9:00 am	
		5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun.	Apr. 10	9:00 am	[not available]
		11:00 am	† Cliff Ritchie, <i>requested by the Staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary School</i>

SVDP LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



Help feed our neighbours in need this Easter. The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is collecting food items to support the Good Shepherd Ministries food bank. "A small donation can go a long way for a family or neighbour in need."

Donation bins will be available in the church foyer for the duration of the drive. Most needed items are: mayonnaise, mustard, cereal, granola bars, canned soup, peanut butter and jam. **Collection dates for the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd & April 9th and 10th.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



REPENTANCE, TRANSFORMATION & HOLINESS

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

What exactly are we talking about when we speak of repentance? **First and most simply**, to repent means to recognize the reality of personal sin in your life, and to turn away from it. It means putting sin out of your life and changing your life according to God's Will, even when God's Will doesn't conform to your opinions.

Secondly, to repent means to seek the loving mercy of God with a spirit of true contrition. Contrition is more than just sorrow for sin; there are three elements to true contrition: sorrow for the sins you've committed, hatred for those sins and all sin, and a firm purpose of amendment, which means that you intend to try, with the help of God's grace, not to commit the same sins in the future.

Third, to repent means to accept God's word and God's law and to make it your way of life. It means putting faith into action. We are saved by faith working through love. Salvation is not by faith alone, and it never was. The Apostle St. James wrote, *"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead"* (James 2:17). Our faith must be a living faith. It can't be inactive or moribund. That won't cut it with God.

And finally, to repent means to do penance. Whether we realize it or not, even our most hidden sins in some mysterious way disturb the entire order of God's creation. They cause a diminishing of grace in the Mystical Body of Christ. God expects us to make reparation for the harm caused by our sins against Him and against our neighbors.

None of us will ever see the vision of God in Heaven unless we are humble enough to know and to admit that we are sinners in need of God's mercy. There are no exceptions. We should never be ashamed or afraid to admit that because the Bible says that, *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Rom. 3:23).

INTERIOR TRANSFORMATION

You see, Jesus left us this sacrament because He knew well what sin and guilt can do to the human soul. They can tear the human soul apart — separate it from God. They can drive a person to despair. God knows we need to have some way to be free of sin and guilt because they can rob us of the inner peace and joy that should be ours as Christian believers - the peace and joy that come with having a clear conscience before God.

The human spirit needs to be at peace with God, and we need to be at peace with ourselves. We need to know for sure that God has forgiven us. We need to be able to experience God's merciful love as it touches our lives. There will be times in our lives, we know well, when we will need to make a new start spiritually, when we will need to wipe the slate clean and start over again. When we do this, we will need to be strengthened by God's grace to avoid the same sins in the future. That is how the sacrament of Confession helps to transform us interiorly.

CONFESSION LEADS TO HOLINESS

The beauty of the sacrament of Penance is that whenever you confess your sins to the best of your ability and the best of your memory, when you don't hold anything back and you are truly sorry and you have a firm purpose of amendment, you always leave the confessional with that confident assurance of God's complete forgiveness.



Many people worry unnecessarily about the sins they might have forgotten in their Confession. But, the human mind is not like a computer that can access all the data it needs at just the right moment. Our memories are dimmed with our fallen human nature. When you've made a good Confession, all your sins are forgiven, so long as you have a contrite heart. God sees the interior of the heart. And if later you should remember some sin that you have forgotten to confess, just bring it up in your next Confession. It's as simple as that.

The idea is to avoid mortal sin completely and to seek true holiness of life! The objective is to become saints! Those who have lapsed into this complacent mind-set have forgotten about the power of sacramental grace — that it is an effective barrier against sins and a very effective means to personal holiness.

It is because of God's infinite love for us that He commands us to make use the sacrament of Penance. It is in this sacrament that we release the past to God's mercy, the present to His love, and the future to His providence.

~ by Fr. William Casey - Catholic Exchange website ~

Confessions at our parish will be available on
Friday, April 8th
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm &
4:00 pm -6:30 pm

Theology on Tap West "The Temptation to Gossip"

DATE: Monday, April 11 - 7 to 9 p.m.

PLACE: Boston Pizza Courtneypark
50 Courtneypark Dr. E., Mississauga



Theology on Tap West invites all young adults (19-39) to join us for a night of thought-provoking presentation about the temptations of gossip with **Msgr. Michael Busch, pastor of St. Jerome Parish**. Theology on Tap offers young adults the opportunity

to gather, have theological discussions and presentations in a comfortable and relaxed setting. We hope to see you there.

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