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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

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(Baptism, First Communion,
Confirmation, RCIA)

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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Strengthening our Stewardship with the Holy Spirit The Promise of the Holy Spirit John 14:15-21

As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In today's first reading we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288).



So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that

through "the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Summary

In today's first reading we hear the biblical roots of Confirmation as some believers receive the Holy Spirit after Peter and John lay their hands on them. The Second Vatican Council says that Confirmation, and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed." Let us strive to do this in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
is dedicated
In thanksgiving
for graces received
requested by Fatima Cabral



Mass Intentions for the week

Monday	May 15	12:05 pm	
Tuesday	May 16	12:05 pm	
Wednesday	May 17	12:05 pm	
Thursday	May 18	12:05 pm	
Friday	May 19	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving & intentions of Marieta & Michael Laranang, requested by Laranang family
Saturday	May 20	9:00 am	† Grace Che, requested by the Che family
		5:00 pm	Ebana Nsa & Esteban Ncogo Mbang, requested by Maria Ncogo
Sunday	May 21	9:00 am	† Gerry McIlwain, requested by Allison Bedoya
		11:00 am	For the People of the Parish

A DAY RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

When: Thursday May 18, 2023 9:00am to 3:00pm
Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga
A Relic of St. Peregrine will be in our chapel
 Facilitated by Anne Hales and Betty Dotzko
 Mass by Father Daniel

Cost: \$45.00 lunch included
Contact: Jean 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

A Day of Retreat for Seniors

When: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 , 9:00am to 3:00pm
Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga
 Facilitated by Father Daniel and Anne hales

Cost: \$45.00 lunch included
Contact: Jean 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

May, Mother's Day, and Mary

May is a month traditionally dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. In our churches and homes, we celebrate May as a “Marian month,” with May processions, May crownings, and other popular devotions in honor of the Mother of God. This Marian month falls during the liturgical season of Easter. We thus particularly emphasize Our Blessed Mother’s participation in the Paschal Mystery and her presence with the Church in preparation for Pentecost, as she prayed with the disciples in the upper room while they awaited the descent of the Holy Spirit.

In the month of May, the Church calls us to open our hearts in a special way to Mary. Her presence in our lives is a motherly presence. We call her Our Blessed Mother. Indeed, from the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother and entrusted us to her as her children. Jesus’ words to John, the beloved disciple, were also addressed to all of us: Behold your mother! From the cross, Jesus gave us the beautiful gift of his mother to be our mother too. He made his mother the mother of all the members of his Mystical Body, the Church. Jesus invites us to accept Mary as our mother and to respond to her motherly love as true children.

Catholic devotion to Mary is, therefore, based on the will of Christ. Blessed John Paul II explained that “*the words, Behold your mother!*, express Jesus’ intention to inspire in his disciples an attitude of love for and trust in Mary, leading them to recognize her as their mother, the mother of every believer. At the school of the Virgin, the disciples learn to know the Lord deeply, as John did, and to have an intimate and lasting relationship of love with him. They also discover the joy of entrusting themselves to the Mother’s maternal love, living like affectionate and docile children.”

Mary always leads us to Jesus, her Son. When we go to her, we always meet Jesus, our Savior. She helps us follow her Son more faithfully. May we all, like Saint John, take Mary into our home and make room for her in our daily lives. God has entrusted to her the role of maternal intercession for us. She is Our Mother of Perpetual Help: she sees our needs and is ready to come to our aid. She is especially close to those who are suffering. The most ancient Marian prayer expresses Mary’s role as our advocate: We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.” Mary presents our needs to her Son and intercedes continually on our behalf.



It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother’s Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers. On Mother’s Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, flowers, or cards, but also, and more importantly, by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who conceived and gave birth to us, who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.

Mary is a model for all mothers.

Pope Benedict XVI said that “Mary is the image and model of all mothers, of their great mission to be guardians of life, of their mission to be teachers of the art of living and of the art of loving.”

Mary is a model for all of us on our earthly pilgrimage. She who was “full of grace” was “all holy.” She represents the paradigm of the authentic holiness that is achieved through union with Christ. She is our model of faith who adhered to God’s word throughout her life. She is our model of hope who stood firm at the foot of the cross. She is our model of charity who went in haste to

visit and help her cousin Elizabeth. Her maternal love for her Son extends to us, her spiritual children. She is our sure guide to Gospel perfection.

On Mother’s Day, let us pray for all our mothers. And, let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We continue to rejoice with her during this Easter season. May the Mother given to us by Christ on the cross be ever at our side!



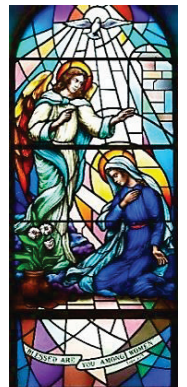
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We are still accepting donations for the preservation of the Stained Glass windows which has now been completed. Kindly contact the parish office for more information:

- If you are interested in donating to one of the windows for a special intention **or** in memory of a loved one.
- If you would like to make a donation.

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