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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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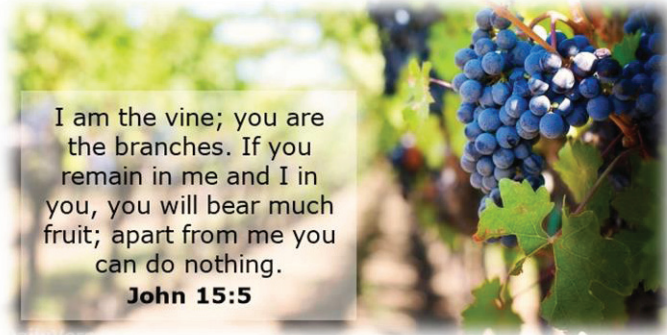
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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Abiding in Christ
Jesus the True Vine
John 15.1-8

In today's Gospel, we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage.



I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

Firstly, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very selves in His presence, whether it's through praying in our rooms or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others.

Summary

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." We can abide in Jesus by placing ourselves in His presence whenever we pray and He likewise abides in us, especially through receiving Him in the Eucharist. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained so let us never fail to go to Him before we offer up our time and talents to the parish.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 29 th	
12:05 pm	In thanksgiving & blessings for Melaku Endale & Nazaret Kiflu on their marriage <i>requested by Nazareth Kiflu</i>
Tuesday, April 30 th	
12:05 pm †	Vicky Luis on her 5 th death anniversary <i>requested by the Luis family</i>
Wednesday, May 1 st	
12:05 pm	For healing & blessings of Yonathan Kiflu <i>requested by Nazaret Kiflu</i>
Thursday, May 2 nd	
12:05 pm †	Felix Hipolito on his death anniversary <i>requested by Jesus & Judith Hipolito</i>
Friday, May 3 rd	
12:05 pm	Intentions of Monsignor Vid Vlasic <i>requested by Mary, Queen of Martyrs Praesidium</i>
Saturday, May 4 th	
9:00 am	Birthday intentions of Teresita Migia & Nina Mejia <i>requested by the Migia family</i>
5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, May 5 th	
9:00 am	
11:00 am †	Nacesa Sayas <i>requested by Thelma Potal & family</i>

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Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.
 Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

BLUE CANDLE INFORMATION



The 5-day blue candle can now be obtained in the sacristy of the church. Kindly place your offering of \$5.00 in the black mailbox located at the entrance of the sacristy; and pick up your candle.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SVdP Bundle Up Weekend

May 4th/5th



It is that time of the year again! Please consider donating your gently used items this spring for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Weekend on May 4th and 5th. We are pleased to accept clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, draperies and NEW toys for use in the Society's programs and services to help those in need. A truck will be in the parking lot before and after mass to receive your donation. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling.

Note: the following will **NOT** be accepted: books, dishes, furniture, construction materials, video and audio cassettes – see poster for more details.



Thank you for your continued support!

10 Great Tips To Help You PRAY (not just SAY) The Rosary! - by Gary Zimak

1. Less Is More – In his book, *The Rosary of Our Lady*, Msgr. Romano Guardini offers the following advice: *“It is not necessary to ramble through the whole Rosary; it is better to say only one or two decades, and to say them right.”* Quality is more important than quantity.

2. You Are Not Alone – A great proponent of Marian devotion, St. Louis de Montfort urges us to be aware of our company while praying the rosary. In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Montfort reminds us that, when we pray the Rosary, we should put ourselves in God's presence and imagine that He (along with the Blessed Mother) is watching us and that our guardian angel is standing to our right. If we say the prayers well, our angel will use them to make crowns for Jesus and Mary. Thinking about this before beginning to pray helps us to realize that we are doing A LOT more than just repeating pious words!

3. Watch What You Say – St. Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei, contributes a simple, but often overlooked suggestion. He encourages us to pronounce each Our Father and Hail Mary clearly and without rushing. In doing so, we will better express our love for Mary and Jesus. When praying the Rosary, it's easy to fall into the trap of mumbling and our rushing through the prayers. Remembering that the Our Father was handed down to us from Jesus and that most of the Hail Mary is taken directly from Scripture should help us to recall that the words DO mean something!

~ to be continued ~

Mother's Day Cards



Sunday, May 12th, Mother's Day, the 11 am Mass has been reserved for Mass intentions for mothers.

Special Mass cards are available for the offering of these Mass intentions. It is a special way to recognize moms, be thankful for them, and appreciate them for all their hard work and everything they have done for us in truly showing us the love of God.

These cards can be purchased in the foyer of the church after all Masses this weekend or at the parish office.

FRIDAYS & 1st SATURDAYS

There will be Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the rosary on the 1st Friday and every Friday at 11:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 12:05 pm, and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following the Mass.



On the 1st Saturday of the month, devotions to our Lady of Fatima will take place next week Saturday following the 9 am Mass.

Join us!

Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre

Location: 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, ON L1X 1V4

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time: 9:30am - 5:00pm

“Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?” Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Facilitated by: Sr. Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland

Suggested Offering: \$65 per person (includes lunch)

Please contact: Mary Hyland - 905-441-0957

BOOK BARROW EVENT

This event will be held by the Legion of Mary next Sunday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Borrow book for free!

Deepen your faith, learn about saints and more !





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