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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,
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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Riding Through the Storms

Jesus Stills a Storm

Mark 4.35-41

Life, by its very nature, is filled with storms and difficulties. More than once in the Gospel do we hear about Jesus calming a storm. In the Gospel passage today, we are invited to reflect on the account of Jesus asleep on the boat while the storm raged all around.

We can use our imagination to create the scene of this episode in our minds. Presumably, the storm was violent and loud, yet the Lord did not rise from his sleep. Moreover, the disciples in their panic-stricken state were likely yelling and making noise as they tried to steer the boat through the waves. Lastly, the intensity of the storm likely meant that waves, wind and rain would have been beating against Jesus' sleeping body, yet he remained asleep. However, when the disciples turned to Jesus for help, Jesus immediately wakes up and calms the storm with three words: "Peace! Be still!"



In the midst of the storms of our lives, when we think we are all alone, we should realize that Jesus is with us through it all. Instead of panicking, we should strive to be still and peacefully take the time to turn to God and ask for help. This should be the first thing we do before we even try to solve the problem ourselves. Being a merciful and loving Father, God will not delay in coming to our aid.

Summary

In Gospel today, we hear the account of Jesus asleep on the boat despite a harrowing storm raging all around. Jesus slept through the wind, waves, rain, and noise, but awoke immediately when the disciples came to Him for help. In the midst of the storms of our lives, when we think we are all alone, we should turn to Jesus for help and He will speedily come to our aid.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



Monday, June 24th

12:05 pm † Asuncion de Castro
requested by Letty Denovan

Tuesday, June 25th

12:05 pm † Rochard Pazcoguin
requested by Jesus & Judith Hipolito

Wednesday, June 26th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving to St. Jude
requested by the Ferreira family

Thursday, June 27th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & intentions of Rocca Mansour on her birthday
requested by Carol Morra

Friday, June 28th

12:05 pm † Dwight Alphonso
requested by Alice & Brian Warford

Saturday, June 29th

9:00 am † Fr. Stefano Gobbi
requested by Lucienne Nelson

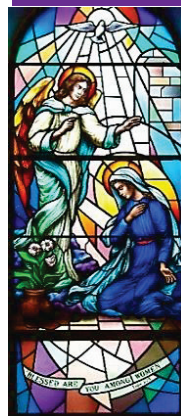
5:00 pm Intentions of Bernice Nigli
requested by Ferreira family

Sunday, June 30th

9:00 am † Menino Leitao
requested by Dominic Cardoz

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Stained Glass Preservation



We are in great need of donations for the preservation of the Stained Glass windows which has been completed.

Special envelopes are available at the front & side entrances of the church. Kindly contact the parish office if you are interested in donating to one of the windows for a special intention or in memory of a loved one. Families or individual ministries are also invited to take part in this fundraising project.

The name of the benefactor will be inscribed on a plaque for each of the following.

- ◆ Top window - \$5,500
- ◆ Bottom window - \$1,700
- ◆ Donation - \$500

Your support is greatly appreciated!

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S STORY

Nativity of St. John the Baptist: June 24th

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But, one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "*He must increase; I must decrease*" (John 3:30).



John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "*I need to be baptized by you*" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b).

Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But, he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

Reflection

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

Saint John the Baptist is the Patron Saint of Baptism.

~ taken from the Franciscan Media ~

MISSION CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM APPEAL

July 6th & 7th

The Archdiocesan Mission Co-Operative Program (MCP) plays an important role in connecting the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto with the Catholic Church in other parts of the world. Through this appeal, our local Catholic community learns about the mission works of the Church and will have the opportunity to offer their financial support.

Our parish Mission Co-operative appeal will be held on July 6th & 7th; and our guest speaker will be Rev. Fr. Abhilash Tom. Envelopes for this appeal will be provided at the front & side entrances for your convenience.

We thank you for your support and generosity!



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Jesus brought peace to the wind and the sea. "*Peace! Be still!*" Many are searching for this peace and need your help to find Jesus. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or permanent deacon? If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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- ◆ All old offertory envelopes must be discontinued so as to avoid inaccurate processing.
- ◆ If you have received a call from the parish office to pick up your 2024 envelopes, kindly ask the usher to check in the sacristy.
- ◆ All other 2024 offertory envelopes not yet picked up **or** if you wish to use parish offertory envelopes, kindly ask one of the ushers for assistance.



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