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MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00AM - 5:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

**1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION

TUES, THURS, SAT
4:45PM- 5:15PM

SUNDAY

**Please see weekly schedule*

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**THIS
WEEK
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**MONDAY, OCT 14
OFFICE CLOSED**

**COLUMBUS
DAY**

- 8:00am Morning Mass
- 6:00pm Encounter
School of Ministry
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**
- 6:15 am-TMIY
- 6:30pm- Rosary Prayer
Group & Potluck
- WEDNESDAY, OCT 16**
- 9:30am-Bible Timeline
Bible Study
- 6:30pm Pastoral
Council Meeting
- 6:45pm-SHE Women's
Ministry
- 7:00pm- RCIA - The
Holy Trinity
- 7:00pm -Choir Practice
- THURSDAY, OCT 17**
- 6:00pm Women's
Decades Dinner
- 6:30pm- Women in
Salvation History Bible
Study
- SUNDAY, OCT 20**
- 4:00pm -Teens Give
Back

Online Offertory and
Parishioner Registration



SCAN ME
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Catholic Church

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
- Friday:** Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

The first reading is supposed to remind us of Solomon, who, when God promised to give him whatever he asked, chose wisdom over wealth or power. Now our modern view of wisdom is usually pictured as the knowledge and experience of an older person. In the scriptures it is God's Wisdom that is desired. More than just the wise sayings of a Benjamin Franklin or Yoda, scriptural wisdom means doing God's will in all things. As Jesus tried to tell the man in the gospel, knowing and doing God's will is more precious than wealth, or even family!

So if wisdom is that good, why do so few seek it? Most of us have no problem doing God's will, as long as it is the same as ours. Or we do God's will if it is painless and convenient. I once donated money to a charity by sending a text message. I don't know if I would have done it if I had to write a check and mail it. Sometimes we are like that man in the gospel, desiring wisdom but not willing to pay for it.

Maybe our problem is that we don't trust God enough. The first reading, after praising wisdom more than health, wealth, and beauty, ends with a promise of "countless riches" while Jesus promises that the one who gives up everything will receive "a hundred times more." Because the rich man left in sorrow, he missed the punch line.

I can think of two ways to interpret that promise. One is that the more we give up for love of the Lord, the more we get back. When someone gives up selfishness and begins to love, he then becomes capable of receiving love. Which leads to the second meaning of the promise: When we let God change us by giving up our worldly attachments, we find that we are happier because we experience God's love for us more deeply. So Wisdom is the way to happiness: We outgrow our desire for things that make us feel good and appreciate the joy of accepting God's love and sharing it with others.

Tom Schmidt

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, October 14

8:00 AM Fr. Abe

Bob Antolin (d)

Tuesday, October 15

4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe

Joseph LaBianco (d)

Wednesday, October 16

7:00AM Fr. Abe

Ethel Peak (d)

Thursday, October 17

4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge

5:30 PM Fr. Jorge

Andrew London - Nan Kirkpatrick

Friday, October 18

7:00 AM Fr. Abe

Kim Morrison's Birthday

Saturday, October 19

4:30 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe

Laura Ivaldi (d)

Ursuline Class of 1974

Sunday, October 20

8:30 AM Fr. Abe

Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

10:30 AM Fr. Frank

Hudson Curtright (d) - Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez

12:15PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge

12:00 PM Fr. Abe

Kenneth Cruz, Jr. (d) - Vega Family

This weekend's second collection Is for Hope for the future



Holy Hour For Priests
Monthly - Every Second Tuesday
7 PM- 8 PM
Rosary, Prayers and Benediction

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group. Please join us **every third Tuesday of the month** from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky



Altar Flowers. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 734-7285. Each weekend in the bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the altar flowers.

OUR LADY OF GRACE

Thanksgiving

Food Drive

Let's Share
& Care

OCTOBER 27TH - NOVEMBER 10TH

STUDENTS:

DROP OFF IN CLASSROOMS THRU NOV. 10TH

PARISHIONERS:

DROP OFF IN THE OFFICE THRU NOV. 13TH

Recipient Pick-up Dates

NOVEMBER 20TH - 22ND

Pick up your
'Thanksgiving Gift Bag'
in **RE Class**, at the
Trunk or Treat or at
the **Church Office**
and fill with a
\$25 grocery card for
turkey/main dish
purchase and pantry
items to complete the
holiday meal!

"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR GOD."

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." *Mark 10:24-27*

Have you ever been "exceedingly astonished" by the demands of the Christian life? Hopefully you have been. And if you have been, hopefully you are no longer. Being exceedingly astonished is one of many purifications we must go through in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

The "eye of a needle" is a reference to one of the gates in the wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. After dark, the gate would be closed and the only way to enter was through a small door in the center of that gate. A person could pass through by ducking down, but a camel could not enter unless it got down on the ground and literally crawled through. This took much effort and direction from the master of that camel, but it was possible.

The point of this story is to emphasize that we will not be able to easily stroll into Heaven. In this case, Jesus was speaking about how easy it is for a person with money to become so attached to that money that they fail to obtain the riches of Heaven. The rich young man, to whom Jesus was just speaking, went away sad because Jesus lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth so as to obtain the riches of Heaven. Jesus said to him, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." To that, the rich young man went away sad.

Greed and an all-consuming attachment to material wealth clearly have the potential to destroy your soul. That's a fact. There is no way around it. But this teaching applies to every other form of attachment also. When we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse to separate ourselves from that sin, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, if love of God does not motivate us to turn from sin, perhaps fear of hell will.

When the disciples witnessed this rich young man preferring his wealth over Heaven, and then Jesus standing His ground and making it clear that it is very hard to make it to Heaven, their astonishment would have challenged them personally. But that is good. It is good because it reveals that they were also convicted of their own unholy attachments and their astonishment arose from a holy fear within. As they saw the rich young man walk away, they would have thought about those things that they also held onto that needed to be purged from their lives. "Astonishment" in this case is the holy realization that they needed to change. The good news, however, is that when a person does change and becomes freed from the attachments that keep them from God, then they will no longer have any attachment that will lead them to be astonished at God's demands. The ultimate goal is to overcome the astonishment caused by the demands of discipleship so that conformity to these demands becomes a way of life.

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ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE



A special Altar of Remembrance will be placed in the foyer of the church for All Souls Day. Beginning on Thursday, October 24th you are invited to bring photos or mementos of your deceased loved ones to place on the Altar. Please clearly I.D. them so they may be returned to you.

RCIA

Upcoming Session Topics

- October 16 - The Holy Trinity
- October 23 - The Bible & Divine Revelation
- October 30 - Your Prayer Life & Catholic Prayers and Practices
- November 6 - The Saints

Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions!

Every Wednesday @7pm in the Madonna Room.



A new OLG women's program is being formed called "SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN". Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, this new women's program offers deeper insights into theological truths and practical wisdom.

We meet weekly on Wednesdays starting on September 18 at 7pm.

Please contact Amanda Claiborne at 210-365-4952 for more information or follow this QR code to register.



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The Bible Timeline
The Story of Salvation

OLG Fall Bible Study

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Adoration 6:30
Talk + Discussion 7:00
Social 8:00

OLG ROSARY challenge

October is the 'Month of the Rosary', and everyone is invited to join in our Parish **2500 Rosary Challenge**. Place a sticker on our rosary board for every rosary prayed to help reach our goal!

THEOLOGY ON TAP
"Where Faith Meets Fellowship"

Thursday October 24, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Wild Barley Kitchen and Brewery (8403 Broadway)

Join us for an evening of conversation, community, and cheer as we explore faith over a good brew!

Bring a friend and your questions!

For more info contact:
Roger Williams
rogerwtx@gmail.com
210-724-8828

Masses as Gifts: Having a Mass offered on a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, is a most prayerful way to commemorate the special event. Mass cards are available to acknowledge special remembrance. Call or come by the Office to schedule.

Parish Bulletin Deadline

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