

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Jul 29 Vigil 17th Sunday in Ordinary T

4:00 PM For all Parishioners.

Sun., Jul 30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For O'Brian & Crough families from Thelma O'Brien.

Mon., Jul 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

St J 8:00 AM In thanksgiving for help given for disabilities from a parishioner.

Tue., Aug 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, B. Dr.

SH 8:00 AM + Joe Duffus from the family.

Wed., Aug 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, B.

St J 8:00 AM For Astrid Nordhold from Claudia Francis.

Thu., Aug 3 Weekday Ferial

SH 8:00 AM + Betty Sheehan from Dolly Bolger.

Fri., Aug 4 St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest

SH 8:00 AM For Kevin Ready

from Anne and Dave Bowen.

Sat., Aug 5 Vigil Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00 PM +Ken Johnston from the family.

Sun., Aug 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Weekly Collection Jul 9 \$ 1,818 Jul 23 \$840

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Throughout these last few weeks the Gospel has focused on parables from the Gospel of Matthew. Parables as we know are short stories or real life illustrations that give a comparison to a spiritual thing. Throughout the Synoptic Gospels (*that is Matthew, Mark and Luke*) the word Parable is found 48 times.

Jesus uses parables in the New Testament for two reasons: (1) to reveal and (2) to conceal divine mysteries (*this may sound almost contradictory*):

First to reveal. As the stories place an image or sketch out a real-life earthly scenario that express a profound spiritual reality. Because spiritual things are not tangible nor are they visible – *and God understands that* – therefore God gives us something visible to express the invisible.

Second is to conceal. We must also remember that spiritual and heavenly things cannot entirely be understood – an element of faith is still necessary. So, God keeps some things concealed so that we may still practice and merit the practice of the virtue of faith. God also conceal things so that those who reject the faith may not abuse or blaspheme the deeper and more profound truths of the catholic faith.

Parables have a constantly renewing spirit...we can hear (or read) a parable over and over again and every time we hear it we encounter an opportunity to discover something new. We can come to understand the parables in a deeper sense when we allow God to teach us what the meaning of the parable is, that is oppose to us imposing our meaning on the parable. Sometimes people don't understand the full meaning of the parable because they super impose their own interpretation oppose to going of what Christ teaches and the Church holds as true.

A last bit of guidance to understand parables; never limit the interpretation of the parable and what it refers to (*the spiritual truth*) because of the given example. *For example: don't limit the mercy of God by the example our Lord gives of the merciful father in the prodigal son or to any other earthy father.* We must remember, God is using something visible & limited to express something invisible & infinite.

Together in prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

On This Day We Give Thee Our Love

A concert of Sacred Music favourites by Grace Kennedy, soprano and Theresa Thompson, alto with David Avila, bass and Randy Mills, organist. Talented singers, Grace, Theresa and David are

studying at Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom Academy, Barry's Bay. Date: Tuesday, August 1st at 7pm Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Donation at the door for Sacred Heart Church, Organ and Music Program.

Altar Server Day

Altar Server Day will be on Tuesday, August 8th 2023 from 8AM to 8PM starting with Holy Mass. The cost for altar server day is \$25 – this will cover all the expenses of all the meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner). To bring: sports clothe, water bottle, and a towel.

Fundraiser for a vehicle for the Sisters

Everyone is invited to participate in the fundraiser garage sale on Saturday August 12 at St. John the Baptist church from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The fundraiser is towards helping the sisters buy a new vehicle as the current one is on its last legs. There will also be a bake table, hotdogs and hamburgers. If you have items at home that you would like to donate to the sisters for their garage sale please bring them to the church. Or call 705 977 6279.

First Friday Mass

Friday August 4th at 6:30PM at Sacred Heart. A "First Friday" is the first Friday of the month and is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on a Friday. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and in order to show love to Jesus. our blessed Savior reputedly promised St. Margaret Mary the following blessings: "In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my

Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."

First Saturday Mass

Saturday August 5th at 8:30AM at Sacred Heart.

Friday Adoration at Sacred Heart

Every Friday there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart in reparation for the offences made to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1:30 to 6:30PM and confessions from 5:00 to 6:30PM.

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month, 6:15 - 8:30 PM.

Other activities in the Diocese Please see the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

GOSPEL Matthew 13.44-48 of Sunday July 30

Jesus spoke to the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad."

"So it will be at the end of the age. The Angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master fo a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."