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Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)
 12 PM (Tiếng Việt)
Tue, Thur, Saturday: 9:00 AM
Mon, Wed, 1st Friday: 6:00 PM

HOLY HOUR / HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM
Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday:
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday: 8:30 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Thursday: After Mass
Saturday: 9:45 AM; 4:00 PM
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Chúa Nhật 17 Thường Niên A

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

is like a **TREASURE**

BURIED *in a field*

(Matthew 13:44)



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-July 30, 2023

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child's forehead.

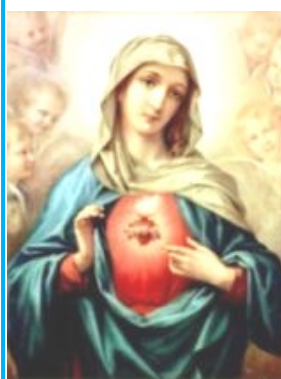
The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years.

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TODAY'S READINGS: - First reading: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; - Psalm: 119
 - Second reading: Rom 8:28-30; - Gospel: Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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| SAT: 07/29 (Vigil) 5:00 PM | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joseph Cortellino; (D) Richard Cortellino (D) <i>By Mr & Mrs Gary Cortellino</i> |
| SUN: 07/30 8:30 AM | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Teddi Walters & Gyle Brunn (L) for Help and Protection <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i> |
| | 12:00 PM Cầu cho linh hồn mồ côi <i>By Bà Nguyễn Nguyệt</i> |
| MON: 07/31 6:00 PM | Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Monica Koler & Jolene Klein (L) for Help and Protection <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i> |
| TUE: 08/01 9:00 AM | Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Pat Connors & Rene Kohler (L) for Help and Protection <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i> |
| WED: 08/02 6:00 PM | St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Healing and recovery Ethan Dreaton (L) <i>Audrey Lue</i> |
| THUR: 08/03 9:00 AM | Weekday Pat Connors & Rene Kohler (L) for Help and Protection <i>By Karen Roberts</i> |
| FRI: 08/04 | Weekday Grace and Peace <i>By Cindy Nguyen</i> |
| SAT: 08/05 9:00 AM | The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major; BVM Gordon (Georgie) Nash (D) <i>By Karen Roberts</i> |
| | 5:00 PM Mike Staley (husband - L) on Father's Day Event <i>by Kathy Staley</i> |
| SUN: 08/06 8:30 AM | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mrs. Marguerite Kirsh-wantz & Mrs. Marie Wantz-Klein <i>By Cécile Emize</i> |
| | 12:00 PM Lh. Anna Phanxicô Xaviê (Lễ Giỗ) gđ Bà Nguyễn Nguyệt |

Month of the Immaculate Heart



The month of August (Overview - Calendar) is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Excerpted from The Prayer Book by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A..

READINGS FORTHE WEEK

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| Monday: | Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35 |
| Tuesday: | Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43 |
| Wednesday: | Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46 |
| Thursday: | Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53 |
| Friday: | Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Mt 13:54-58 |
| Saturday: | Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12 |
| Sunday: | Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9 |



"Do not forget to do charity work, help one another, for God loves such sacrifices." (Heb 13:16)

"Anh em chớ quên làm việc từ thiện, giúp đỡ lẫn nhau, vì Thiên Chúa ưa thích những hy lễ như thế". (Dt 13, 16)

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 2023; MATTHEW 13:44-52

Meditation: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.” (Matthew 13:44)

Today’s Gospel begins with two parables that, taken together, illustrate a paradox about the kingdom of God. In the first parable, a man discovers, quite by surprise, a treasure “buried in a field” (Matthew 13:44). In the second, a merchant also comes across a great treasure – this time, a pearl – but only after searching very hard for it. So what is the kingdom of God like? Is it something we discover by grace? Or is it something we find through diligent seeking?

Jesus seems to be saying that it’s both.

On the one hand, God in his infinite goodness pours grace into our lives whether we are seeking him or not. He buries rich treasure in the field of our lives – treasures of his kindness, his love, his presence – in the hopes that we will find them, and so find him. God provides these gifts for everyone, just as he causes the rain to fall “on the just and the unjust” (Matthew 5:45).

At the same time, there are some graces that we discover only as we seek the Lord. The very act of searching for God opens our hearts more fully to his grace. It stretches us and makes us more willing to let go of anything that would keep us from him. And the more we seek him, the more our capacity for his grace grows. As we “sell” what we have, we experience even more of his goodness, mercy, and joy.

God has so much that he wants to give us. But this all-powerful, ever-generous God will not force his grace upon us. We have to choose to receive it. Even the man who finds the buried treasure by surprise ends up selling all he has “and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44)!

Today, ask the Spirit to help you unearth the treasures of grace in your field. Ask him to help you “sell all you have” to find the Lord and his pearls of grace. Pursue him with all your heart! You won’t be disappointed.

“Lord, you are my treasure!”

Nguồn: WAU, July 2023 Sr. Maria Trần Thị Ngọc Hương chuyển ngữ

PARISH MINISTRIES

The list of ministries and contact information is available in the Narthex of the Church and published on our church website:

www.stmarystoccoa.org

CHÚA NHẬT XVII THƯỜNG NIÊN

Ngày 30/ 07/ 2023: MATTHEW 13:44-52

Meditation: “Nước Trời giống như chuyện kho báu chôn giấu trong ruộng” (Mt 13,44).

Bài Tin Mừng hôm nay bắt đầu với hai dụ ngôn được kể cùng nhau, minh họa một nghịch lý về Nước Thiên Chúa. Trong dụ ngôn thứ nhất, một người tình cờ khám phá ra một kho báu “được chôn giấu trong ruộng” (Mt 13,44). Trong dụ ngôn thứ hai, một thương gia cũng tình cờ tìm thấy một kho báu quý giá – lần này, là một viên ngọc – nhưng chỉ sau khi đã rất vất vả tìm kiếm nó. Vậy Nước Trời giống như cái gì? Đó có phải là điều gì đó chúng ta khám phá ra nhờ ân sủng? Hay điều gì đó chúng ta tìm thấy nhờ miệt mài tìm kiếm?

Chúa Giêsu dường như nói rằng đó là cả hai.

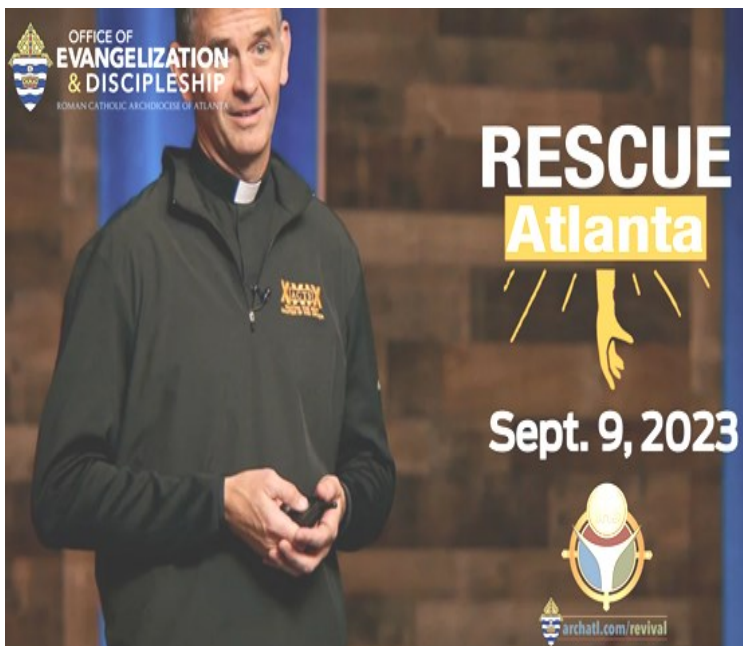
Một mặt, Thiên Chúa với sự tốt lành vô hạn của mình, tuôn đổ ân sủng vào trong cuộc sống của chúng ta cho đến nỗi chúng ta có đang tìm kiếm Người hay không. Người chôn giấu kho tàng phong phú trong cánh đồng cuộc sống của chúng ta – những kho báu về sự nhân hậu, tình yêu, sự hiện diện của Người – với hy vọng rằng chúng ta sẽ tìm thấy chúng, và vì thế, sẽ tìm thấy Người. Thiên Chúa ban những quà tặng này cho mọi người, giống như Người cho mưa rơi xuống “trên người công chính cũng như kẻ bất chính” (Mt 5,45).

Đồng thời, có một số ân sủng mà chúng ta chỉ khám phá khi chúng ta tìm kiếm Chúa. Chính hành động tìm kiếm Thiên Chúa mở lòng chúng ta ra cách trọn vẹn hơn với ân sủng của Người. Ân sủng ấy mở lòng chúng ta và làm cho chúng ta sẵn sàng từ bỏ bất cứ điều gì kìm giữ chúng ta xa khỏi Người. Và chúng ta càng tìm kiếm Chúa, chúng ta càng có khả năng nhận biết ân sủng của Người. Khi chúng ta “bán” tất cả những gì mình có, chúng ta càng kinh nghiệm hơn về sự tốt lành, lòng thương xót và niềm vui của Người.

Thiên Chúa có quá nhiều điều để ban cho chúng ta. Nhưng Thiên Chúa toàn năng, vô cùng quảng đại này sẽ không áp đặt ân sủng của Người trên chúng ta. Chúng ta phải lựa chọn để lãnh nhận ân sủng ấy. Ngay cả người tình cờ tìm thấy kho tàng được chôn giấu cuối cùng cũng phải bán tất cả những gì mình có “và mua thửa ruộng ấy” (Mt 13,44)!

Hôm nay, hãy xin Thánh Thần giúp bạn tìm ra những kho tàng ân sủng trong đồng ruộng của bạn. Hãy xin Người giúp bạn “bán tất cả những gì bạn có” để tìm thấy Chúa và những viên ngọc ân sủng của Người. Hãy theo đuổi Người bằng cả trái tim bạn! Bạn sẽ không phải thất vọng.

“Lạy Chúa, Chúa là kho tàng của con!”



RESCUE ATLANTA SEPTEMBER 09

- ♦ Saturday September 09.
- ♦ 8:00 AM – 5:00PM.
- ♦ In response to the call for a Eucharistic Revival, the Archdiocese of Atlanta is grateful to be partnering with ACTS XXIX in bringing Rescue Atlanta to this local Church.
- ♦ Register early (18 yrs +).
- ♦ The Parish agree with Mrs. Michel, Director of PCL to pay a portion of the tickets.
- ♦ If you need for information, please go to this website: <https://www.evangelizationatl.com/rescue> or contact Jessica Burger: 904-219 - 1129/ jnburger4@gmail.com.

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The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide organization of Catholic Men who are in communion with the Church and function under the four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The members of Council 9975 are a hardy "Band of Brothers" to coin a phrase, that are dedicated to support our Pastor Fr. Henry Pham in his efforts as leader of our parish here at St. Mary's.

For more information please look for any parishioner that is wearing a Bright Yellow Name Tag for more information.

Meeting & Activities

- ♦ **Membership Meetings** :the 4th Tuesday /1 month
- ♦ **Parish Breakfasts**: on the 1st or 2nd Sunday/1month

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention 08/2023 For World Youth Day



We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Cầu cho Ngày Giới Trẻ Thế Giới

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để Ngày Giới Trẻ Thế Giới ở Lisbon sẽ giúp người trẻ sống và làm chứng cho Tin Mừng trong cuộc sống của họ.

St. Mary's Ladies

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.



Meet: 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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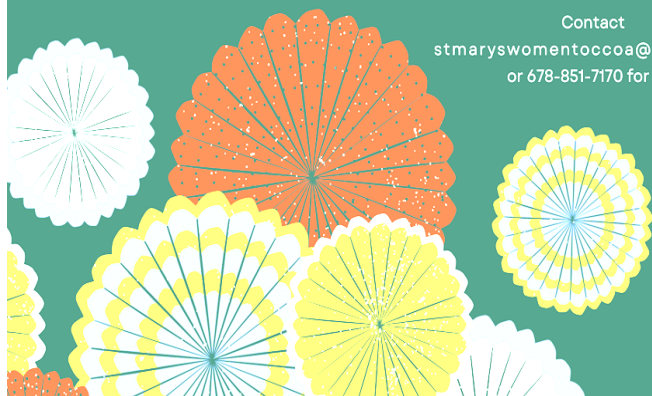
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Offertory/Contribution

Weekend of July 25 & 26, 2023

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| Weekly Budget | \$ 3,100.00 |
| Offertory | \$ 2,223.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$189.00 |
| Mission Cooperative | \$ 45.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 787.00 |
| Steubenville donation | \$ 320.00 |

The counters for this week are:

Nancy Williamson, Flora Butler & William King

**Next second collection is for
BUILDING FUND**

Thank you for your generosity!

Giáo Xứ St. Mary' Toccoa

Hội các Bà Mẹ Công Giáo (St. Mary's Ladies) Giáo Xứ St. Mary's có tổ chức Hội Chợ về Thủ Công - Nghệ Thuật với mục đích gây quỹ cho công trình xây dựng (Building Fund) của Giáo Xứ.

- Các bạn có cơ hội mua sắm sớm, chuẩn bị cho dịp Mừng Lễ Giáng Sinh. Sẽ có rất nhiều mặt hàng được làm từ các Nghệ Nhân ở khắp mọi nơi, đặc biệt là ngay trong Giáo Xứ của chúng ta. Các bạn sẽ được thưởng thức các loại thức ăn. Đặc biệt, Hội Chợ cũng có chương trình Nhạc Sống.

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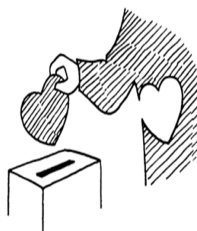
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Building project update



Bids have been received for the construction of Parish Life Center and Religious Education Building. They will be reviewed in the next few weeks to ensure that they meet the plans and specifications.



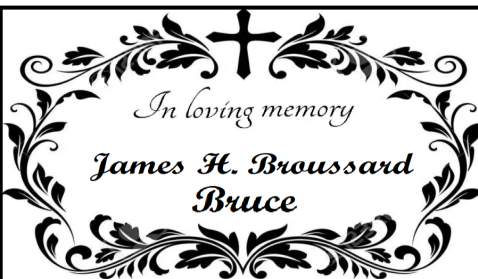
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge contribution. By doing this, it will help to keep us on track to make this a successful build. Please make your checks out to St. Mary's Building Fund. Thank you!

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John Craton, Lucca Fiorillo, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Alice Marold, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joachim Pham M.Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Mr Joaquin Fejeran & NH- Madeline Mary Singer, Connie Tirico, Tammy Tweedy, Nancy Sterling and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Mrs. Ayen Camilli ((706) 886-2819 ext – 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 -963-0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.



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