

This week at St. James the Apostle

July 26, 2020
Open Mind • Open Heart • Open Door



"FATHER MCGIVNEY, PRAY FOR US"

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

GOD, OUR FATHER, PROTECTOR OF THE POOR AND DEFENDER OF THE WIDOW AND ORPHAN, YOU CALLED YOUR PRIEST, FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY, TO BE AN APOSTLE OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE, AND LEAD THE YOUNG TO THE GENEROUS SERVICE OF THEIR NEIGHBOR. THROUGH EXAMPLE OF HIS LIFE AND VIRTUE MAY WE FOLLOW YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, MORE CLOSELY, FULFILLING HIS COMMANDMENT OF CHARITY AND BUILDING UP HIS BODY WHICH IS THE CHURCH. LET THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR SERVANT PROMPT US TO GREATER CONFIDENCE IN YOUR LOVE SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE HIS WORK OF CARING FOR THE NEEDY AND THE OUTCAST. WE HUMBLY ASK THAT YOU GLORIFY YOUR VENERABLE SERVANT FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY ON EARTH ACCORDING TO THE DESIGN OF YOUR HOLY WILL. THROUGH HIS INTERCESSION, GRANT THE FAVOR I NOW PRESENT (HERE MAKE YOUR REQUEST).

THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.



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COLUMBIAN YEAR 2020-2021

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020

PROGRAMME

**INSTALLATION CEREMONY
JULY 11, 2020**

I. ENTRANCE

REV. FR. ANTONY VAZHAPPILLY, COUNCIL CHAPLAIN
IAN YTEM, DISTRICT DEPUTY

II. OPENING PRAYER

REV. FR. ANTONY VAZHAPPILLY

III. OPENING REMARKS

CALL OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS' MARCH

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

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OUTSIDE GUARD _____ TROY FUNAKOBE
LECTURER _____ GERARDO BARIQUE
TRUSTEE - 1 YEAR _____ ARNOLD ECUA, PGK
TRUSTEE - 2 YEARS _____ VINCENT PEDIAPPO, PGK
TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS _____ MARCIAL VASCO, PGK

IV. INSPIRATIONAL TALK

REV. FR. ANTONY VAZHAPPILLY

V. CLOSING REMARKS _____ WILLIE LAOS, GK

VI. CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING OF FOOD

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TREASURE HIDDEN IN THE FIELD

Jesus' stories had inspiring messages,
He took them from ordinary villages.
Everyone understood their connection,
And they won Him everyone's affection.

Jesus talked a lot about His Kingdom,
People listened to Him without boredom.
His stories made them easy to understand,
To listen to Him, for hours they would stand.

Jesus came to lead us to His Father,
He is the only way to the Father.
People had never seen such a Teacher,
He came as an itinerant Preacher.

He didn't make His stories into a book,
He treated all with positive outlook.
Jesus never held a public office,
But to people He was the Prince of Peace.

He called people to discover real Treasure,
And He did warn them against fleeting pleasure.
In Him the message and the messenger was one,
A Man of Word, the Truth Jesus would never shun.

Like Jesus, no one has influenced the world,
His teachings are precious and we proudly hold.
May God, in every heart, eternally reign!
His Kingdom will be our everlasting gain.

Questions:

1. Would you like to behold God and dwell in His infinitely beautiful presence?
2. Would you like to experience perfect Peace for eternity?
3. Would you like to be filled with perfect, joyful Love?
4. Are you willing to sacrifice in order to receive such a Treasure?

Reflections:

For us who are living in this country of America, the parable of the Hidden Treasure may seem strange. However, it would sound perfectly natural to people who lived in Palestine in the days of Jesus, and even to this day it paints a picture that many people in the Middle and Far East would know well. Coming from India, I can very well associate with this parable with finding hidden treasures while digging the foundations for homes, for example. In June of 2011, a great deal of treasure was unearthed in the Padmanabhaswamy Temple, located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India, and consisted of gold thrones, crowns, coins, statues, ornaments, diamonds and other precious stones worth millions of dollars. In the ancient world there were no banks with vaults, and people hid them in the ground instead. In the parable of the talents, the worthless servant hid his talent in the ground, lest he should lose it (Matthew 25:25). There was a rabbinic saying that the earth was the only safe to store money, and this occurred especially in places where there were frequent wars. Here a man's garden would become a battlefield. Palestine was probably the most fought over country in the world; and, when the people were threatened by war, they would indeed hide their valuables in the ground before fleeing in the hope that they would later return to retrieve their hidden valuables when it was safe. This is how Josephus Flavius, Jewish priest, scholar and historian described this practice, "The gold and the silver and the rest of that most precious furniture which the Jews had, and which the owners treasured up underground against the uncertain fortunes of war." William Thomson in his book, *The Land and the Book*, first published in 1876, writes how he discovered a case of treasure in Sidon. There was in that city a famous avenue of acacia trees. Certain workmen, digging in a garden on that avenue, uncovered several copper pots full of gold coins. They were all coins of Alexander the Great and his father Philip. Thomson suggests that, when Alexander unexpectedly died in Babylon, news came through to Sidon, and some Macedonian officer or government official buried these coins with the intention of appropriating them in the chaos which was bound to follow Alexander's death. Thomson goes on to tell how there are even people who make it their life's business to search for hidden treasure, and that they get into such a state of excitement that they have been known to faint at the discovery of one single

coin. When Jesus told this story, he told the kind of story that anyone would recognize in Palestine and throughout the region.

The central point of the parable is the joy and excitement of the one who discovers the treasure and his willingness to give up everything to possess it. Nothing else really matters to him. Note how the treasure has been buried deep underground and that he must have been a hard-working man who did his job with diligence and efficiency. In the process of digging, he chanced upon the treasure. We can discover God anywhere, not just in holy places. For this man his work would have been his prayer, and the result of heartfelt prayer is the discovery of God and deepening of his relationship with God. God rewarded his honest, hard work with special blessings. We can truly discover God through our hard work, through our honest seeking. A carpenter can find Jesus in the wood that he works with, a mason can discover God while working on the stone, a computer engineer can have an experience of Jesus working with his computer, and a teacher can see God in the students she teaches. We can discover lasting happiness, true satisfaction, a genuine sense of God, and the presence of Christ in the honest work we do, when that day's work is honestly and conscientiously done. Brother Lawrence, a great saint and mystic, spent much of his working life in the monastery kitchen amidst the dirty dishes, says, "I felt Jesus Christ as close to me in the kitchen as ever I did at the Blessed Sacrament." He is the author of the *Practice of the Presence of God*.

From the parable of the hidden treasure, we understand that the Kingdom of God depends on the choices we make in our daily life. We may have to give up many things in preference to God's kingdom, as Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). The moment the man discovered the hidden treasure, he was ready to give up everything he had in order to buy the land with the hidden treasure. The treasure Jesus talks about is Himself. Jesus is the imperishable treasure we can ever possess. Nobody can steal this treasure from you. And you can never have Jesus, the real Treasure, without giving up worldly attachments or attractions. You cannot have all the worldly treasures along with the heavenly treasure. There is nothing more precious or valuable than the eternal Treasure of Jesus. Wherever there is Jesus, there you have the kingdom of God. Wherever you have the kingdom of God there you have Jesus. You cannot have God's kingdom without Jesus. And you cannot separate the kingdom of God from Jesus. In Matthew 6:21, Jesus says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." You don't need much to understand this; this is simple common sense. Think of how many times a day you will think of something very precious or valuable in your possession? Your thoughts will constantly be centered on it. For example, you have kept one million dollars in cash in one of the rooms of your house. Will you be able to relax and sleep with that kind of money in your house? Probably not. You are afraid of the money being stolen. Your money becomes your treasure and your heart will be where your treasure will be. Let us look at Jesus now as our Treasure. If Jesus is your treasure, then your heart will be with Jesus and you will do things the way He will do. Imagine, if every Christian in the world had Jesus as their Treasure, what transformations we could bring about!

The kingdom of God is a state of society upon earth where God's will is as perfectly done as it is in heaven. Hence, we can say that the kingdom is to accept and to do God's will over anything else. To accept it we may have to give up certain aims or ambitions which are very dear to us; we may have to abandon certain habits and ways of life which are very difficult to give up; and to follow a strictly disciplined life where we will have to have self-denial. In short, this would mean that we take up our cross and follow after Jesus. But there is no other way to peace of mind and heart in this life and to glory in the life to come. It is indeed worth giving up everything to accept and to do the will of God. Look upon the kingdom of heaven as families with God at the center and everything else revolving around Him. A family is a home which is built by love, understanding, patience and sharing. Here everyone feels loved and accepted as one truly is, even with shortcomings, weaknesses and strengths. In this kind of home there is plenty of laughter and plenty of time for one another, and



**MESSAGE FROM
FATHER ANTONY**

Holy Mass will be celebrated without singing and it will be short. You can attend the Mass standing, or bring your own chair. You can also attend the Mass from your cars. We will also have live-streaming. This will help you follow the Mass using your cell phones. Having it outside will help us maintain social distancing. Please also make sure you put on your masks.

**Saturday: 5:00pm,
Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:00am
8:30am weekday Mass (wear your mask)**

PARISH CALENDAR

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| July 28 | Pastoral Council 7:00pm |
| Aug 3 | KofC Officer's Meeting 7:30pm |
| Aug 9 | KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn after 10am Mass |
| Aug 10 | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm |
| Aug 17 | KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm |
| Aug 25 | Pastoral Council 7:00pm |
| Aug 27 | Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm |
| Sept 12 | Finance Council Meeting 11:30am |
| Oct 16 | International Rosary 7:00pm (tbd) |
| Oct 17 | Dinner Dance - Mother Teresa Center (TBD) |
| Dec 13 | Parish Christmas Party - TBD MTC |

If you or someone you know is in need, please consider calling

St. Vincent de Paul

510-796-5494.



Please remember those in the Armed Services:

Evelyn Surla (Air Force) Spec. Tara Mueller, Sgt. Kristan Jofel T. Carado, Major Jenny Ryan, Captain David Evans

And Parishioners and friends who need our prayers or who are ill.

Joe Parrish, Priscilla Verdeflor, Bob Nehls, Ron Lord, Monica Horton, Arabella Horton, Danny Powell, Cody Maisono, John DiPaola, Evelyn Reyes, Frank Smith, Concha Garcia, Deacon Ernie Dandan, Joel Rivera, Melanie O'Connor, Katherine Gomes, Lydia DeGraf, Laura Skaff, Alice Ferreira, Agnes Harris, Ray Ballin, Martha Torres



To add or update this list, send an email to bulletin@sjapostle.net or phone the parish office at 510-792-1962 and leave a message.

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Would you like to join the "Men in Blue Blazers?" The Knights of Columbus of St. James the Apostle Council No. 14541 is accepting applicants. A prospective candidate must be a practicing Catholic and at least 18 years of age. This is a great opportunity for single and married men to serve God and the parish's community activities, set an example for its youth and make families closer to God.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Roeli Iranzo, roeli.iranzo@icloud.com, 510-825-4098. Or ask a Knight! Thank you.

We are men of faith & men of action.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| Monday-Saturday Mass: | 8:30am |
| Saturday Mass: | 5:00pm |
| Sunday Masses: | 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00noon |
| Rosary before Mass: | Monday - Saturday 8:05am |
| | Saturday 4:30pm |
| | Wednesday 7:10pm |
| | Sunday 8:00am and 11:40am |
| | 2nd Sunday 9:30am |
| Respect for Life Rosary | Masses 8:30am & 7:30pm |
| Holy Days of Obligation: | Saturday 4:00pm or by appt. |
| Confessions: | 9:00 - 10:00am |
| Every Friday Adoration: | 9:00 am-6:30pm |
| First Fridays: Adoration | 6:30pm |
| Sacred Heart Novena | 7:15pm |
| Benediction | 7:30pm |
| Healing Mass | 7:30pm |
| Our Mother of Perpetual Help: | Mass & Novena, Wednesdays, 7:30pm |

DEVOTIONS

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| Weekly: | |
| Bible Study | Wed. 9:30 am (Kitchen) |
| Divine Mercy Chaplet: | Thurs, after morning Mass |
| In the Small Chapel: | |
| Legion of Mary | Tues 9:30am |
| Bible Study with a Difference | Thurs. 7:00pm |
| Charismatic Prayer Meeting | 2nd & 3rd Fridays 7:00pm |

Monthly:

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| Divine Mercy Cenacle | 7:00pm, 2nd and 4th |
| Prayer Meeting | Mondays (Small Chapel) |
| Our Lady of Vailankanni | First Saturday 7:00pm |
| Sacred Heart | 6:30pm 1st Friday |

(Continued from page 2) Message from Father Antony

forgiveness is the foundation on which the home is built. There is place for corrections and guidance, and everyone follows the rules of the family. Here everyone is accepted and loved as a special gift and everyone feels loved and accepted. Centered on God, prayer is the integral part of this home and for everyone prayer is a way of life. While they love and accept each other, they also have a mission to serve people in need. As Pope Francis said, a loving family that eats together is a good family. But a family that feeds the hungry and the homeless is even a better family. Here their love for God is not confined to mere words, for they fully understand the words of Jesus, "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Mathew 7:21).

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a merchant who seeks a precious pearl and sells everything he owns to buy it. In the ancient world, people desired to possess a lovely pearl, not only for its financial value, but also for its beauty. The main sources of pearls in those days were the shores of the Red Sea. Jesus, yet again, makes another comparison by saying that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea, and gathered fish of every kind. When the net was full they pulled it to the shore, and after sitting down, gathered the good ones into containers and discarded the bad ones. So will it be at the end of the world. The angels will come forth and separate the wicked from among the righteous, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

In closing I want to remind you that Jesus talked about the kingdom of heaven more than anything else. From this one thing becomes very clear that ultimate purpose of His coming into the world was to open the eyes and hearts of people to His ultimate kingdom yet to come. To Pilate's question to Jesus, "Are you the King?" His answer was, "My Kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here" (John 18: 33-36). Human as we are, we can only begin to build His Kingdom here on earth; we can lay the foundation here, which will ultimately be fulfilled in the life to come.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M-F 9:00AM TO NOON, SUNDAY 9:30AM - 11:30AM

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community. If you are not registered in the Parish, please complete a registration form available at church entrance or at the Parish Office or drop the form below in the collection basket.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office when a parishioner is home-bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for Baptisms.

BAPTISMS

To have your child baptized, please **make an appointment** with Father Antony. Come to the St. James Parish office or call the Parish Office at 510-792-1962. For more details, please go to the Church website (Parish Info) or contact Marcial Vasco 650-303-7106.

Baptism Preparation/Training class: First Saturday of the month from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Small Chapel.

Baptism Celebration: Last Saturday of the month 11:30am-12:30pm in the church

FUNERALS

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services. You may contact Shirley Aldana @ 510-537-6600 X 133.

MOTHER TERESA CENTER RESERVATIONS.

Call 510-999-5940, email MTC@sjapostle.net, or leave a message at the Parish Office at 510-792-1962. (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



Fr. Antony Vazhappilly, Pastor
Ernie Dandan, Deacon

Welcome, New Members!

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive communication via email or regular mail.

Registration information is essential for the office to respond to requests, send important parish and diocesan information and verify donations for tax purposes. If you need a letter of good standing to be a sponsor or Godparent for a baptism or marriage, registration is very important.

Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket and we will mail you a Parish Registration form. You can also find a registration form on the website (sjapostle.net) - Parish Info - Parish Membership.

Name

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Baptism

On July 27, 2020,
the Parish Family of
St. James joyfully
welcomed the following
children through the
saving waters of Baptism.:

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&
Julio Elijah David Aguila***



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