

OUR LASTING TREASURE IS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Today's Gospel follows directly on last week's. Jesus ended his story about the rich man warning about the danger of storing up treasure for ourselves instead of looking for what is meaningful in God's eyes. Immediately after that, says Luke, Jesus directed a series of teachings to his disciples. Although Jesus does not indicate that he is teaching about faith, the instructions we hear today follow what our previous readings have taught. Just like in today's second reading where the Hebrews in Egypt believed God was preparing for them a Passover to the Promised Land, Jesus calls His disciples to trust in our Father in Heaven who is offering us a share in his kingdom. As Jesus talks about prudent stewardship as seen in our behavior towards others, we are reminded that faith is an attitude of heart that frees us from whatever would keep us from acting with justice and love. It reminds us that we have been entrusted with much and have much to live up to.

It is the final line of the gospel that is most demanding and directly applicable to our daily paschal mystery living: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." We've been entrusted with much: furthering Jesus' mission of bringing the Good News of salvation to all as his disciples. We have been entrusted with even more: we are not simply servants, but because of our baptism and being plunged into the paschal mystery we become members of the Body of Christ. We are to be the presence of the Master himself, continuing his gracious ministry on behalf of others. Our faithfulness is measured by even more than doing God's will; it is measured by our being the presence of the risen Christ for all those we meet!

If we are preoccupied by possessions, schedules, work, sports, entertainment, etc., our hearts are already filled with exhaustible, insecure, and corruptible matters. The challenge of this gospel is to redirect our hearts to what is our true treasure, Jesus, and then be faithful disciples. The gift is great. Our treasure is Jesus.

Starts THIS Sunday!!!

Holy Land DVD presented in the
RCIA class room on
Sundays in August (except 8/21) after
9am Mass!

Come and let's walk where He walked!

MASS INTENTIONS: Sat. 5:30pm for the soul of Margaret Jean Ferrier a Ferrier family's request Sun 9:00am for the repose of the soul of Harendra v. Jani at the Shaffer family's request. Sun 12:00pm for Jean Ouellet's health.

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory: \$ 7,688.00

*Our Weekly Average Operational Expense is \$9,000
(Our New Fiscal year budget reflects our increased
debit and facility expense)*

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

It's that time of year again already! Time to **REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN** for School of Religion classes *before August 28th*. Registration letters and enrollment forms were mailed to all previously registered families last week. If you did not receive them in the mail, please contact Mrs. Deb. **Return** Completed registration forms: by mail, drop it off at the church office, or place them in the basket in the Narthex. Please enclose your books and materials fee. Registrations will also be accepted after all the Masses the weekend of August 27th and 28th

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 1st GRADERS! *First grade Religious Education is required before a child can enter the 2nd grade Sacramental year. If you have a child in 1st grade this year, please be sure to register him/her for School of Religion class.*

PRIORITIES

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I loved in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

What's really important in this life? Certainly not the things listed above. You can't take them with you! Sharing your faith with the children and youth of our parish, **IS IMPORTANT**. We need a catechist and aide for both Kindergarten and Pre-School class this school year! Be important in a child's life...**BE A CATECHIST!** Contact Mrs. Deb at 770-267-7637 or dfarabaugh@st-annas.com for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is this Wed., August 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you are a student in 6th through 12th grade, come and join us for food, fun & fellowship!

The TORCH RETREAT for all High School students is next weekend, Aug. 13th & 14th at St. Anna's. It will begin with attending the 5:30pm Mass and conclude on Sun., Aug. 14th at 3:00 pm. The youth will spend the night and are asked to bring sleeping bags/blankets and personal care items. Permission slips for the retreat are online at www.st-annas.com or you can pick up a hard copy in the Narthex. Permission slips are necessary for the retreat. Call the church office with questions or to register your son/daughter for the retreat. (770-267-7637)



The first meeting of **FAMILIES OF FAITH** is tonight, August 7th at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share for dinner and then enjoy some "adult" faith sharing time while your children are being cared for by adult volunteers!



Families of Faith is for all families raising children.

There is **ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS** before the **WOMEN'S CRHP RETREAT!**



by picking up a brochure in the line at www.st-annas.com/crhp.
t, grow in your faith & make new
s at the CRHP retreat!
part of CRHP V.



"Growing Hope"

Thank you for participating in
Baby Bottle Boomerang!

It is time to return bottles
Full or Empty; every little bit counts

A Family Night at the Gwinnett Braves



Friday, August 12
\$13.00 ticket includes a free cap
Tailgate @ 5:00PM, Game @ 7:05PM,
Contact: Roger Coyne 770-309-5623
Tickets going on sale after mass!
(Hosted by K of C)

A Special Ladies Tea & Luncheon

On Sunday, September 18th at 1:30
Tickets go on sale Aug. 27th.

\$10 Ladies, \$5 girls (10 & under).

Proceeds go towards the Kitchen and Parish Hall.



Calling all Kroger shoppers to shop for St. Anna's

Each person is required to re-enroll their Kroger Plus Card annually to continue the Kroger donations to our church.

Re-enrollment is from August 1 -August 30.

How to **RE-ENROLL** in the Kroger Community Rewards Program to Help St. Anna's Catholic Church. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com

For detailed information visit www.st-annas.com/kroger.html



Catholic Parent Revival

Sept 10th; 6:30-9:30 at Good Shepherd 3740 Holtzclaw Rd., Cumming (30041)

Sept. 11; 6-9pm at Holy Trinity Cath. Ch 101 Walt Banks Rd., Peachtree (30269)

Daycare for ages 5-11

2016 Parish Financials are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, if you have any questions or would like a copy, please email or call Brandy Lake at blake@st-annas.com or 770-267-7637

Save Time & Money - Plan Your Will Simplified

Go to www.cfngalegacy.org and click on "Plan Your Will." The site is free, confidential.

When done, print the document to take to your attorney. For more information contact: Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation:

jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.



December 27th to January 6th



9:00 Mass

August 7 - Marianna Tanner

August 14 - Volunteer Needed

12:00 Mass

August 7 - Yaricxa Roman

August 14 - Meagan Xydias



Meeting times for the week:

OLPH - Every Mon. @ 4:30pm (Conf)

Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)

Women's CHRHP - Every Tues. @ 6:30pm (6/MR)

Men's CHRHP - Every Tues. @ 7pm (7GR)

Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)

K of C Bus. Mtg. - Mon. 8/8 @ 7pm (PH)

Lay Carmelites Form. - Tues. 8/9 after mass (8GR)

WYN - Wed. 8/10 @ 6:30pm (PH/YR)

Stewardship Council - Wed. 8/10 @ 7:15pm (PH)

Rosary Makers - Thurs. 8/11 @ 7pm (Conf. RM)

Women's Bible Study -returns -Wed, Sept. 7th

ACES - returns - Fri., Sept 16th



Weekly Readings

August 6 - August 13

Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM

Sunday: Dn7:9-10.13-14/Ps 97:1-2.5-9/2 Peter 1:16-19. / Lk 9:28b-36.

Monday: Ezek. 1:2-5.24-28c/Ps148(147):1-2.11-12.13-14/Mt 17:22-27.

Tuesday: Ezek.2:8-10.3:1-4/Ps119:14.24.72.103.111.131/Mt18:1-5.10.12-14.

Wednesday: 2 Cor. 9:6-10. / Ps 112(111):1-2.5-6.7-8.9. / Jn 12:24-26.

Thursday: Ezek.12:1-12/Ps78:56-57.58-59.61-62/Mt 18:21-35.19:1.

Friday: Ezek. 16:1-15.60.63. / Is 12:2-3.4bcd.5-6. / Mt 19:3-12.

Saturday: Ezek.18:1-10.13b.30-32/Ps 51:12-15.18-19. / Mt 19:13-15.