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New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Every 2nd & 4th Friday: 7:30 PM
(or by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS

Sunday Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON
Children's Liturgy at: 10:00 a.m. Mass

Weekday Eucharist
Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:00 AM

* Morning Prayer / Evening Prayer
(One half hour before Mass)

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour
Fridays (excluding holidays) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mondays 6:30 PM

Divine Mercy
Fridays (excluding holidays) 3:00 PM

PARISH LIFE

Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 PM) 905-822-8132
Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) 416-804-3457
Social Committee 905-822-8132
Ministry of Consolation & Hope 905-822-8132 ext. 3
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 4
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5
J.O.Y. Social Club joysocialclub@st-ignatius-loyola.com
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544
Charismatic Prayer Group 905-822-8132 Ext. 3
(Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115
Christ the King 905-569-0220

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 19, 2017

“For to all those who have, more will be given...”

What can economics and productivity teach us about the kingdom of Heaven? Jesus' story about a businessman who leaves town and entrusts his money with his workers made perfect sense to his audience. Wealthy merchants and businessmen often had to travel abroad and leave the business to other to handle while they were gone.

Why did Jesus tell this story and what can it teach us? Most importantly it tells us something about how God Deals with us, his disciples and servants. The parable speaks first of the master's trust in his servants. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings attached, this was obviously a test to see if the master's workers would be industrious and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. The master rewards those who are industrious and faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money.

The essence of the parable seems to lie in the servants' conception of responsibility. Each servant entrusted with the master's money was faithful up to a certain point. The servant who buried the master's money was irresponsible. One can bury seeds in the ground and expect them to become productive because they obey natural laws. Coins, however, do not obey natural laws. They obey economic laws and become productive in circulation. The master expected his servants to be productive in the use of his money.

What do coins and the laws of economics have to do with the kingdom of God? The Lord entrusts the subjects of his kingdom with gifts and graces and he give his subjects the freedom to use them as they think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honours those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little, are entrusted with more. But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have.

There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you seek to serve God with the gifts, talents and graces he has given to you?

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Completed Memorial Sheets have been placed in the Book of Life to be remembered at Masses during the month of November. Each weekend during the month of November, one Sunday Mass will be offered for the faithful departed listed on the Memorial Sheets.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2017-2018

Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year, which starts on the weekend of December 2/3, will be on sale after

all Masses starting the weekend of November 11 and 12. The cost is \$5.00.



CHURCH CARPETING



Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners towards the Family of Faith Capital Campaign, we have re-carpeted the church. We are also grateful to those who gave of their time and energy to make this project a success. May God continue to bless all of you.

CHRISTMAS AT MASSEY HALL

The weekend of December 2 and 3, the St. Michael's Choir School will be performing Handel's Messiah. For tickets call 416-872-4255.

Mass Intentions for the Week



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – 8:00 A.M.

For the souls of those mentioned in our Book of Life

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – 7:00 P.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Kam Kai-Hong

SUNDAY, NOV. 26 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8.30 A.M. For the souls of those mentioned in our Book of Life

10:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

12:00 Noon + Francisco Tanduyco

+ Rizal Uy Tan

+ Naisoy Uy Tan

SPECIAL COLLECTION NOVEMBER 18 AND 19
As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. By supporting The Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. Donation envelopes and the Shepherds' Trust Newsletter are available in the vestibule of the Church. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org.

PETITION OF ONE MILLION

The "Petition of One Million" project is a Right to Life initiative that was launched in September 2017 to address human rights abuse. Through this initiative we hope to deliver a massive voice from Canadians to our government in 2019, to protect human life from its beginnings.

Jakki Jeff will be giving an enlightening presentation on Global Life Campaign, and how this project can assist our efforts in Canada to defend unborn human life and ways to be a part of this new campaign! This talk will be held Thursday, November 23 at 7:30 at St. Francis Xavier church, 5650 Mavis Rd.

BEING OUR BEST SELF

On November 30, St. John of the Cross (6890 Glen Erin Dr., Mississauga) New Beginnings Ministry is hosting a dinner and Seminar with Dr. Josephine Lombardi on Being Our Best Self. Please RSVP by November 24. For information, contact 416 921-1163. Visit <http://bit.ly/NewBeginningsEventbrite> for more information.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT AT QUEEN OF APOSTLES

Adoration, Community, Theology, Service. The Retreat is November 23 – 26. To register please contact, Dominic Menezes, 647-746-5678. www.actscanada.org.



RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

During the weekends of November 18/19 and November 25/26 there will be Christmas Cards and Calendars for sale on behalf of Right to Life after all Masses. Cards are 10 for \$10.00 and calendars are \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to Mississauga and area Right to Life.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please help support Knights of Columbus activities in our community. Pre-order your Christmas Poinsettias after all Masses the weekends of November 18/19, November 25/26 & December 2/3. Poinsettias can be picked up at the church the weekend of December 16 and 17. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.

CHRIST THE KING RALLY 2017

On November 25 the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto presents the Christ the King Rally. Praise & worship, rosary, healing procession, confessions, adoration and holy Mass, presided by Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, Archdiocese of Toronto. Guest Speaker: Deacon Larry Oney, Diocese of New Orleans. \$20 adults; \$5 youth and children free. PHONE: 647-669-7524 or 647-887-5517. For more information you can email CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com.

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