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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

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 26, 2017

“Come, you that are blessed by my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you...”

What kind of future are you preparing for? What about the life to come after our death? God puts in the heart of every living person the desire for unending life and happiness – but life of unending happiness can only be fulfilled in him. While death claims each of us at the appointed time, God gives us something which physical death cannot touch – his own divine life (2 Peter 1:3-4) and the sustaining power of his Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9-11). We can either accept or reject the offer which God makes to us in Christ Jesus the Lord. The Day of the Lord will reveal what kind of life we have chosen for the age to come – a life of peace and joy with God or a life of misery and separation apart from God.

What happens when you put sheep and goats together? Jesus’ audience readily understood the need for separating the two. In arid lands, like Israel, goats and sheep often grazed together during the day because green pasture was sparse. At nightfall, when the shepherd brought the sheep and goats to their place of rest, he separated them into two groups. Goats by temperament are aggressive, domineering, restless and territorial. They butt heads with their horns whenever they think someone is intruding on their space.

What’s the point of this story for us? Jesus’ parable of the separation of goats and sheep invites his audience to consider their lives not as they live now but in view of the age to come (Matthew 25:31-46). The kind of life we choose to live now and the moral choice we make will have consequences that determine our future – for better or for worse. Separation is an inevitable consequence of judgement. The Day of Judgement will reveal who had true faith in God and who lived according to God’s command to love him first above all else and to love one’s neighbour as oneself, with true compassion and mercy (see Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18).

As much as we might like to judge the parables, the parables nonetheless judge us by pointing out the consequences of the choices we make and the kind of life we choose to follow. Jesus teaches us a very important lesson about loving our neighbour and taking responsibility for others. God will judge us not only for the wrong we have done but also for what we have failed to do. Now is the time of God’s mercy, for seeking his help and grace to turn away from sin, and to walk in his way of love. We can love freely, generously and unconditionally because God has already poured his love into our hearts through the gift and working of his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Ask the Holy Spirit to purify your heart that you may love as God loves and live charitably with all. Do you treat your neighbour with mercy and love as Christ has treated you?

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION



The Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place the weekend of December 2 & 3. Special donation envelopes are in your offertory envelope boxes or you may take a collection envelope located on a table at the back of the church. Your generosity to families in need at Christmas is most appreciated.

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.

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 for the Intentions Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Anna Policelli
+ Tony Rebello
+ Ceferino Baquial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – 8:00 A.M.

For the souls of those mentioned in our Book of Life

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – 7:00 P.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Kam Kai-Hong

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 A.M. For the souls of those mentioned in our Book of Life
10:00 A.M. + Siegmund Grohotolski
+ Maria Stubits
+ Angela, Anne & Patrick Moylett
12:00 Noon S.I. Parish Community

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Calling boys and girls in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 4. Would you like to be in our Christmas Pageant at the 5 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve? If you are interested, please ask your parents to call the parish office at 905-822-8132 ext. 3.

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.

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT



Please remember to pray for the young people of our parish who will be receiving God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 2 and Saturday, December 9.

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.

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Young adult retreat with the Sisters of Life & Fr. James Brent, OP January 19 to 21, 2018 at St. Francis Retreat Centre, Caledon. A weekend retreat for men and women ages 18-35. There will be talks given by the Sisters of Life and the Dominican Friars. For more information call The Sisters of Life 416-463-2722 or email toronto@sistersoflife.org.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year, will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on Jan. 15* from 7 – 9 p.m. and Jan. 17-19 from 9-3 p.m. *A snow date has been designated on January 16 from 7-9 p.m. Registration materials will be available on the board website. For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

INFORMATION SESSION

On Thursday, January 25, 2018 the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Learning Services Department will host a Kindergarten entry planning and information session. This meeting is for families of children with differing abilities, such as vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas, who are entering Kindergarten in September 2018. The meeting will be held at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information about this session, please call 905-890-0708 ext. 24021.

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