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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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2018

"We have found the Messiah!"

Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the *Passover Lamb* (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

Jesus is the Lamb of God who sacrificed his life to atone for our sins

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus asks us - "What are you looking for?"

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ. He did not hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to Himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us.

Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know the Lord Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to others. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ?

"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may joyfully seek to do your will."

HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 13/14 and January 20/21. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the parish from January 29 to February 6 inclusive. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated during this time. The Saturday/Sunday Masses the weekend of February 3 and 4 will be celebrated by visiting priests.

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Donald Kelly

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Elsa Giovannelli

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

10:00 A.M. *Intention Available*

12:00 Noon S.I. Beatification of the servant of God
Alfie Lamb
+ Melwyyyn Aruja

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.dpccsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Co-Ed Young Adult Retreat (18-35) St. Francis Retreat Centre (208501 Highway 9, Caledon) January 19-21, 6:00 PM (Friday) – 1:00 PM (Sunday) Developed for university students, the retreat will focus on our identity as children of God. Register by emailing us at toronto@sistersoflife.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email or call (416) 463 2722. A deposit is requested to complete registration. The cost for this retreat is \$125 per participant; however, we welcome any donation you are capable of giving.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at office@stfrancisofassisi.ca.

SPECIAL THANKS

Fr. Bernard is grateful to Monica and Doug Stanley and their jolly band of volunteers who gave of their time and energy to decorate the church for the Christmas season.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE INFORMATION ON WEBSITE!

As suggested by many of you, we will be posting the proposed activities with the Saffar family on the St Francis of Assisi website. It will be available under Ministries, Refugee Committee during the week of January 15. In future we will post key pieces of information on the website and will notify you through the church bulletin.

A reminder....the Meet and Greet with the Saffar family is this Sunday, January 14 after the 12 pm mass in the Church Hall. We appreciate all your support!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Mark your calendars, beginning Thursday January 18th, St Francis of Assisi Prayer Group, will be hosting our annual Parish Life in the Spirit Seminars. The Seminars will start at 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, in the parish hall, and run for six weeks. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2017 and advise you that income tax receipts will be issued in February 2018. In order to receive an income tax receipt for contributions to the Church, we strongly suggest you take a box of Offertory Envelopes each year. Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are located at the back of the Church. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Baptized Catholics in Grade Seven and up are invited to consider receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, kindly attend ONE of the following meetings with your parent(s): **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 at 10 a.m. OR SATURDAY, MARCH 3 at 10 a.m. These are the only 2 registration sessions being held for Confirmation in January 2018. If you miss these sessions, you are most welcome to register for Confirmation in 2019.**

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