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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2018

“The Lord Jesus can make me clean”

Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”
1Corinthians 10:31

HEAD'S UP FOR LENT

Fr. Kieran Kilcommons of the Madonna House Apostolate will preach at all Masses on the second Sunday of Lent (February 24/25) and invite our parish community for a Lenten Mission on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week, when he will develop his Mission themes. Stay tuned for more details.

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Mark your calendars for our Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. Masses are also available at:

St. Christopher's Parish - 9:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Merciful Redeemer - Wed., Feb. 14 at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius Loyola - Wed., Feb. 14 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Martin of Tours - Wed., Feb. 14 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier - Wed., Feb. 14 at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Louisa D'Souza
+ Antonio Tolentino
S.I. Ann Overment

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – 7:00 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY

Intention Available

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the
Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I Parish Community

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 A.M. *Intention Available*

10:00 A.M. *Intention Available*

12:00 Noon + Mary Fitzgerald Forsyth

CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more info and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE



The Office of Formation for Discipleship at the Archdiocese of Toronto is happy to announce the Celebration of Marriage Mass at Blessed Trinity Church on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 3 p.m. Couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary will be honoured at this special Mass.



PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2018

DAILY MASS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday at 8 a.m.
ROSARY: Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:40 p.m.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: Sung on Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 2nd and 4th Friday of every month following the 7 p.m. Mass and Saturday from 4-4:45 p.m.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Saturday, February 24 at 10 a.m.

OR

Saturday, March 3 at 10 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

1. **PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Please provide the full name and complete address of the Church where you were baptized, especially if you were baptized overseas. If there is a fax number, please include it. This information can be **PRINTED** on the reverse side of the Baptism Certificate

2. \$40 for the Confirmation resource fee

3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:

- Confirmed Catholic
- 16 years of age or older
- Practicing Catholic
- Not be the parent of the Candidate

THESE ARE THE ONLY 2 REGISTRATION SESSIONS BEING HELD FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2018. IF YOU MISS THESE SESSIONS, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2019.

NEW BEGINNINGS: PRAYING OUR GOODBYES

The New Beginnings Ministry invites you to a Lenten Retreat "Praying Our Goodbyes". The Retreat takes place on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 9:30am to 3:30pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 11 Peter St. S. Mississauga. Lunch and refreshments provided. Please register by phone: to St. Padre Pio Parish office at 905-893-7879, or newbeginnings.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com.

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