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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  
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J.O.Y. Social Club joysocialclub@st-ignatius-loyola.com  
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544  
Charismatic Prayer Group 905-822-8132 Ext. 3  
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### SCHOOLS

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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2018

## “Jesus fasted for 40 days and was tempted”

### *Two conditions for the kingdom - repent and believe*

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do to in order to receive the kingdom of God: *repent and believe*. When we submit to Christ's rule in our lives and believe the gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by sin and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). That is why repentance is the first step.

Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. If we are only sorry for the consequences of our sins, we will very likely keep repeating the sin that is mastering us. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. The Lord Jesus gives us grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what is good and in accord with his will. His grace brings pardon and help for turning away from everything that would keep us from his love and truth.

To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. He is our Father and he wants us to live as his sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe that the gospel -the good news of Jesus - has power to free you from bondage to sin and fear?

*“Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it.”*



**Living the Gospel** by supporting ShareLife agencies ...

“As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to ‘Live the Gospel’ in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For more than 41 years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!” —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

*If there were no forgiveness of sins in the Church, there would be no hope for eternal life and eternal deliverance. Let us thank God, who gave his Church such a great gift. -ST. AUGUSTINE*

### LENTEN MISSION

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. He will speak about the following themes:

Monday, February 26 – Charity: The Art of Cheerful Giving

Tuesday, February 27 – Fasting and Self-denial: Hard, but Good

Wednesday, February 28 – Prayer and Forgiveness: Inward and Forward

### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2017 and advise you that income tax receipts are now available in the church hall. In order to receive an income tax receipt for contributions to the Church, we suggest you take a box of Offertory envelopes.

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Don Amos

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Nat John Prior

+ Sonia Lim

+ Angela Mendoza Javier

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8.30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** *Intention Available*

**12:00 Noon** S.I. Mateusz Wojciechowski

**THIS LENT, RESOLVE TO**

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast from complaining; feast on gratitude.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from gossip; feast on silence.

Gracious God, during this season of fasting and feasting, gift us with Your presence, so we can be a gift to others in carrying out your will. -Amen



**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.

**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month following the 7 p.m. Mass and Saturday from 4-4:45 p.m.

**SIGN-UP SUNDAYS! FEBRUARY 24/25 WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway. Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please take a moment to provide your contact information the weekend of February 24/25. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

**SOAP FOR HOPE**

Did you know that washing with soap helps decrease skin infections, diarrhea and pneumonia? Please help **Canadian Food for Children** to help those most in need. With just one bar of soap, from each parishioner, we will make a difference. Collection boxes will be available at the back of the church the weekend of March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**THE NEWCOMERS THANK YOU**

The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi have been very generous to our newcomers. Thank you for your prayers, your welcome, and the donations of new and used items as well as gift cards. Thank you to Kerry English and to the Knights of Columbus for the five men who moved the big furniture. The family is now nicely settled in an apartment that is within walking distance of their classes and grocery shopping. Your help is very much appreciated.

-The St. Francis of Assisi Refugee Committee

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION REMINDER**

Confirmation registration will be taking place Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. **OR** Saturday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. In order to register for Confirmation, please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate, the Confirmation resource fee of \$40 and the name of your child's Confirmation sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic 16 years of age or older.

**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.**

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