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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 OF LENT

February 25, 2018

## “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him”

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12) as he is (1 John 3:2).

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (see Exodus 34:29). Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles.

What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again. While this transpired Peter, James, and John were asleep! Upon awakening they discovered the transfiguration of Jesus along with Moses and Elijah.

How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses to his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?



**Living the Gospel** by supporting vocations...

Living the Gospel by supporting vocations "Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life," shares Matthew Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He adds, "The seminary could not run without the generous support of ShareLife donors." By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God's call.

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

## 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

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Jan Partyka

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – 8:00 A.M.**

+ Kenneth Peters

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – 6:00 P.M.**

+ Pasquale Palumbo

+ Leonarda Palumbo

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family

S.I. Priests and Deacons Living and Deceased

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3 – 5:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:30 A.M.** *Intention Available*

**10:00 A.M.** + Jean Bateman

**12:00 Noon** S.I. Parish Community



**PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2018**

**DAILY MASS:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 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 7:00 p.m. Mass and Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**SOAP FOR HOPE**

Did you know that washing with soap helps decrease skin infections, diarrhea and pneumonia? Being clean allows a person to have dignity and self-esteem. Please help Canadian Food for Children to help those most in need – the poorest of the poor. With just one bar of soap, from each parishioner, we will make a difference. Boxes will be available at the back of the church the weekend of March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**COME & SEE WEEKEND**

**St. Augustine's Seminary March 23-25**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

**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.**

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Like many Catholics, you may be surprised to find out that you are not registered as a Separate (Catholic) School Supporter, but rather, as a Public-School Supporter. By directing your tax support to the Separate School System: You may vote for Separate School Trustees in Municipal elections (October 22, 2018); Your children may attend Catholic elementary schools; You show your support for the Catholic school system. To verify that you are an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter, check the assessment section of your Tax Bill or Property Assessment Notice. To register as a Separate (Catholic) School Supporter or change your Direction of School Support, please contact the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24512 or admissions@dpcdsb.org.

**2018 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

March 3 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The theme of this year's rally is "Fire on the Earth" featuring talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield; an adult High Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth mass will be celebrated Bishop Scott McCaig. For more info call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510 or go to info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca.

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