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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

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4, 2018

## “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up”

What can keep us from the presence of God? Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's action. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them through the sea, and finally to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of life embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God gave Moses instruction for worship and for making the Tabernacle, or tent of meeting, which was later replaced by the temple. The New Testament tells us that these “serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary” - God's Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of sin and make us living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). Do you thirst for holiness?

Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into "house of trade" (John 2:16) or "den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). That is why he used force to expel the money-changers. The prophecy of Malachi foretold the coming of the Lord unexpectedly to his Temple to "purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord" (Malachi 3:1-4). Jesus' disciples recalled the words of Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." This was understood as a Messianic prophecy.

Here the disciples saw more clearly Jesus as the Messiah who burned with zeal for God's house. The Jewish authorities, however, wanted proof that Jesus had divine authority to act as he did. They demanded a sign from God to prove Jesus right, otherwise, they would treat him as an imposter and a usurper of their authority. Jesus replied that the sign God would give would be his resurrection: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up". The Jews did not understand that the temple Jesus referred to was his own body. The "tent of his body" had to be destroyed to open the way to the presence of God for us. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus not only reconciles us with God, but he fills us with his Holy Spirit and make us temples of the living God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). God's word enlightens our minds and purifies our hearts that we may offer God fitting worship and enjoy his presence both now and forever. Do you burn with zeal for the Lord's house?

"Lord Jesus Christ, you open wide the door of your Father's house and you bid us to enter confidently that we may worship in spirit and truth. Help me to draw near to your throne of mercy with gratitude and joy".



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On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own.

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

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION

On March 22 at 7:00 p.m., we will have 6 priests to hear Confessions. Please mark your calendars and plan on going to Confession in preparation for Easter. Reconciliation is also available at:

**St. Joseph's Parish** - Tues. March 20 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Merciful Redeemer** - Wed. March 21 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**St. Ignatius Loyola** - Thur. March 22 at 9:30-11:30 a.m., 4:00-6:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**St. John of the Cross** - Mon. March 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier** - Thur. March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2018

**DAILY MASS:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

**ROSARY:** Wednesdays 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.

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 5 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 6 – 8:00 A.M.**

S.I. A Prayer of Thanksgiving- Janet and Kerry English

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Leandro Valenton

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 8 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Anthony Joseph

+ Thomas Zita

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 10 – 5:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 11 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**10:00 A.M.** + Lourdes de Mesa

**12:00 Noon** S.I. A Prayer of Thanksgiving- Janet and Kerry English

### SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

#### (Grades 11 & 12)

On Saturday, March 17, 2018 the Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, on Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA>

For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### 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 please contact the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24512 or [admissions@dpcdsb.org](mailto:admissions@dpcdsb.org).

### DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

Catholic Women's Conference on March 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. Speakers and topics include: Mark Mallett, Ann Jamieson, Sister Helena Burns FSP, Geoff and Jennifer Cauchi, Lisa Canning & Dorothy Pilarski. To register go to [dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://dynamicwomenfaith.com) or call 416-907-1042. Light breakfast, lunch, and free parking.

### CALLING ALL GIRLS

On March 23, enjoy an evening of high-powered talks. Meet new people. Learn the truth. Talk about it. Discover who you are. Avoid mistakes. Improve your relationship. Choices! What do I do? Dr. Jessica Chan Tai: Worries? Anxious? Stressed? John Paul II Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. To register go to <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/> or call 416-907-1042.

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