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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 25, 2018

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord”

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on a donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem:

"The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4)

Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory:

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

"Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of Glory!"



HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that there will NOT be Confessions on Holy Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday March 29 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday March 30 - Passion of the Lord at Noon and 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday March 31 - Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11:00 a.m.

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00 p.m. (Please note that this Mass is approximately 2 hours in length.)

Easter Sunday April 1 - Resurrection of the Lord 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 26 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Gerald Mayo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Josephine McKinney

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 – 7:30 P.M.

Holy Thursday – No intentions

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 – 12:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.

Good Friday – No Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 – 8:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30 A.M. *Intention Available*

10:00 A.M. + Martina Hatch

S.I. In Thanksgiving – Padua Family

+ Socorro Cabioc

11:30 A.M. *Intention Available*

1:00 P.M. + Encarnacion Alvarez

+ Petra Malaban

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE

“Refreshed & Renewed” Saturday, April 28 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2018 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Mary’s Catholic Academy 66 Dufferin Park Ave., Toronto Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join us for a weekend of praise & worship, celebration of the Eucharist and a Spirit-filled conference led by powerful speakers. Allow yourself to be renewed through the power of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Free admission with lunch included. Contact CCRC Toronto PHONE at 647-669-7524 or 647-887-5517 or email CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com.

“ATONING FOR THE SIN OF ABORTION; HOW TO FIX OUR MORAL COMPASS”

Come be inspired by our own Michael Smolders (Husband, Father, Public Speaker, Coach and Entrepreneur) as he unpacks the Spiritual tools needed to tackle the Culture of Death on Monday March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 4260 Cawthra Rd. Sponsored by Right to Life Association of Mississauga and Area and Kolbe Pro Life.

WOMEN OF THE WORD TORONTO

Women of the Word Toronto invites you to their 9th Annual Forum, “Daring to Reflect My True Image.” April 15. 9:30 a.m. at The Royalton Hospitality Inc., 8201 Weston Rd., Woodbridge. Contact Mary Filangi at 416-453-0402.



Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community

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April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

EASTER RETREAT



The Eight Doors of the Kingdom: We are blessed to have Fr. Jacques guide our community on the importance of living the Beatitudes. In this retreat, Fr. Jacques Philippe shows how true joy comes from spiritual poverty lived according to the Gospel. Father will give examples from the Scriptures to teach us what it means to be spiritually poor before God, ourselves, and our brothers and sisters. April 14, 2018 at Newman Centre 89 St. George St., Toronto. To register go to <https://easterretreatnewman.eventbrite> or contact Alexandra.whittle@newmantoronto.com.

WOMENS RETREAT

Women Together Retreat Weekend – A Spa for the Soul. Women ministering to women. This retreat is facilitated by certified spiritual directors Anne Hales, Linda Wisz, and Questa Fernandes. Priests are with us for Mass and Confessions. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre May 11 – 13. Cost is \$200, which is all-inclusive. Accommodations are single private rooms. For further information or to register please call the Centre at 905-278-5229.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Eggstravaganza hosted by SHORA on Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Thornlodge Park. Bring the kids out for an Easter egg hunt by ages; 5years and under, 10:00 -10:30 a.m. & 11:00-11:30 a.m., 6 years and over 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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