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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 EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 8, 2018

“Unless I see I will not believe”

Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

“Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection.”



Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' need without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis.

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



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 8,
2018**

Join us at 3:00 p.m. as we sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The rest of the hour will be devoted to Adoration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
Weekday Mass Attendees**

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the parish from Tuesday, April 10 to Thursday, April 12. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 9 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Antony Joseph

+ Noah Vinie

TUESDAY, APRIL 10 – 8:00 A.M.

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 – 7:00 P.M.

No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the

Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Suzette Sandico Ermitano

+ Andrej Markes

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Lisa Grisolia

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 A.M. + Antonietta Valentino

10:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

12:00 P.M. Ryszard Michalec

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE

“Refreshed & Renewed” April 28/29 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Mary’s Catholic Academy 66 Dufferin Park Ave. Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CRCC). 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.

BRING LIFE TO OTTAWA

For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to work to protect our fellow humans from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, please join us for a day trip to our Nation’s Capital by coach on Thursday, May 10, 2018 to attend the annual March for Life event. A coach will leave from St Francis of Assisi at 6:30 a.m., right after the 6:00 a.m. Mass. Cost is \$50. Contact John Killackey at 905-820-9232 for more information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the boys and girls in our parish schools who will be receiving Jesus for the first time during the weekends of April and May.



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.

COMING SOON.....

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING FLOWER SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be taking your Spring Flower orders after all Masses the weekends of April 21 and 22, April 28 and 29. Flowers will be ready for pick-up Mother’s Day weekend May 12 and 13. Watch the bulletin for more details.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH CONFERENCE

UOIT Campus, Oshawa July 13-15

Now in its 5th year, Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2018 up to those who will be graduating



high school by the end of 2018 can attend Steubenville Toronto. All youth must attend the conference with a group leader and chaperones. The deadline to register a group to attend the conference is June 14th, 2018. To register contact the Office of Catholic at 416-599-7676 or email info@steubenvilletoronto.com.

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