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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

"I am the Good Shepherd"



Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands. The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Savior of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Savior he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word?

"Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to your voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence."



Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. ShareLife is a tangible way we can put the Gospel value to 'love one another as I have loved you' into action. I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife." —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

SHARELIFE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2018 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a brighter future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity. We have reached \$46,388, which is 35.7% of our goal of \$130,000. This weekend is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

PLEASE NOTE

For the next 2 Saturdays (April 28 and May 5), Confessions will be from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. as Fr. Bernard will be rehearsing with the First Holy Communion children before the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Mass for the Intentions Week

MONDAY, APRIL 23 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the
Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Dominic Pizzi

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Priscilla Fernandes

+ Manu Rodrigues

+ Josephine McKinney

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

10:00 A.M. Intention Available

12:00 P.M. + Dominic Pizzi

+ 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. Free admission with lunch included. Contact CCRC Toronto PHONE at 647-669-7524 or 647-887-5517 or email CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com.

BIRTHRIGHT CALLING!

Do you have 3 hours a week. to dedicate to our unique service? Birthright is a local volunteer organization that works small miracles in the lives of women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. Training provided. Please call 905-273-9409 11am-2pm, or email birthright.mississauga@hotmail.com

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

St. Christopher’s Parish is looking for someone two days/week. Accounting experience and strong PC skills are a must. Work and Personal references required. Please send resume with cover letter by Friday, May 11/, 2018 to: mail@stchristopher.on.ca. We thank all applicants, however, only respondents selected for an interview will be contacted.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY



On the weekend of May 5th and May 6, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of **gently** used clothes and leather shoes. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBERS



We have several offertory envelopes with no name attached to them. These numbers are 17, 106, 108, 128, 201, 243, 305, 355, 359, 429, 467 and 659. If one of these numbers belong to you and you would like to receive a tax receipt, please notify the office as soon as possible.

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Help support Knights of Columbus activities in your community by ordering beautiful spring flower planters and baskets. Order your SPRING BASKETS after all Masses April 21/22, April 28/29. Flowers will be ready for pick-up Mother’s Day weekend May 12 and 13. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981 or Mike Genua at 416-804-3457



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER/CONCERT

The Knight of Columbus is hosting a Fund Raising Dinner/Concert on June 15, 2018 at LeDome. Please mark your calendars and help us with this event. Further details will be available at the back of the church during their spring Flower Sales program.

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Another scripture study series will begin here at St. Francis on Thursday, April 26th at 6:15 to 7:15 in the parish hall. The focus will be on Acts of the Apostles, chapters 9 through 28. We’ll start with a review of chapters 1 through 8 for newcomers. Please join us!

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.

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