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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2018

“Abide in me, and I in you”

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "as his choice vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "yielded wild grapes" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "degenerate and wild vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".



Jesus offers true life - the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches - those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). Do you trust in the Lord's abiding presence with you?

"Lord Jesus may I be one with you in all that I say and do. Draw me close that I may glorify you and bear fruit for your kingdom. In flame my heart with your love and remove from it anything that would make me ineffective or unfruitful in loving and serving you as my All."



Living the Gospel by helping newcomers to Canada.....

Angie moved to Canada to marry a man she met online. He was not who he seemed; she endured emotional and physical abuse. While he was at work, she started attending language classes at Catholic Crosscultural Services. Staff at CCS connected her with a settlement worker in the women's program. Angie received the support she needed to exit her violent relationship and live independently, free from abuse. Angie is one of over 3,000 clients helped annually by CCS programs funded by ShareLife.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

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.

PLEASE NOTE

Next Saturday, 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 Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 30 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MAY 1 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, MAY 3 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, MAY 4 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

S.I. Priests and Deacons living and deceased

SATURDAY, MAY 5 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Tom Quigg

SUNDAY, MAY 6 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 A.M. Intention Available

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

12:00 P.M. + Ryszard Michalec

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on Sunday, May 6. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Renewing the Promise." The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well.

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

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW

The Legion of Mary invites you and your friends to celebrate the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by coming to our Book Barrow after all masses on May 12th and 13th. You will be able to browse and borrow numerous religious books and publications. You will also be able chat with fellow parishioners while enjoying some light refreshments and hot coffee and tea.

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. For more information contact Dr. Peter Ing at (905) 608-0608.



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 next weekend.



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