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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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 13, 2018

“The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven”



Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthly ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the Apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his Apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the Gospel - the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel?

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

“Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death.”

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the Parish from Monday, May 21 to Friday, May 25 inclusive at a mandatory priests retreat. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.

JOIN US IN THE GARDENS

The garden committee welcomes any new members who wish to work in the church gardens. No previous gardening experience is necessary. If you are a student who needs volunteer hours, this is the place for you. We meet on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m., but we can accommodate you at any other time. Join us to enjoy the beauty of nature and to share in the companionship of other gardeners. If interested, call Dolores at 905-822-5297.

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

MONDAY, MAY 14 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Blanca Byrne
- + Jose Byrne
- + Alexandra Byrne

TUESDAY, MAY 15 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Rocca Mansour

THURSDAY, MAY 17 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the
Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, MAY 18 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Benita Guadarrama
- + Muriel Johnson

SATURDAY, MAY 19 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, MAY 20 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 8.30 A.M.** + Joseph Thau Nguyen
- 10:00 A.M.** + Yvonne Carmela Vella
+ Gracia Raposa
- 12:00 P.M.** S.I. Gabriel and Rocca Mansour
S.I. Beatification of the Venerable
Edel Quinn

THIRD ANNUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

On June 9 as part of St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program, the day will involve reflections on women in the New Testament using Lectio and Visio Divina. There will be opportunity for meditation, meditation with scripture and with icons. The retreat will include Mass in the seminary chapel. Cost is \$50 (includes lunch). For more information contact St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto at 416-261-7207.

**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 info@steubenvilletoronto.com.



**Living the Gospel by supporting
mental health wellness**

In 2016, over 2,000 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Often, clients sought help to address depression. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

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

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PARISH GOAL.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$1,000
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Are you graduating from high school? Are you entering your first year of studies at a Canadian University/College in September 2018? Tell us about your service to Church, School, and Community and you could be a successful recipient of The Knights of Columbus \$1,000 Scholarship Program. Hurry, application deadline is June 1st. Visit www.kofc8668.org or see The Knights of Columbus bulletin board in the Church foyer for details.

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.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

May 24-27 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga.

The ACTS retreat is a three-day retreat led by those who have attended prior ACTS retreats. The retreat focuses on Adoration, community, theology and service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. For more information contact Willy Klaudusz at 647-281-5990

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