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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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 17, 2018

“What the Kingdom of God is like”



What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

The transforming power of the Word of God

The Lord of the Universe is ever ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his life-giving Word and Spirit? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to the Lord Jesus and allow his word to take root in us, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

The cross of Jesus is the Tree of Life

Christ became all things in order to restore all of us in himself. The man Christ received the mustard seed which represents the kingdom of God; as man he received it, though as God he had always possessed it. He sowed it in his garden. The Church is a garden extending over the whole world, tilled by the plough of the gospel, fenced in by stakes of doctrine and discipline, cleared of every harmful weed by the labor of the apostles. Such then is the mustard seed which Christ sowed in his garden. When he promised a kingdom to the patriarchs, the seed took root in them; with the prophets it sprang up; with the apostles it grew tall. Do you allow the seed of God's word to take deep root in your life and transform you into a fruit-bearing disciple of Jesus Christ?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and transform me into the Christ-like holiness you desire. Increase my zeal for your kingdom and instill in me a holy desire to live for your greater glory."

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND PARISHIONERS

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who give of their time, talents and energy to serve our Parish Community. I am especially grateful for the amazing generosity of all of our parishioners. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Fr. Bernard

2018 SUMMER DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Families, groups or individuals are cordially invited to make a pilgrimage to Regina Mundi Shrine on one or more of the Sundays of July and August. Many have enjoyed it in the eight years before this. And you do not have to travel far to Massachusetts. Easy to reach from every direction on Warden Avenue just north of Mount Albert Road. For more information go to www.reginamundimagnum.com or call 905-478-4264 .

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 \$101,550, which is 78% of our goal of \$130,000.00 . If you would like to make a donation to ShareLife, the campaign continues until July 31st. Thank you to all who have supported this important appeal.

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

MONDAY, JUNE 18 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Fr. Joseph Grima

+ Mary Lucy Lobo

+ Yvonne Carmela Vella

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 – THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:30 A.M. S.I. Melchiorre Family

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

12:00 P.M. + Augustine Fernandez

+ Kenneth Goodwin

+ Alejo Bautista Jr.

CRADLE OF HOPE CONFERENCE

Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Mass, adoration, confession, praise & worship and healing procession. Guest speakers include Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Mark Nimo, Lalith Perera, Fr. Matthias Amuzu, Fr. Ben St. Croix and Bishop Robert Kasun of the Archdiocese of Toronto. To be held on June 23 at Canada Christian College, Toronto. For more information call 647-669-7524, 647-447-1513 or 647-887-5517.

STEBENVILLE 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.



Living the Gospel by helping isolated seniors.....

In partnership with Catholic Family Service agencies and six parishes in Peel Region and Simcoe County, ShareLife is funding a pilot project that connects trained volunteers with isolated and lonely seniors. Volunteers cultivate relationships by conducting home visits, making phone calls, and linking seniors with community resources. Through your generosity, ShareLife is connecting these seniors with the support they need

Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or sharelife.org.

PILGRIMAGE RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Faith Connections and the Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join other young adults (men and women, 18-39) on a weekend pilgrimage as we explore how to live the call to faith with the Sisters at a camp in North Bay, Ontario. Cost: \$150, including meals and accommodation (single bed cottages - \$70 if you do not require accommodation). To register, contact Kataryna Ryba: faithconnections@csj-to.ca or 416-467-2645. Pilgrimage runs August 24-26.

WRAPPING UP FOR THE SUMMER.....

Bulletins

Please note that the church bulletin will not be published during July and August. Keep checking the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church for all the Parish news.

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2018 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

Mass Intentions

Please note that Weekly Mass Intentions will be posted on the bulletin board. Kindly come to the Parish Office if you would like to book a Mass Intention.

Children's Liturgy Program

The Children's Liturgy Program wraps up for the summer on Sunday, June 24. Thank you for entrusting your children to us this past school year, we have enjoyed sharing God's Word with them. The program restarts Sunday, September 23, 2018.



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