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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

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24, 2018

“What then will this child become?”

Birthdays are a special time to remember and give thanks for the blessings that have come our way. Are you grateful for the ways that God has worked in your life, even from your birth? In many churches of the East and West the birth of John the Baptist is remembered on this day. The friends of Zechariah and Elizabeth marveled at the wonderful way in which God blessed them with a child. This child was destined by God for an important mission. The last verses in the last book of the Old Testament, taken from the prophet Malachi, speak of the Lord's messenger, the prophet Elijah who will return to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6). We see the beginning of the fulfillment of this word when the Angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah the marvelous birth and mission of John the Baptist (Luke 1:17). When this newly born child was about to be named, as customary on the eighth day, his relatives quibbled over what name to give him. (Don't relatives today often do the same when the time comes for naming a newborn?) This child, however has been named from above! And Elizabeth is firm in her faith and determined to see that God be glorified through this child. The name John means "the Lord is gracious". In the birth of John and in the birth of Jesus the Messiah we see the grace of God breaking forth into a world broken by sin and without hope. John's miraculous birth shows the mercy and favor of God in preparing his people for the coming of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of God's kingdom. Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leapt in the womb of Elizabeth as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8).

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came.

What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us he graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God. God wants to fill us with his glory all the days of our lives, from birth through death. Renew the offering of your life to God and give him thanks for his mercy and favor towards you.

"Lord Jesus, you bring hope and salvation to a world lost in sin, despair, and suffering. Let your grace refresh and restore your people today in the hope and joy of your great victory over sin and death."



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!

IMPORTANT NOTICE Weekday Mass Attendees

Fr. Bernard will be away from the parish from Monday, June 25 to Thursday, June 28. Fr. Roger will be celebrating the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, June 25 and Wednesday, June 27. The Tuesday (June 26) and Thursday (June 28) Masses are cancelled.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JUNE 25 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Kerry and Janet English

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Helen Gregg

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Milanie de Leon

+ Ginalyn Pono

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUNDAY, JULY 1 – 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 A.M. S.I. Elizabeth and Stan Czubat

10:00 A.M. Intention Available

12:00 P.M. S.I. Parish Community



Living the Gospel by providing for those in need.....

“Without you, ShareLife could not fulfill its mission to Live the Gospel by providing for those in need. Together we are making a real difference! My prayer is that we may continue to respond to God's love by going forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.” —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

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

THANK YOU!



The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thank those who contributed to Marygrove Camp. Through your generous donations, we have raised \$2150 to send girls on an 8-day camping experience. Each camper's holiday is fully subsidized through your generous support. We also wish to thank those whose contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes, at the doors of the Church, have made it possible to continue to assist the less fortunate.

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.

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at office@st-francisofassisi.ca

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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