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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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 26, 2018

"You have the words of eternal life"

Why do some find it easier while others find it harder to accept the claims which Jesus made? Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible - a visible sign of God's mercy and favour which Jesus demonstrated in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance, and miraculous signs, including the multiplication of the loaves and fish when he fed the five thousand who had gathered to hear him speak. Many stumbled, however, when Jesus made claims which only God can make. Jesus' discourse on "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" (see John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers.

Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so with violence fueled by hatred, envy, and even betrayal by one of his own disciples.

Jesus told his disciples that his words were "spirit and life" (John 6:63) - his words came from the heavenly Father who is the Author of life and the One who breathes his Spirit into those who believe in him. Through the gift of faith Peter was able to receive spiritual revelation of who Jesus truly is - the Holy One of God, the eternal Son sent from the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race and reconcile them with God.

How does God help us grow in faith and trust in his word? Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said, "I believe in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe." The Lord Jesus offers all of his followers his life-giving word and Spirit to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God.

Paul the Apostle tells us that it is the work of the Holy Spirit who enlightens the eyes of our heart and mind to understand the truth and wisdom which comes from God (Ephesians 1:17-18). Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action and work in our personal lives. Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We can know God personally, and we grow in recognizing his voice as we listen to his word and obey his instruction. Do you believe, as Peter did, that Jesus has the words of everlasting life and the power to change and transform your life? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith that you may grow in knowing, loving, and serving him as your Lord and Redeemer, Teacher and Healer, Master and Savior.



THANK YOU FROM FR. BERNARD

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who serve God and neighbour by generously giving of their time, talents and energy to serve our parish community. May God continue to bless all of you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from August 27 to August 31. Holy Mass will not be celebrated here at St. Francis of Assisi on those days.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 27 – 7:00 P.M.

No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 – 8:00 A.M.

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 – 7:00 P.M.

No Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 – 8:00 A.M.

No Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 – 7:00 P.M.

No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M.

+ Mary Hennessy

+ Cipriano Paz Aquino

10:00 A.M.

Intention Available

12:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THANK YOU



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FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents who would like to enroll their child in the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation programme, are invited to pick up registration forms after all Masses the weekends of September 8/9 and September 15/16. Mass times are Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Completed registration forms (with a copy of the Baptism certificate) will be received on Saturday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. or Saturday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. The deadline to register your child is September 29, after which you are welcome to register for the following year.



RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples and families, men and women! Unite with one another to collectively RENEW our Hearts, RENEW our Call and RENEW our Community. On October 13 join the OCY at Isabel Bader Theatre, Toronto. For more information contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676.



If you or someone you know believe that you are being called to become Catholic, please join us for evenings of Catholic teaching and spiritual formation which are designed to lead to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. This process will begin at the end of September to welcome inquirers. Come and join us, and grow in your love and knowledge of God and of the Catholic Church. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

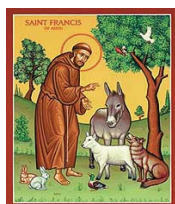
Liturgy of the Word for Children resumes Sunday September 23 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All children ages 4 through 8 are invited to participate. Children 9+ are also welcome to join if they are interested.



SAVE THE DATE

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LIFE CHAIN on Sunday September 30 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. This year, we will be standing at our new location: Dundas St. in front of the Woodchester Mall near Wendy's. Pick up your signs there at 1:15 for an hour of prayerful, peaceful, silent witness that challenges our society with the truth that: “ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN”

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4, 2018. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on Saturday, October 6 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the church parking lot. There will be a BBQ to follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

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