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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

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour
Fridays (excluding holidays) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday during Mass
Rosary Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 6:40

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
Ministry of Consolation & Hope 905-822-8132 ext. 3
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 4
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115
Christ the King 905-569-0220

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018

“Out of the heart come evil thoughts”



Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First off hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions.

Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them.

Where does evil spring from and what's the solution for eliminating it from our lives? Jesus deals with this issue in response to the religious leaders' concern with ritual defilement - making oneself unfit to offer acceptable sacrifice and worship to God. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people. Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God through his Word and Spirit first brings to light our sinful condition that we may recognize sin for what it is and call upon God's mercy and pardon. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to change and transform your heart?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours – on fire with love and holiness. Strengthen my will that I may always choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil."

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".

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Francisco Silang

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I Hatch Family

S.I. Julian Noronha

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – 5:00 P.M.

S. I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 – 23ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. Intention Available

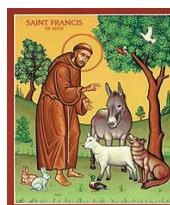
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12:00 P.M. + Antony Joseph

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.

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.



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.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS FAITH AND FAMILY GAME

The Toronto Argonauts Faith and Family Game is a fantastic opportunity for families to try something new and exciting. On September 8 join them for a game against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. The event will include both a ticket to the football game and a post-game faith panel discussion. Guest speakers include Michael "Pinball" Clemons, Herbie Kuhn (team chaplain and voice of the Toronto Raptors) and current Argonauts players who will be talking about what faith means to them in their personal lives and as professional athletes. Tickets start at \$22. Go to <http://fevo.me/faithgame> or call Dane Richards at 416-815-5937.



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

SILENT RETREAT

The weekend of September 21, Manresa Spiritual Centre is holding a silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. John Sullivan, SJ, Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto, will facilitate the retreat, "We love because he first loved us." Our discipleship as a response to God's love, mercy and grace. Suggested offering \$220 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. Call 905-839-2864 or email registration@manresa.ca.

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