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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 9, 2018

“He has done all things well”

How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

The Lord's touch awakens faith and brings healing

When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows compassion for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, no doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The transforming power of kindness and compassion

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: He has done all things well. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them as Jesus would?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you."

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.

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 **photocopy** 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.

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. Richard & Celissa Noronha

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Richard Noronha

S.I. Henry & Rickeean Kitchura

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

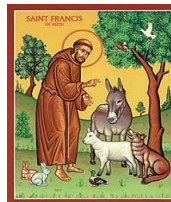
SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. S. I. Parish Community

10:00 A.M. Intention Available

12:00 P.M. + Rufino Gagatam
+ Hilaria Sotes Rayon
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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.



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.

THINKING OF THE SISTERHOOD?

Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat Daughters of St. Paul September 28-30, 2018. Young women 18- 33 are invited to join the Daughters of St. Paul for a weekend of discernment help, prayer, conferences, sharing, silence, lectio divina & Eucharistic Adoration. Before making plans to attend please email srhelenaburns@gmail.com to schedule an interview. For more information, please visit www.daughtersofstpaul.ca. For a list of religious orders visit www.archtoronto.org/catholic-outreach/religious-orders.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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



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.



VISIT OF THE PRECIOUS RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS OF CHRIST

On October 13 the relic of the True Cross of Christ is coming to St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. This relic is a part of the cross on which Christ our Lord had died and redeemed the world. The relic will visit Mississauga from the Shrine of the Precious Cross in Poland and has a certificate of authenticity. Holy Mass will be presided by Most Rev. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, followed by private adoration of the relic of the Holy Cross. For more information call 905-848-2420.

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