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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 16, 2018

"But who do you say that I am?"

Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the *Anointed One* (the Messiah and Christ), consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36). The word for "Christ" in Greek is a translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah" - both words literally mean the *Anointed One*.

God's Anointed Son must suffer and die to atone for our sins

Peter's faith was sorely tested when Jesus explained that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption may be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard these words! How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55:8)! It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us eternal life and freedom from the slavery of sin and the oppression of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of humankind.

The cost of discipleship - following Christ

When we discover the treasure of God's kingdom - God himself - we gladly give up all that we have in exchange for the life of joy and happiness God offers us. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death.

We, too, have a share in the mission and victory of Jesus Christ

If we want to share in the victory of the Lord Jesus, then we must take up our cross and follow where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? The Holy Spirit gives us the *power* and help we need to follow Jesus daily and live the Gospel faithfully. The Holy Spirit fills us with boldness, confidence, and *courage* to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the Gospel.

"Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong and help me to live in the victory of the cross by rejecting sin and by accepting your will."

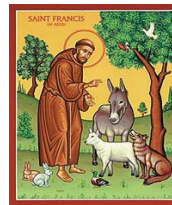
SAVE THE DATE

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.

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.



BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

On the weekend of October 13 and 14, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Jude Thusiar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Nick Scarangelo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Irene Lee

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. Intention Available

10:00 A.M. + Margaret Somers

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Registration forms for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion were distributed the weekends of September 8/0 and September 15/16 and are to be returned the weekends of September 22 and September 29. Thanks to those parents who picked up registration forms. The deadline for registration is September 29, after which you are welcome to register for the following year.



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. 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.



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! 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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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. For more information 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. Before making plans to attend please email srhelenaburns@gmail.com to schedule an interview.



HARVEST BAZAAR

On September 29 head over to St. Dominic's Parish for their Harvest Bazaar. Meals to go and baked treats will be available just in time for Thanksgiving. Contact St. Dominic's Parish at 905-278-7762.

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