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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 Rosary

Wednesday during Mass
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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23, 2018

"Who is the greatest in God's kingdom?"

Whose glory do you seek? There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions. Like a person who might receive a bad verdict from the doctor and then refuse to ask further questions, they too, didn't want to know any more. How often do we reject what we do not wish to see? We have heard the good news of God's word and we know the consequences of accepting it or rejecting it. But do we give it our full allegiance and live our lives accordingly?

How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about whom among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"?

Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants.

What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve. Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant. Jesus lowered himself and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature.

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love. Are you ready to humble yourself and to serve as Jesus did?

SAVE THE DATE

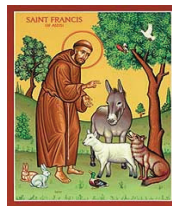
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LIFE CHAIN on Sunday September 30 from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. This year, we will be standing at our new location, Dundas St. in front of the Woodchester Mall near Wendy's. Pick up your signs there at 1:15 for an hour of prayerful, peaceful, silent witness that challenges our society with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



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.

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.

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.

*Mass for the
Intentions  for the
Week*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Beatriz Albuquerque

+ Elsa Giovannelli-Macciachera

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M.

S.I. Matthew Mayo

+ Frank da Silva

+Lenny DeMarte

10:00 A.M.

S.I. Parish Community

12:00 P.M.

+ Pua Damaso Yu

+ Genciano Uy Tan

+ Lydia Co

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION REGISTRATION**

Registration forms for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion were distributed the weekends of September 8/9 and September 15/16. 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.

ROSES FOR LIFE



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Roses for Life at all Masses the weekend of September 29/30. Your donations will help support Birth Right Mississauga, an organization that has been providing love, support and hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies for over 45 years.

PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

On October 20, the Office of Formation for Discipleship is hosting a Parish Ministry Conference aimed at inspiring and equipping pastoral teams to better serve the parish community. Come and revitalize your gifts in service and witness to Christ in the world! Conference is being held at St. Basil the Great College School in North York. Learn more at www.archtoronto.org/disciples or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



**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.



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. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ, will facilitate the retreat. The retreat is being held October 12-14 At the Manresa Renewal Centre in Pickering. Suggested cost is \$220 per person which includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. For more information call 905-839-2864 or email registration@manresa.ca.

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