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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 30, 2018

**“Whoever is not against us is for us”**

**D**o you rejoice in the good that others do? Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us." Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us? Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right" (1 Corinthians 13:4, 6).

Envy and jealousy, its counterpart, are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice – namely, our neighbor's good. The reason we may grieve over another's good is that somehow we see that good as lessening our own value or excellence. Envy forms when we believe that the other person's advantage or possession diminishes or brings disgrace on us. Envy is contrary to love. Both the object of love and the object of envy is our neighbour's good, but by contrary movements, since love rejoices in our neighbour's good, while envy grieves over it.

Everyone in need has a claim on us because they are dear to God who created them in his own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). God created us in love for love. We are most free and happy when we love as he loves. The love and charitable help we show to our neighbour also expresses the gratitude we have for the abundant mercy and kindness of God towards us. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to those in need would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Are you grateful for God's mercy and kindness towards you and are you ready to show that same kindness and generosity towards your neighbour?

Was Jesus exaggerating when he urged his followers to use drastic measures to avoid evil and its harmful consequences (Mark 9:42-48)? Jesus set before his disciples the one supreme goal in life that is worth any sacrifice, and that goal is God himself and his will for our lives which leads to everlasting peace and happiness. Just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us to sin and which leads to spiritual death.

*"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of the Gospel to others. May your light and truth shine through me that others may find new life and joy in you, and freedom from sin and oppression."*

## **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.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at [office@st-francisofassisi.ca](mailto:office@st-francisofassisi.ca)

## **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](http://www.archtoronto.org/disciples) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 – 8:00 A.M.**

+ Donald Colaco

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Irene Lee

+ Ethel Devon Meitz

**SUNDAY, OCT. 7 – 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** Intention Available

**10:00 A.M.** + Margaret and Desmond Somers

+ Angelo and Benita Ang Co

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



**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.

**COME & SEE WEEKEND**

St. Augustine's Seminary is hosting a "Come & See Weekend" for men 18 years and older November 2-4. Join others and cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

**LAY FORMATION PROGRAM**

This first annual Day of Reflection for Men will be held on October 13. It is offered by the Lay Spiritual Formation Program of St. Augustine's Seminary offers men who aspire to holiness the opportunity to deepen their faith by coming together in fraternity and deepening their appreciation of the plan God has for them in their family, faith and professional lives. Cost is \$50 which includes lunch. For more information call St. Augustine's Seminary at 416-261-7207.

**WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

The ACTS retreat is a three-day retreat led by those who have attended prior ACTS retreats. The retreat focuses on adoration, community, theology and service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. The retreat will be held the weekend of November 15 at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. Contact Willy Klaudusz at 647-281-5990.

**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. For more information call 905-839-2864 or email registration@manresa.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! 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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St. Teresa of Avila*



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