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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 28, 2018

"What do you want me to do for you?"

Have you ever encountered a once in a life-time opportunity you knew you could not pass up? Such a moment came for a blind and destitute man, named Bartimaeus. He was determined to get near the one person who could meet his need. He knew who Jesus was and had heard of his fame for healing, but until now had no means of making contact with the Son of David, a clear reference and title for the Messiah.

Seeking Jesus with effort and persistence pays off

It took a lot of courage and persistence for Bartimaeus to get the attention of Jesus over the din of a noisy throng who crowded around Jesus as he made his way out of town. Why was the crowd annoyed with the blind man's persistent shouts? He was disturbing their peace and interrupting Jesus' discourse. It was common for a rabbi to teach as he walked with others. Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem and a band of pilgrims followed him. When the crowd tried to silence the blind man he overpowered them with his emotional outburst and thus caught the attention of Jesus.

Goodness and mercy follows those who put their trust in God

This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready, not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more.

What do you want Jesus to do for you?

Why did Jesus put a question to Bartimaeus - "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus wanted to draw out of him a personal response of faith and trust in his power to heal and make whole. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize the Lord Jesus with "eyes of faith" as your merciful Lord and healer? Ask the Lord Jesus to strengthen your faith that you may draw near to him and receive his grace and mercy.

"Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize my need for your grace. Help me to take advantage of the opportunities you give me to seek your presence daily and to listen attentively to your word."

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil asking for God's protection of all human life. Vigil runs daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for 40 days at the public right-of-way outside Mississauga Women's Clinic, 101 Queensway (at Confederation). Our parish has been asked to adopt October 31, 2018 to pray at the vigil site. If you cannot be there on that day you can sign up on line or contact www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga or go to miss40days@gmail.com for information on other dates.

NOVEMBER

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

All Saints' Day is Thursday, November 1st.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is Friday, November 2nd.

BOOK OF LIFE

Blank Memorial Sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church, to write the names of your deceased loved ones. Completed Memorial Sheets will be placed in the Book of Life to be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Angela, Anne & Patrick Moylett
+ Theodore

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 – 7:00 P.M.

+ For Deceased Legionnaires
+ Annamma & Thomas

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – 7:00 P.M.

For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family
+ Gerry & Alice Mayo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – 5:00 P.M.

+ For the Souls of Those Mentioned in the Book of Life

SUNDAY, NOV. 4 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. + Ann Augustine

10:00 A.M. + Michael Kole
+ Alan Bagnall

12:00 P.M. + Gilda Yu Yangzon
+ Lanz Yu Yangzon
+ Joel Jardeleza

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

On November 3, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in prayer for the souls of the deceased. Mass will be held at Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga at 2:00 pm. For more information contact Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services at 416-733-8544.

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.

UNWANTED HALLOWEEN CANDY

Once again, Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children will be collecting your unwanted Halloween candy at the back of the church on the weekend of November 4 and 5. ALL unwanted candy is welcome. This includes bags of chips and chocolate. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items. Thank you so much for any contribution.

CHRIST THE KING RALLY

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. (John 15:9)." Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. On November 24 join the celebration at the annual Christ the King Rally with unique programs for adults, youth and children. \$20 adults; \$5 youth and children free. The Toronto Pavilion, 190 Railside Rd. Toronto. For more information call the CCRC at 647-669-7524 or 647-887-5517, or email CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." An introductory course on the Word of God will be offered at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish for 8 weeks starting Monday, October 29 following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Registration is required. The cost of materials is \$35.00. Please register in person at the church office or call 905-826-1143 for more information.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST



On Sunday, November 3 join us for our 42nd Magnificat breakfast for women. an inspirational morning that includes a hot

breakfast, songs of praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for Reconciliation. Guest Speaker: Dolores Miccio. Claireport Place, Etobicoke. For more information call Frances at 416-749-0553 or register online at http://www.stbenedicts.ca/docs/2018_Magnificat_Breakfast.html.

AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION



Don't miss this opportunity to spend an evening with one of North America's leading grief counselors and authors Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Dr. Wolfelt will be discussing Your Grieving Heart: Exploring Practical Touchstones for Caring for Yourself. This free event takes place at the Living Arts Centre on Tues. Nov. 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more info or to register call Turner & Porter 416-767-6793.

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