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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  
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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

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 11, 2018

## **"This poor widow has put in more than the rest"**

What is true religion and devotion to God? Jesus warns his disciples against the wrong kind of religion. In his denunciation of the scribes (the religious experts of his day), he warns against three things: the desire for prominence and first place of honor rather than lowly service for the benefit of others; the desire for deference and recognition (and seeking esteem from others) rather than seeking to promote the good of others through humble service and selfless care for others; and thirdly, attempting to use one's position (even a religious position) for self-gain and self-advancement. True religion is relating rightly to God and to one's neighbor with love, honor, and respect. The Lord puts his Holy Spirit within us that we may be filled with the joy of his presence, the joy of true worship, and the joy of selfless giving and love for others. True reverence for God frees the heart to give liberally, both to God and to neighbor.

### **Love is more precious than gold or silver**

Jesus taught his disciples a dramatic lesson in generous giving with love and devotion. Love doesn't calculate - it spends lavishly! Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums. How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple - love is more precious than gold!

### **Real giving comes from a heart full of gratitude**

Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses most of its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is invaluable. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely a penny - how insignificant a sum - because it was everything she had, her whole living. What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it and with us what is beyond our reckoning. Do you know the joy and freedom of giving liberally to God and to neighbor with gratitude and love?

*"Lord Jesus, all that I have is yours. Take my life, my possessions, my time and all that I have and use them as you desire for your glory."*

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### **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. 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more info or to register call Turner & Porter 416-767-6793.

### **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)

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Please help support Knights of Columbus work in our community. Pre-order your 2018 Christmas Poinsettias after all Masses the weekends of Nov. 10/11 and 17/18. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.

### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBERS**

We have several offertory envelopes with no name attached to them. These numbers are 17, 106, 108, 305, 355 and 467. If one of these numbers belong to you and you would like to receive a tax receipt, please notify the office as soon as possible.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Victoria Massey

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – 8:00 A.M.**

Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – 5:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SUNDAY, NOV. 18 – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8.30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** + For the Souls of Those Mentioned in the Book of Life

**12:00 P.M.** + Ignacio Uy Tan  
+ Inosencio Uy Tan  
+ Tan Chua Yantin



**SPECIAL COLLECTION NOVEMBER 17 AND 18**

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. By supporting The Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. Donation envelopes and the Shepherds' Trust Newsletter are available in the vestibule of the Church. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org).

**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 Rainside Rd. Toronto. For more information call the CCRC at 647-669-7524 or 647-887-5517, or email [CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com](mailto:CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com).

**ACTS RETREATS**

Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre 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. For more information contact Willy Klaudusz at 647-281-5990 or visit <https://actscanada.org>.

Women's ACTS Retreat: November 15 at 7:00 PM - November 18 at 12:00 PM

Men's ACTS Retreat: November 29 at 7:00 PM - December 2 at 12:00 PM



**RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS**

During the weekends of November 10/11 and November 17/18 there will be Christmas Cards for sale on behalf of Right to Life after all Masses. Cards are 10 for \$10.00. All proceeds go to Mississauga and area Right to Life.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

On Nov. 17 New Beginnings Presents "We are fearfully, wonderfully made", a unique seminar that integrates the teachings of Pope Francis, the inspiration of Holy Scripture and the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Augustine of Canterbury, North York. Light refreshments will be served following the seminar. To register, visit <https://wfwm.eventbrite.ca> or please call Arcangelo Limanni at 416-587-7687.

**RED WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL**

On November 21 join Aid to the Church in Need for a prayer vigil with Cardinal Collins at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and stand in solidarity with the 200 million persecuted Christians worldwide, alongside other faith minorities, who suffer unjustly for their peacefully held beliefs. For more details on Red Wednesday, please go to visit <http://bit.ly/RedWednesday2018> or call Felipe Bezerra at 416-785-0498

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