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#### **Pastoral Staff**

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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** 

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 Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua)
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 905-569-0220

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**January 13, 2019** 

# "Baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire"



Do you want to be on fire for God? John the Baptist said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2

Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). It is also used of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies and cleanses, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us.

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life? Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him." Do you want to see your life transformed? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us through his Spirit and to anoint us for mission as his ambassadors. We are called to be "light" and |salt" to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

## **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2018 and advise you that income tax receipts will be issued in February 2019. In order to receive an income tax receipt for contributions to the Church, we strongly suggest you take a box of Offertory Envelopes each year. Offertory Envelopes for 2019 are located at the back of the Church. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the parish from January 21 to January 25 inclusive. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated during this time.



#### MONDAY, JANUARY 14 - 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Crem Major

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 - 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 - 7:00 P.M.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 - 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 - 5:00 P.M.

+ Eric Clegg

+ Merilyn Bosch

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 A.M.

+ Roma Gagliano

+ Helen Grace McKay

S.I. The McKay Family

10:00 A.M.

+ Donna Guida Fragoso Rodrigues

S.I. Alban and Gloria Moniz

12:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school begin November year Parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. The online registration will begin on November 26 at www.dpcdsb.org. For those unable to register at the school during school hours, a registration evening has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019 (Snow Date: January 17, 2019). For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

# THE LIFE AND WRITINGS OF ST. PAUL

We hear from the letters of St. Paul during Mass throughout the liturgical year. Join us for this workshop and learn about the life of St. Paul, his conversion, his missionary activity and the writing of his letters that were sent to various Christian communities in the first century. The retreat will include Mass in the seminary chapel. January 26 at 9:00 at St. Augustine's Seminary. Call 416-261-7207 for more information or go to http://www.staugustines.on.ca/.

## **HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED**



The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 26/27 and February 2/3. Our collected food will

be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.

# CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. The Celebration of Marriage Mass will be at St. Clair of Assisi Church on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 4 p.m. Couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary will be honoured at this special Mass.

### **FAITH & REASON LECTURE**

The Newman Centre is hosting a lecture entitled "The Beauty of God's Creation Through the Eyes of a Molecular Biologist." The guest speaker is Sister Stephen Patrick, a Dominican Sisters of Mary who holds a PhD in Biology from the Catholic University of America. Thurs., January 24, 2019 at the Newman Centre. Register at <a href="https://newmanjan24.eventbrite.ca">https://newmanjan24.eventbrite.ca</a>.

# DAILY READINGS NOW AVAILABLE ON PARISH WEBSITE

Parishioners can now find the Canadian daily readings on the parish website which is found at www.stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org. Securing access to these online readings for the day, thanks to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops including the First Reading, Second Reading (when appropriate), Psalm and Gospel Reading is significant because the vast majority of daily readings found online are from the United States Lectionary. By partnering with Living in Christ, we are ensuring website visitors will find the same readings they would hear in the parish Mass. The Daily Readings tab can be found under the Our Catholic Faith drop-down menu on the archdiocesan and parish websites within the archtoronto.org network.

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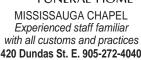
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