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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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 27, 2019

"Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit"

What does the Gospel of Luke tell us about Jesus and his mission and what he came to do for us? Many skeptics question the reliability and accuracy of the Gospel accounts of Jesus. Luke tells us that his account is utterly believable because it comes from firsthand witnesses who knew Jesus personally, heard him teach, saw his miracles, and witnessed his atoning death on the cross and his rising from the tomb to everlasting life.

Luke begins his account by addressing his friend, Theophilus, a name which means "beloved of God" (Luke 1:3). In so many words Luke tells his friend (and us as well), I am writing to you the most incredible story humankind has known - and which many witnesses and messengers of God's word have openly explained on many occasions. Luke wants his friend and all who read his account to "know the truth" (Luke 1:4) concerning Jesus of Nazareth who was sent from the Father in heaven and anointed by the Holy Spirit to bring us the good news and power of God's kingdom.

Luke tells us that Jesus was about 30 years of age when he began his public ministry (Luke 3:23). Right after Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit at the River Jordan he spent 40 days in the wilderness to devote himself to prayer and fasting. At the end of this period of spiritual preparation and testing, Luke tells us that Jesus "returned in the power of the Spirit to his own land of Galilee" (Luke 4:14). Jesus chose to begin his public ministry in Galilee first, rather than in Jerusalem, the holy city and temple of God. This was in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 9:1,2.

Luke tells us that Jesus chose to publicly announce his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people there were familiar with Jesus since it was his custom to regularly attend the weekly Sabbath service. When the president of the synagogue called on Jesus to read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus chose to read Isaiah's description (verses 1-2 of chapter 61) of what the Messiah would do when he came to restore God's kingdom for the people of Israel.

Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would be sent by God and anointed in the power of the Holy Spirit to preach "good news" and bring healing, blessing, and freedom to all who were oppressed. Jesus awakened their hope in God's promises when he announced that this word was now being fulfilled in his very own person. Luke tells us that the people of Nazareth spoke well of him and received his "gracious word" with amazement and wonder. But they also openly questioned how the "son of Joseph" would fulfill this Messianic mission. Jesus challenged them to believe the word God had spoken through the prophets and the word he now speaks in God's name through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord Jesus speaks this same word to each of us today - he comes to bring us healing and restoration, pardon and freedom from the oppression of sin, despair, hopelessness, and destruction. Do you believe his word with expectant faith and trust, or with doubt and indifference? The Lord will not refuse to pour out his Spirit on all who trust in him. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the joy of the Gospel and the freedom to live each day with faith, joyful hope, and fervent love.

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.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED



The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Mass on 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.

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 28 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Mary Indovina

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the
Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

+ Cipriano and Paz Aquino

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Danielle Schmalz

+ Jean McCarthy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. Intention Available

10:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

12:00 P.M. + William Griffith

+ Grant McPherson

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 at 10 a.m.

OR

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 at 10 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

1. PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Please provide the full name and complete address of the Church where you were baptized, especially if you were baptized overseas. If there is a fax number, please include it. This information can be **PRINTED** on the reverse side of the Baptism Certificate

2. \$50 for the Confirmation resource fee

3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:

- Confirmed Catholic
- 16 years of age or older
- Practicing Catholic
- Not be the parent of the Candidate

**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. 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.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS
A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**



As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass. 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.

BIRTHRIGHT CALLING!

Do you have 3 hrs/wk. to dedicate to our unique service? Birthright is a local volunteer organization that works small miracles in the lives of women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. We work to reduce abortion through love and caring. With community assistance, we help ladies resolve their problems and make good informed choices. Training provided. Please call 905-273-9409 11am-2pm, or email birthright.mississauga@hotmail.com.

THESE ARE THE ONLY 2 REGISTRATION SESSIONS BEING HELD FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2019. IF YOU MISS THESE SESSIONS, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2020.

PATRICIAN'S MEETING

You and your friends are invited to the first 2019 Patricians' meeting organized by the Legion of Mary. It will be held on Monday, January 28th at 7:30 pm after the Novena mass. The topic for discussion is "The New Year : An Opportune Time to Follow the Preaching of St. John the Baptist." Come bring your questions or share what you know. Light refreshments will be served.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Separated, Divorced? If you are struggling... you don't have to do this alone. New Beginnings, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through, separation and divorce. The group will meet at St. Christopher's starting February 26, 2019 Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For more information and to register, please contact Arcangelo Limanni, Program Promoter alimanni@cfstoronto.com (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225.



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