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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 3, 2019

"Jesus' power to heal and cleanse"

Do you believe that God wants to act with power in your life today? Power that will set you free from sin and hurtful desires, fear and oppression. Throughout the Scriptures we see God performing mighty acts to save his people from death and destruction - from Noah's ark that spared his family from the flood of wickedness that had spread across the land to Moses and the Israelites who crossed through the parting waters of the Red Sea as they fled the armies of Pharaoh their slave Master and oppressor.

Throughout the Gospel accounts Jesus praised individuals who put their faith in God as they remembered the great and wonderful deeds he had performed time and again. Jesus even praised outsiders - non-Jews and pagans from other lands who had heard about the mighty deeds of the God of Israel. One example Jesus mentioned was Naaman the pagan army commander from Syria who was afflicted with leprosy - a debilitating skin disease that slowly ate away the flesh (2 Kings 5:1-15). Naaman's slave-girl was a young Jewish woman who had faith in God and compassion for Naaman her master. She urged him to seek healing from Elisha, the great prophet of Israel. When Naaman went to the land of Israel to seek a cure for his leprosy, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman was indignant at first, but then repented and followed the prophet's instructions. In doing so he was immediately restored in body and spirit.

When Jesus first proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom to his own townspeople at Nazareth (Luke 4:23-27), he did not hesitate to confront them with their sin of indifference and unbelief. He startled his listeners in the synagogue at Nazareth with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God could receive honor among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented Gentiles (non-Jews) who had shown more faith in God than the "chosen ones" of Israel. Some who despised the Gentiles (non-Jews) even spoke of them as "fuel for the fires of hell." Jesus' praise for "outsiders" offended the ears of his own people because they were blind-sighted to God's merciful plan of redemption for all the nations. The word of rebuke spoken by Jesus was met with indignation and hostility. The Nazarenes forcibly threw him out of their town and would have done him physical harm had he not stopped them.

We all stand in need of God's grace and merciful help every day and every moment of our lives. Scripture tells us that "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God gives grace to the humble who seek him with expectant faith and with a repentant heart that wants to be made whole and clean again.

The Lord Jesus will set us free from every sinful habit and every harmful way of relating to our neighbor, if we allow him to cleanse and heal us. If we want to walk in freedom and grow in love and holiness, then we must humbly renounce our sinful ways and submit to Christ's instruction and healing discipline in our lives. Scripture tells us that the Lord disciplines us for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). Do you want the Lord Jesus to set you free and make you whole again? Ask him to show you the way to walk in his healing love and truth.

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.



LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW

The Legion of Mary invites you and your friends to their Book Barrow after all Masses on February 9 and 10. You will be able to browse and borrow numerous religious books and publications. You will also be able chat with fellow parishioners while enjoying some light refreshments and hot coffee and tea.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Rena Rego

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the
Moat Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Antony Joseph

+ Vesty and Leona MacDonald

+ Carl Shaw

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. S.I. Liza and Benoit Ho

10:00 A.M. Intention Available

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

**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 the certificate is not in English. 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:

- a. Confirmed Catholic
- b. 16 years of age or older
- c. Practicing Catholic
- d. 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.stfrancisofassisi.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.**

AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary. February 11 at 4:45 at St. Augustine Seminary. For more info call 416-968-0997.

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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