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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
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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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 3, 2019

“Do you not see the log in your own eye”

Are you clear-sighted, especially in your perception of sin and the need for each of one of us to see ourselves correctly as God sees us - with our faults, weaknesses, and strengths? Jesus' two parables about poor vision allude to the proverb: Without vision the people perish! What can we learn from the illustration of a blind guide and a bad eye? A bad eye left untreated and a blind guide can cause a lot of trouble that will only end in misery and disaster for us! We can only help and teach others what we have learned and received from wise teachers and guides. And how can we help others overcome their faults if we are blinded by our own faults and misperceptions? We are all in need of a physician who can help us overcome the blind spots and failing of own sins, weaknesses, and ignorance.

The Gospel of Luke was written by a disciple who was trained as a physician. Luke, with keen insight, portrays Jesus as the good physician and shepherd of souls who seeks out those who desire healing, pardon, and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came to free us from the worst oppression possible - slavery to sin, fear, and condemnation. Like a gentle and skillful doctor, the Lord Jesus exposes the cancer of sin, evil, and oppression in our lives so we can be set free and restored to wholeness. The Lord Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restores us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom.

The Lord Jesus wants us to be his instruments of healing, pardon, and restoration for others as well. What can hinder us from helping others draw near to Jesus the divine Physician? Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we can't see inside the other person, or we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself. A critical and judgmental spirit crushes rather than heals, oppresses rather than restores, repels rather than attracts. "Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty.

Why does Jesus set figs and grapes over against thorns and brambles? The fig tree was the favorite of all trees for the people of Palestine. It symbolized fertility, peace, and prosperity. Grapes, likewise, produced wine, the symbol of joy. Thorns and brambles were only good for burning as fuel for the fire. There's a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit. Likewise a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart.

How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true - true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us so we can turn away from evil and wrongdoing. Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies everything we need to live as his disciples. The Lord strengthens us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit - with faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life? Allow the Holy Spirit to train you in godliness and the wisdom to distinguish good fruit from bad fruit.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS



Mark your calendars for our Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Masses in neighbouring parishes are:
St. Christopher's Parish - Wed., Mar. 6 at 9:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Merciful Redeemer - Wed., Mar. 6 at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**St.**

Ignatius Loyola - Wed., Mar. 6 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Lent is drawing near and we have invited Fr. Ben St. Croix C.C. to lead our Lenten Mission. Fr. Ben will preach at all Masses the weekend of March 9 and 10. He will invite parishioners to join him on the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in a Lenten Mission. Please mark your calendars and join us. Watch the bulletin for more details.

MONDAY, MARCH 4 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Luiza Maria Dias

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Thomas Joseph Zita

+ Wladislaw Sadowski

+ Antony Joseph

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

10:00 A.M. Intention Available

12:00 P.M. + Mary Hetyey

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

Catholic Women's Conference on March 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. Speakers and topics include: Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mary Wagner, Fr. Eric Mah, & Dorothy Pilarski. Celebrating our 10th year! Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. To register go to dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 416-907-1042.

CALLING ALL GIRLS

On March 22, enjoy an evening of high-powered talks. Meet new people. Learn the truth. Talk about it. Discover who you are. Avoid mistakes. Improve your relationships. John Paul II Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. Go to <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/> or call 416-907-1042.

LECTIO - PHILIPPIANS



Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians.

Starting March 7, at 7:30 p.m. join the Prayer Group for a 6 week DVD series. In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in Philippians: Life in Christ.



PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2019

DAILY MASS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday at 8 a.m.

ROSARY: Monday and Wednesday at 6:40 p.m.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: Sung on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 2nd and 4th Friday of every month following the 7 p.m. Mass and Saturday from 4-4:45 p.m.

DOES THE SHOE FIT?

Now that your children are older, have you been relieved of the pleasure of driving them to sports practices? Have you recently retired? Are you looking for a way to volunteer in the community? If so, please consider giving two hours a week to working in the church gardens. They not only bring joy to the parishioners, but also to the whole community. An added bonus is the exercise and fresh air. Work begins in April and extends into November. No experience is required. Now is the time to register with us. Contact Dolores at 905-822-5297.



COME & SEE WEEKEND



The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary the weekend of March 15-17. Time for

prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997.

LENTEN RETREAT

MARY IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

"The Church is Marian in her essence." Mary is the image of what we are to be: the more Marian we become, the more Church we become. Fr. Charles Anang, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary, will lead the Retreat. March 30, 2019. For more information contact St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto at 416-261-7207.

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