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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2019

“Jesus fasted for forty days and was tempted by the devil”



Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you? After Jesus' was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water.

Why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into such a lonely place - right after Jesus was anointed and confirmed by the Father for his mission as Messiah and Savior? Jesus was following the pattern which God had set for Moses and for Elijah - both were led on a forty day journey of prayer and fasting to meet with God on his holy mountain.

Luke tells us that at the end of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness one visitor came out to tempt him. Luke describes this tempter as the devil. He is the same deceiver who tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise. Why did Satan tempt Jesus at the end of his lengthy period of fasting? Satan knew that Jesus was embarking on an important spiritual mission for the kingdom of God. Satan undoubtedly thought he could persuade Jesus to choose his own path rather than the path his Father had chosen - a path that required self-renunciation, humility, and obedience to his Father's will. Jesus had to struggle with temptation, especially the temptation to choose his own way and to push aside the way his Father wanted him to go. This is the fundamental temptation which confronts each one of us as well. My way or God's way, my will or God's will.

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. The Lord gives grace to those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on him and he helps us to stand firm against the attacks of Satan who seeks to destroy us. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn away from them, and to reject the lies and deceptions of Satan. God wants us to “fight the good fight of the faith” with the strength and help which comes from the Holy Spirit.

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DUE TO THE PARISH MISSION THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON MARCH 10, 11 AND 12TH.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

This weekend we welcome Fr. Ben St. Croix C.C. who will preach at all the Masses. Please consider joining Fr. Ben and fellow parishioners on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at 7:00 p.m. for the Parish Lenten Mission.



Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife agencies

"As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!" — Cardinal Thomas Collins

**March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

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. 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.

LENTEN RETREAT

"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 416-261-7207.00

MONDAY, MARCH 11 – 7:00 P.M.

No Mass – Lenten Mission

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 – 8:00 A.M.

No Mass – Lenten Mission

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 – 7:00 P.M.

No Mass – Lenten Mission

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Custodio Xavier Dias

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Tom and Dean McMillen

+ Scarlett Johnston

+ Sister Teresita

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 A.M. + Dany Quijalvo

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

12:00 P.M. + Stan Clark

+ Chennamma Dominic

+ Melwyn Aruja

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.

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.

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