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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2019

“Jesus transfigured in glory”



What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face.

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us. We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness. In the Gospel account Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, Elijah, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles - Peter, James, and John. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval.

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory, he wants to share this glory with us. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again, if we will follow in his footsteps. Origen (185-254 AD), an early church bible scholar and writer, shows us how the transfiguration can change our lives: "When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep. Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as Disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another. The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

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.

PARISH MISSION THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended the Parish Lenten Mission. We also thank the Legion of Mary members for hosting the reception on the last day of the Mission.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at office@st-francisofassisi.ca.



Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called Rose of Sharon. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behavior. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it."

**March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

CCRC DAY OF TRANSFORMATION

On March 23, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) presents Lent, A Season of Renewal. Join us for a day of praise and worship, celebration of the Eucharist and anointed talks by Sr. Hazel D'Souza. Michael Power High School, Etobicoke. Admission is free. Please call 416-315-5783 or 416-245-9747 for more information. You can also email CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com.

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 18 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 A.M. + Helen and Bill Yanchus

10:00 A.M. + Maria Stubits
+ Vladas and Vladislava Sadauskas
+ Andrej Markes

12:00 P.M. + Maria and Jose Melo

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.

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Friday, March 22

On Friday, March 22 at St. Christopher's Parish join Fr. Bill Burns, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Toronto for a Lenten morning of reflection. The event will begin after morning Mass with coffee in the parish hall. We invite our seniors and anyone who would like to spend a morning of prayer and relaxation to join us. Our morning of reflection will run from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

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