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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019

"Go, and do not sin again"

Are you ready to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day. Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions.

The Gospel accounts frequently describe how Jesus had to face unjust accusations made by the Pharisees, the ruling elders of Israel. They were upset with Jesus' teaching and they wanted to discredit him in any way they could. They wanted to not only silence him, but to get rid of him because of his claim to speak with God's authority. When a moral dilemma or difficult legal question arose, it was typical for the Jews to take the matter to a rabbi for a decision. The scribes and the Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. John writes that they wanted to "test" Jesus on the issue of retribution so "they might have some charge to bring against him" (John 8:6).

Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime since it violated God's ordinance and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life. It was one of the three gravest sins punishable by death. If Jesus said the woman must be pardoned, he would be accused of breaking the law of Moses. If he said the woman must be stoned, he would lose his reputation for being the merciful friend of sinners.

Jesus then does something quite unexpected - he begins to write in the sand. The word for "writing" which is used here in the Gospel text has a literal meaning "to write down a record against someone". Perhaps Jesus was writing down a list of the sins of the accusers standing before him. Jesus now turns the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he says Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences.

When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice - either to go back to her former way of sin and death or to reach out to God's offer of forgiveness, restoration, and new life in his kingdom of peace and righteousness. God's grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is - unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God's mercy and forgiveness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?

"God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Prayer of Saint Augustine

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 18 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday April 19 - Passion of the Lord at Noon and 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 20 - Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil Saturday April 20 - The Vigil Mass will begin at 8:00 p.m. (Please note that this Mass is about 2 hours in length.)

Easter Sunday April 21 - Resurrection of the Lord 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

On April 11 at 7:00 p.m., we will have 5 priests to hear Confessions. Please mark your calendars and plan on going to Confession in preparation for Easter. Reconciliation is also available at:



St. Joseph's Parish - Mon., April 8 from 7:00 p.m.

Merciful Redeemer - Wed., April 10 from 10-12, 3-5, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius Loyola - Thur., April 11 at 9:30-11:30 a.m., 4:00-6:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. Christopher - Mon., March 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Living the Gospel by supporting those with disabilities.

Ben, a 66-year-old with a developmental disability, lives with his 90-year-old mother. Without any other

family, she didn't have a plan to take care of him after she no longer was able to do so. She turned to Mary Centre, a ShareLife agency, which matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of Mary Centre's group homes. Now that he has befriended its residents and staff, Ben will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

**May 5 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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION MEETING



On Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. please join us for an information meeting regarding the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. You will hear about the 9 day Pilgrimage being led by Fr. Bernard Vellozo from November 8 – 16, 2019. Michael Kwadrans from International Heritage Tours will be present to answer any questions. Please contact the parish office at 905-822-8132 if you wish to attend.

SPRING FLOWER SALE

The Knights of Columbus will begin their spring plant campaign on the weekends of April 6 & 7 and April 27 & 28. Plant pick up will be the Mother's Day weekend May 11 & 12. Please help support the Knights with their many charitable organizations. Thanks for your help and God Bless.



MONDAY, APRIL 8 – 7:00 P.M.	
Intention Available	
TUESDAY, APRIL 9 – 8:00 A.M.	
+ Tom & Dean McMillen	
+ Scarlett Johnson	
+ Antony Joseph	
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 – 7:00 P.M.	
Intention Available	
THURSDAY, APRIL 11 – 7:00 P.M.	
Lenten Reconciliation Service	
FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – 7:00 P.M.	
Intention Available	
SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – 5:00 P.M.	
+ Jim Fleming	
+ Natalina Elda Parutto	
SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – PALM SUNDAY	
8:30 A.M.	Intention Available
10:00 A.M.	+ Xavier Mascarenhas
	+ Petra Malabanan
	+ Milan Bazik
12:00 P.M.	S.I. Parish Community

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Mark your calendars, beginning Thursday April 25, St Francis of Assisi Prayer Group, will be hosting our annual Parish Life in the Spirit Seminars. The Seminars will start at 7:30 pm, in the parish hall, and run for

six weeks. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

PLEASE STAY ON THE LINE...

YOUR CALL IS IMPORTANT TO US

While you wait for warmer spring weather and the chance to spend more time in the great outdoors, please consider volunteering in our church gardens. We meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday mornings, but if that time does not work for you, we will accommodate you. All ages are welcome, including high school students who need volunteer hours. We begin our work in April. Now is the time to register. Contact Dolores at 905-822-5297. Your call is important to us! - St. Francis of Assisi Garden Committee

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