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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

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 905-569-0220

April 14, 2019

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"



Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on a donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey. The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanguish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4)

Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Iesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

"Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of glory!"

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

Holy Saturday April 20 - Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11:00 a.m. There will be NO Confessions from 4:00-4:45.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the parish from Monday, April 22 to Friday, April 26. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.



SHARELIFE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2019 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a brighter future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity. We have reached \$26,000 which is 20% of our goal of \$130,000. The next ShareLife Sunday is May 5.



MONDAY, APRIL 15 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Peter Drozdiuk

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 - 7:30 P.M.

Holy Thursday – No Intentions

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 - 12:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.

Good Friday - No Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 – 8:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday - Intention Available

SUNDAY, APRIL 21– THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.30 A.M. S.I. Theresa and Michelle Mac

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

12:00 P.M. + Martina Hatch

+ Gerry and Alice Mayo

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 p.m. in the parish

hall, and run for six weeks. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE

"Refreshed & Renewed" Saturday, May 4 and 5 at St. Mary's Catholic Academy 66 Dufferin Park Ave., Toronto Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join us for a weekend of praise & worship, celebration of the Eucharist and a Spiritfilled conference led by powerful speakers. Allow vourself to be renewed through the power of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Free admission with lunch included. Pre-registration is a must. Contact at 416-466-0776 or email CCRC Toronto CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On April 28 experience the healing power of God's mercy. Featured speakers. His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins will be the homilist and main celebrant for the 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday Mass. Confessions will available throughout the day. Come and be blessed! Mattamy Athletic Centre (Maple Leaf Gardens) 50 Carlton St., Toronto. Contact Ave Maria Centre of Peace at 416-251-4245.



Living the Gospel by supporting vocations.

Martin Dicuangco had a life-ShareLife changing encounter when he visited

Serra House, a residence run by St. Augustine's Seminary for those discerning a priestly vocation. He is now a third-year theology student at St. Augustine's. "I thank ShareLife for supporting St. Augustine's Seminary," says Martin, "where young men like myself, after experiencing the love of Christ, are joyfully preparing for ordination to the priesthood."

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. except for Holy Saturday, April 20.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to work to protect our fellow MARCH humans from abortion, euthanasia **FOR LIFE** and assisted suicide, please join us

for a day trip to our Nation's Capital by coach on Thursday, May 9, 2019 to attend the annual March for Life event. A bus will leave from Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Contact Genevieve Carson at 416-888-0251 for more information.

SPRING FLOWER SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for their spring flower planters and baskets the weekend of 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.

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