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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

Charismatic Prayer Goup 905-822-8032
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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019

“My sheep hear my voice”



How secure is your faith and trust in God? Jesus speaks of the tremendous trust he has in God his Father and the tremendous trust we ought to have in him because he is our good shepherd. What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. That is why shepherds had to literally live with their sheep so they could lead them out to good pasture for grazing during the day and bring them to a safe place at night for rest and shelter. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

God used the image of a shepherd to describe his covenant relationship with his chosen people who were called by his name. God called David, who shepherded his father's flock in his youth, to be the anointed king and shepherd for his people Israel. Jesus, born from the tribe of David, called himself the Good Shepherd of the people whom his Father had entrusted to his care.

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls. He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers (disciples) who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan. The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit. If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor.

The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, but especially through his word in the Sacred Scriptures. He will open the Scriptures for us if we approach his word with reverence and faith. How can we grow in listening to the voice of our Lord and Shepherd? If we ask he will open our ears to hear him speak to our hearts and minds. "Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward" (Isaiah 50:4-5).

And if we hunger for his word, he will give us understanding, wisdom, and guidance for our lives. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path... I rejoice at your word like one who finds great treasure" (Psalm 119:105, 162).

The Lord Jesus wants to draw each of us close to him. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day? He wants us to be united with him and the Father. That is why he teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven and to ask for his kingdom to reign in our lives. The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts and homes and waits for our response. Will you answer his call and welcome his presence with you?

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

Loving God, You compare Your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow and joy in their work for their families. Listen to their prayers and bless them in all they do for You. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY



On the weekend of June 8 and 9 the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Please place your donations in securely tied green garbage bags or sealed boxes Thank you for your generosity.



Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions.

It had been two years since Adam spoke in full sentences. When he moved into Covenant House's housing program, he would only say a word or two. Over time, a youth worker succeeded at connecting with Adam and he gradually opened up. Adam finished high school and joined a mentorship program, setting his sights on a career in computer science. With his new voice and positive relationships, his future is open to so many possibilities.

JUNE 2 IS THE NEXT SHARELIFE SUNDAY. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Are you graduating from high school? Are you entering your first year of studies at a Canadian University/College in September 2019? Tell us about your service to Church, School, and Community and you could be a successful recipient of The Knights of Columbus \$1,000 Scholarship Program. Hurry, application deadline is June 1st. Visit www.kofc8668.org or see The Knights of Columbus bulletin board in the Church foyer for details.

RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION AGM

You are invited to the Right to Life Association Mississauga and Area Annual General Meeting. Join them Saturday, May 25 at Merciful Redeemer Church following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. There will be a special guest speaker from the Sister of Life.

CRADLE OF HOPE

The weekend of June 29 the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council of Toronto presents Cradle of Hope. Speakers include Fr. Dave Pivonka, Fr. Mattias Yaw Kotoka and Fr. Ben St. Croix. Mass, adoration, confession, praise and worship and healing service. Toronto Pavilion 190 Rainside Rd., North York. For more information call 416-466-0776.

THE REAL STORY OF CATHOLIC HISTORY

On May 23 St. Francis Xavier Parish invites you to a presentation by Steve Weidenkopf, the American creator, co-author and presenter of Epic: A Journey through Church History. Cost \$15. For more information contact the parish at 905-890-5290.

MONDAY, MAY 13 – 7:00 P.M.	
S.I. Rosari and Family + Maria Lombardi	
TUESDAY, MAY 14 – 8:00 A.M.	
Intention Available	
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 – 7:00 P.M.	
Intention Available	
THURSDAY, MAY 16 – 8:00 A.M.	
In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.	
FRIDAY, MAY 17 – 7:00 P.M.	
Intention Available	
SATURDAY, MAY 18 – 5:00 P.M.	
+ Benita Guadarrama + Bill Kovalchuk + Amadeo DiMarco	
SUNDAY, MAY 19 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8.30 A.M.	+ Giuse Thau Nguyen
10:00 A.M.	S.I. Parish Community
12:00 P.M.	Intention Available

MADE FOR MORE



Have you ever wondered where we come from and where we are going? Answering these questions

will help us understand what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and actions toward true and lasting fulfillment. Come to Merciful Redeemer Parish on May 29, from 7-9:30 pm, to experience an evening with Christopher West and Mike Mangione, who will illuminate you with a presentation that combines insightful teaching, live music, videos, sacred art and moments of reflection that will lead you on a path of discovery. Tickets cost \$20. Contact Kurtis at 647-378-3537 or the MRP office 905-812-0030. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets online at www.corproject.com/torontowest (an extra service charge applies). Appropriate for ages 15 years and above.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Why Is the Church Always Asking for More Money? On May 13 all young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap – an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics. Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Dr. E., Mississauga. For more information contact Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676.

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