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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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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          | 905-822-8132        |
| 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 |

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2019

**"Do not risk being shut out."**

**W**hat does the image of a door say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' story about the door being shut to those who come too late suggests they had offended their host and deserved to be excluded. It was customary for teachers in Jesus' time to close the door on tardy students and not allow them back for a whole week in order to teach them a lesson in discipline and faithfulness.

Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven - to God's kingdom of everlasting peace and eternal life. Many rabbis held that all Israel would be saved and gain entry into God's kingdom. After all, they were specially chosen by God when he established a covenant relationship with them.

Jesus surprised his listeners by saying that one's membership as a people who have entered into a covenant relationship with God does not automatically mean entry into the everlasting kingdom of God. Second, Jesus asserts that many from the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations would enter God's kingdom. God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile alike.

But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace and mercy. Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us sons and daughters of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve - the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom or the kingdom of falsehood and darkness ruled by Satan and the world system or society of people who are opposed to God and his laws.

If we want to enter God's kingdom and receive our full inheritance then we must follow the Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a willing renunciation of our own will for his will, our own way for his way.

Why did Jesus say we must strive to enter his kingdom of righteousness and peace? The word strive can also be translated as agony. To enter the kingdom of God we must struggle against every force or power of opposition - even the temptation to remain indifferent, apathetic, or compromising in our faith and personal trust in Jesus, our hope in holding firm to the promises of Jesus, and our uncompromising love for God above all else. Paul the Apostle reminds us that our hope in God does not disappoint us because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us".

The Lord reminds us that when we face difficulties, trials, temptations, and even failures, we do not struggle alone. He knows our weaknesses even better than we know them, and he is always ready to help us in our struggle to overcome sin. God's grace is sufficient! As we strive side by side for the faith of the Gospel Jesus assures us of complete victory! Do you trust in God's grace and help, especially in times of testing and temptation?

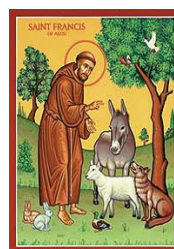
## THANK YOU FROM FR. BERNARD



I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers of our Gardening Committee. Their time and considerable talents have created such beauty for our community to enjoy. Thank you.

... Fr. Bernard

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4, 2019. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on Saturday, October 5 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the church parking lot. There will be a BBQ to follow, hosted by the Knights

of Columbus.

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Cynthia Wols  
+ Valerie DeSilva

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 – 8:00 A.M.**

+ Fred Craven

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Tino DeSilva

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the  
Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 – 5:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 1 – 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** Intention Available

**10:00 A.M.** Intention Available

**12:00 P.M.** S.I. Parish Community



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 94% of our goal of \$130,000. Thank you to all who have supported this important appeal.



If you believe that you are being called to become Catholic, please join us for evenings of Catholic teaching and spiritual formation which are designed to lead to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. This process will begin at the end of September to welcome inquirers. Come and join us, and grow in your love and knowledge of God and of the Catholic Church. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.

**SAVE THE DATE**

You are invited to the **Life Chain** on Sunday, October 6 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. We will gather for an hour of prayerful, peaceful, silent witness that challenges our society with the truth that: **"ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"**



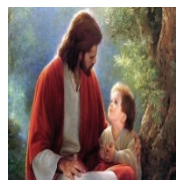
**RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples and families, men and women! Unite with one another to collectively RENEW our Hearts, RENEW our Call and RENEW our Community. On November 9 join the OCY at Isabel Bader Theatre, Toronto. For more information contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at [office@st-francisofassisi.ca](mailto:office@st-francisofassisi.ca).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**



Liturgy of the Word for Children resumes Sunday September 22 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All children ages 4 through 8 are invited to participate. Children 9+ are also welcome to join if they are interested.

**ETHICS IN HEALTH CARE**

Saturday, September 14, 2019 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi Church 2473 Thorn Lodge Dr., Mississauga Ever wondered: • Why life support is withdrawn? • Why Catholics oppose assisted death? • Whether a pregnancy can be terminated? • Who has rights when a patient is comatose or has dementia? • What is power of attorney? • What exactly is patient privacy rights? • When is a patient defined as dead? Now is your chance to find out. Don't miss this presentation by Dr. Eoin Connolly.

**BUNDLE UP SUNDAY**

On the weekend of September 7/8 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.

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