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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 1, 2019

## "He who exalts himself will be humbled"



Who wants to be last? Isn't it only natural to desire respect and esteem from others? Jesus' parable of the guests invited to the marriage feast probes our motives for seeking honour and position. Self-promotion is most often achieved at the expense of others! Jesus' parable reinforces the teaching of Proverbs: Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of the prince (Proverbs 25:6-7).

### **True humility frees us to be our true selves as God sees us**

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our life and action? True humility is not feeling bad about yourself, or having a low opinion of yourself, or thinking of yourself as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us (Psalm 139:1-4). A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion or pretense to be something he or she is not. The humble regard themselves neither smaller nor larger than they truly are.

True humility frees us to be our true selves and to avoid despair and pride. A humble person does not have to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others, especially to those who are not really familiar with that person. The humble are not swayed by accidentals, such as fame, reputation, success, or failure.

### **True humility frees us to love and serve selflessly for the good of others**

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own. Paul the Apostles, gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ...who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:7-8). The Lord Jesus gives grace to those who seek him humbly. Do you want to be a servant as Jesus served?

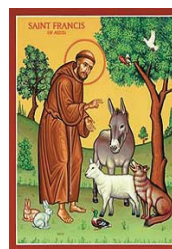
*"Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of sin, selfishness, and conceit. Help me to be humble as you are humble and to love freely and graciously all whom you call me to serve."*

### **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.

### **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 Intentions for the Week*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Margaret Somers

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – 8:00 A.M.**

Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Ermelinda Grimaldi

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 8 – 23<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** + Angelo and Benita Ang Co

**12:00 P.M.** Intention Available

**SAVE THE DATE**

On Sunday, October 6, Respect Life Sunday, from 1:30 - 2:30 pm, join with thousands of people around the world for LIFE CHAIN. Bring your friends and family out to stand in prayer and silent witness on behalf of the millions of babies who have lost their lives to abortion. Let's pray for them, for their moms, the doctors and our nation, that we will end this atrocity. We will be standing on Dundas St. in front of the Woodchester Mall near Wendy's. Pick up your signs there at 1:15 pm.



**RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

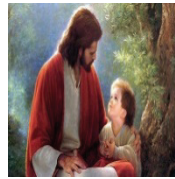
Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples and families, men and women! Unite with 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.



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.

**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.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

Join us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar to experience the work of the Holy Spirit in you. The session includes praise songs, talks, testimony, group sharing, inner healing and infilling of the Holy Spirit. Confessions will be available on Saturday. Pre-registration is required, lunch provided. October 18-20 at Daughters of St. Paul, North York. Register at [www.jtgs.ca](http://www.jtgs.ca) or call 416-843-6644/905-686-6477.



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