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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

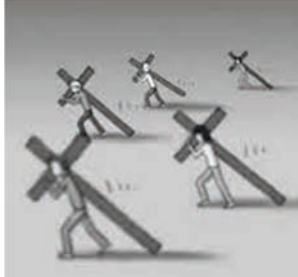
### SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi	905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland	905-820-5115
Christ the King	905-569-0220

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2019

## " The cost of discipleship "



Why does Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? The expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our welfare. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love for us. True love is costly because it is willing to sacrifice all for the sake of the beloved. God sacrificed his Son for our sake and for our salvation. God proved his love for us by sending his only begotten Son, the

Lord Jesus Christ, who offered up his life for us as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

### The cost of discipleship

Jesus willingly embraced the cross, not only out of obedience to his Father's will, but out of a merciful love for each one of us in order to set us free from sin, Satan, and death. Jesus knew that the cross was the Father's way for him to achieve victory and glory for our sake. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. We, too, must 'count the cost' and be ready to follow the Lord Jesus in the way of the cross if we want to share in his glory and victory.

What is the 'way of the cross' for you and me? It means that when my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" for us is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We can never give more than God. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the love of God?

### Who do you love first - above all else?

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine what they love first and foremost. Jesus' way to glory and power is opposite the world's way of glory, power, and success. The choice is ours, but the Lord does not leave us alone if we choose to follow him. Does the love of Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (see 2 Corinthians 5)?

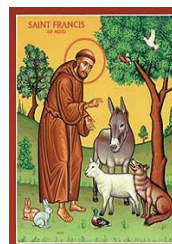
*"Lord Jesus, may your love transform me that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. May you always be first in my thoughts and intentions, and in my words and actions."*

### 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.



### 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 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Antony Joseph

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – 8:00 A.M.**

Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Bernie Gervin

S.I. Celissa and Richard Noronha

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Irene Lee

+ Joan Quigg

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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

**12:00 P.M.** + Rufino Gagatam

+ Hilaria Sotes Rayon

+ Simplicio Rayon

**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.

**SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Parents of children in Grade Two and up are invited to consider the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for their children. If your child attends one of our parish schools, a letter and registration form have been sent home in the school newsletter. If your child does not attend one of these schools please speak with Fr. Bernard. The deadline to register for these sacraments is September 20, after which you are welcome to register for the following year.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY**



Please join us beginning September 24th, 7pm to 8:30, for an 8-session scripture study on the Biblical Foundation of the Holy Eucharist. We'll be using programs from Drs.

Brant Petri and Scott Hahn. The study is free, but a donation to offset cost of material and coffee would be appreciated. Please bring your own coffee mug!



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.

**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.

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