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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 15, 2019

"Your brother was lost and is found."

If you lost something of great value and importance to you, wouldn't your search for it until you found it? The joy of finding a lost loved one, a precious member of your fold, and your hard earned savings to feed your hungry family are vivid illustrations which Jesus uses to describe what God's kingdom is like. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. He earnestly searches for the lost until they are restored and joyfully united with the whole community of heaven. Jesus told these three parables right after the scribes and Pharisees expressed dismay with Jesus' close association with people of bad reputation.

Why were many tax collectors and sinners drawn to Jesus? Jesus offered them forgiveness, mercy and healing, and the promise of full restoration with God the Father and the whole society of heaven - God's kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy. When the Pharisees began to question Jesus' motive and practice of associating with sinners of ill-repute, Jesus responds by giving them a three-fold lesson in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.

What is the point of Jesus' story about a lost sheep and a lost coin? In Jesus' time, shepherds normally counted their sheep at the end of the day to make sure all were accounted for. Since sheep by their very nature are very social, an isolated sheep can quickly become bewildered and even neurotic, and become easy prey for wolves and lions. The shepherd's grief and anxiety is turned to joy when he finds the lost sheep and restores it to the fold.

Both the shepherd and the housewife "search until what they have lost is found." Their perseverance pays off. They both instinctively share their joy with the whole community. The poor are particularly good at sharing in one another's sorrows and joys. What was new in Jesus' teaching was the insistence that lost sinners must be sought out and not merely mourned for their separation from God and the community of the just. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone, but desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God. Seekers of the lost are much needed today. Do you persistently pray and seek after those you know who have lost their way to God?

What is the main point or focus of the parable of the lost (prodigal) son? Jesus contrasts the father's merciful love with the eldest son's harsh rejection of his errant brother and his refusal to join his father in welcoming his brother back home. The parable also contrasts mercy and forgiveness with its opposite - an unwillingness to forgive and be reconciled. The refusal of the eldest son to forgive turns into contempt and pride. And his resentment leads to his isolation and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners.

In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly generous, kind, and forgiving towards us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him and his commandments. He searches our hearts to lead us in the way everlasting (Psalm 139:1, 23-24). And he always rejoices in finding the lost and welcoming them home. Do you know the joy of the heavenly Father who welcomes you home to his kingdom of everlasting righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit?

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 16 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Cipriano and Paz Aquino

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Anna Maria Tognon

+ Carmen Sunga

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:00 A.M. Intention Available

12:00 P.M. + Kathleen Power

+ Colin D'Souza

+ Neil Shevlen

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 has 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.

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 or call 416-843-6644/905-686-6477.



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