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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 2019

"Who will entrust to you the true riches?"

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What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property.

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favor with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owned him money.

What is the enemy of generosity? It's greed, the excessive desire for personal gain and security. However, we do not need to be afraid, for true generosity does not impoverish the giver, but enriches that person a hundredfold! Generosity expands the soul - but greed contracts it. God is generous and superabundant in lavishing his gifts upon us. We can never outmatch God in generosity. He has given us the best of gifts in sending us his only-begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who offered up his life for us on the cross. The Father also offers us the gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the fruit of peace, joy, patience, kindness, love, and self-control (Galatians 5:22) - and many other blessings as well. Everything we have is an outright gift of God. Do you know the joy and freedom of blessing others with the gifts and resources God has given to you?

Jesus concludes his parable with a lesson on what controls or rules our lives. Who is the master (or ruler) in charge of your life? Our "master" is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, and controls the desires of the heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things - the love of money or possessions, the power of position, the glamor of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions. Ultimately the choice boils down to two: God and "mammon". What is mammon? "Mammon" stands for "material wealth or possessions" or whatever tends to "control our appetites and desires."

There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from greed and possessiveness. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ who died to set us free and who rose to give us new abundant life. The Lord Jesus invites us to make him the Master and Lord of our lives. He alone can satisfy the desires of our heart and transform us in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Ask the Lord to fill your heart with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what you have with others.

"Lord Jesus, all that I have is a gift from you. May I love you freely and generously with all that I possess. Help me to be a wise and faithful steward of the resources you put at my disposal, including the use of my time, money, and possessions."

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Please join us beginning September 24th, 7pm to 8:30 in the church hall, 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!

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, SEPTEMBER 23 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Lourdes & Ricardo Garciano
S.I. Fr. Damian

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Doris Desilva

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the
Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Frank Da Silva

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Angela Camilleri

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. Intention Available

10:00 A.M. S.I. Beatriz Albuquerque & Family
+ Joseph Castro

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

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



From Sept. 25 through Nov. 3, please join with others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil asking for God's protection of all human life. Vigil runs daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for 40 days at the public right-of-way close to the Mississauga Women's Clinic 101 Queensway (at Confederation). Free parking and sign in at nearby St. Catherine of Sienna parish. Our parish date to pray at the vigil site is October 30, 2019. If you cannot be there on that day please sign up for another date or contact www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga or rightlifemb@gmail.com. 40 Days for Life midpoint Holy hour will take place on Friday October 18 at 7:30 pm after the 7:00 pm Mass.

PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

On October 19, the Office of Formation for Discipleship is hosting a Parish Ministry Conference aimed at inspiring and equipping pastoral teams to better serve the parish community. Conference is being held at St. Basil the Great College School in North York. Learn more at www.archtoronto.org/foundation or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Part 1: September to May

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children (birth-12) and adults. This introductory course for adults will explore the foundations of an internationally recognized approach to the religious education of children known as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

For more Information visit the Archdiocese of Toronto Website at the following link: <https://www.archtoronto.org/catechesis-good-shepherd/Pages/Certificate-Program.aspx>



If you believe that you are being called to become Catholic, please join us for evenings of Catholic teaching and spiritual formation. This process will begin at the end of September to welcome inquirers. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.

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