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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 20, 2019

“Always pray and do not lose heart”



What can a shameless and unjust judge pitted against a crusty and pestering woman teach us about justice and vindication (to restore what is right and just) in the kingdom of God? Jesus tells a story that is all too true - a defenseless widow is taken advantaged of and refused her rights. Through sheer persistence she wears down an unscrupulous judge until he gives her justice. Persistence pays off, and that's especially true for those who trust in God. Jesus illustrates how God as our Judge and Vindicator is much quicker to come to our defense and to bring us his justice, blessing, and help when we need it. But we can easily lose heart and forget to ask our heavenly

Father for his grace and help.

Faith-filled persistence reaps the fruit of justice and grace

Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favor towards us (grace). In this present life we can expect trials and adversity, but we are not without hope in God. The Day of the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices perpetrated by a fallen world of sinful people and that God's love is stronger than death (Song of Songs 8:6). Those who put their faith in God and entrust their lives to him can look forward with hope and confident assurance. They will receive their reward - if not fully in this present life then surely and completely in the age to come in God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17).

Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith - the kind of faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God - but perseveres to the end of our lives - and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus will return in glory as Ruler and Judge of All? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. We could not believe, trust, and persevere with hope if God did not first draw us to himself and reveal to us his merciful love and care. If we want to grow and persevere in faith until the end of our days, then we must nourish our faith with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it (Luke 17:5). When trials and setbacks disappoint you, where do you place your hope and confidence? Do you pray with expectant faith and confident hope in God's merciful care and provision for you?

"Lord Jesus, increase my faith and make it strong that I may never doubt your word and promise to be with me always. In every situation I face - whether trials, setbacks, or loss - may I always find strength in your unfailing love and find joy and contentment in having you alone as the treasure of my heart."

THANK YOU

A special thanks to Monica and Doug Stanley for using their time and talents to create such a beautiful Thanksgiving display on the altar.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thanks to all of you who registered for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Registration is now closed. If you missed registration this year you are most welcome to register in 2018

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the Parish from Monday, October 28 to Thursday, October 31 inclusive, at a mandatory priests seminar. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Mariathas Micheal
- + Rodney Harrison

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 5:00 P.M.

- + Bill Kovalchuk

SUNDAY, OCT. 27 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8.30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community
- 10:00 A.M.** + Danielle Schmalz
- + Grant McPherson
- + Loji Desilva
- 12:00 P.M.** + Charles DeBono
- + Mauro Stampatori
- + Mario Micucci

RENEW TORONTO 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. 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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Lighthouse Catholic Media is back at St Francis of Assisi Church. Please look at the available CD titles in the vestibule. CD's may be purchase for \$5.00 each. Engage your faith, embrace the Spirit and encounter Jesus through CDs on various Catholic topics presented by top Catholic leaders, including bishops, priests, theologians and lay people.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Please help support Knights of Columbus work in our community. Pre-order your 2019 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Nov. 2/3 and 9/10, after all Masses. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

- + All Saints' Day is Friday, November 1st.
- + The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is Saturday, November 2nd.

BOOK OF LIFE

Blank Memorial Sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church, to write the names of your deceased loved ones. Completed Memorial Sheets will be placed in the Book of Life to be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

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). 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 www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga or rightlifemb@gmail.com.

K of C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There will be an opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus after all Masses on the weekend of October 26 and 27 about the work of the Knights and to consider joining this fraternal Catholic organization.



COME & SEE WEEKEND

St. Augustine's Seminary is hosting a "Come & See Weekend" for men 18 years and older November 1-3. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information call 416-968-0997.

PATRICIAN'S MEETING

The Legion of Mary is hosting a Patrician Meeting on Monday, October 21st, 7:30 pm at the Parish Hall. The topic of discussion is "Healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation." God is merciful, His love heals and he gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It examines Confession in the light of the healing process. This session aims to help the lay person demystify the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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