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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 27, 2019

"God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

How can we know if our prayer is pleasing to God or not? The prophet Hosea, who spoke in God's name, said: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God mean nothing to him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbour. How can we expect God to hear our prayers if we do not approach him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help. That is why Scripture tells us that "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34).

Jesus reinforced this warning with a vivid story of two people at prayer. Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer and reject the other's prayer? Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbour closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. Jesus' story caused offense to the religious-minded Pharisees who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favour. How could Jesus put down a "religious person" and raise up a "public sinner"?

Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God and before those he despised; but only God can justify us. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

"Lord Jesus, may your love and truth transform my life - my inner thoughts, intentions, and attitudes, and my outward behavior, speech, and actions. Where I lack charity, kindness, and forbearance, help me to embrace your merciful love and to seek the good of my neighbour, even those who cause me ill-favour or offense. May I always love as you have loved and forgive others as you have forgiven."

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



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

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 28 – 7:00 P.M.

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 – 8:00 A.M.

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 – 7:00 P.M.

NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 – 8:00 A.M.

NO MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

+ Deceased Legionaries

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – 5:00 P.M.

No Intentions

SUNDAY, NOV. 3 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. +For the Souls of those Mentioned in the Book of Life

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

12:00 P.M. + Francisco Tanduyco

+ Tan Kaw Ti

+ Rizal Tan

RENEW TORONTO CONFERENCE

Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. 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.

COME & SEE WEEKEND

St. Augustine's Seminary is hosting a "Come & See Weekend" for men 18 years and older on November 1-3. Join others and cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives 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.

ACTS RETREAT

ACTS Retreats at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga – Come and renew yourself spiritually to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life. Women's Retreat Nov. 14- 17. Contact: Peggy Schreader, 416-270-3690 or peggyschreader@gmail.com . Men's Retreat Nov. 21 – 24. Please contact, Lorenzo Stampatori, 416-300-0152. For more info please visit: www.actscanada.org .

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Please join us November 3 - 9as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. St. Dominic's Parish 625 Atwater St., Mississauga. For more information call 905-278-7762.

CHRIST THE KING RALLY

"I will be with you always, until the end of the ages (Matt 28, 20)". Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. On November 30 join the celebration at the annual Christ the King Rally. \$20 adults; \$5 youth and children free. The Toronto Pavilion, 190 Rainside Rd. Toronto. For more information call the CCRC at 647-669-7524 or 647-887-5517.

UNWANTED HALLOWEEN CANDY

Once again, Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children will be collecting your unwanted Halloween candy at the back of the church on the weekend of November 2 and 3. ALL unwanted candy is welcome. This includes bags of chips and chocolate. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items. Thank you so much for any contribution.

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