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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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 2019

"Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully"

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honour of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) urges us to climb the sycamore tree like Zacchaeus that we might see Jesus and embrace his cross for our lives:

Zacchaeus climbed away from the crowd and saw Jesus without the crowd getting in his way. The crowd laughs at the lowly, to people walking the way of humility, who leave the wrongs they suffer in God's hands and do not insist on getting back at their enemies. The crowd laughs at the lowly and says, 'You helpless, miserable clod, you cannot even stick up for yourself and get back what is your own.' The crowd gets in the way and prevents Jesus from being seen. The crowd boasts and crows when it is able to get back what it owns. It blocks the sight of the one who said as he hung on the cross, 'Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing... He ignored the crowd that was getting in his way. He instead climbed a sycamore tree, a tree of 'silly fruit.' As the apostle says, 'We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block indeed to the Jews, [now notice the sycamore] but folly to the Gentiles.' Finally, the wise people of this world laugh at us about the cross of Christ and say, 'What sort of minds do you people have, who worship a crucified God?' What sort of minds do we have? They are certainly not your kind of mind. 'The wisdom of this world is folly with God.' No, we do not have your kind of mind. You call our minds foolish. Say what you like, but for our part, let us climb the sycamore tree and see Jesus. The reason you cannot see Jesus is that you are ashamed to climb the sycamore tree. Let Zacchaeus grasp the sycamore tree, and let the humble person climb the cross. That is little enough, merely to climb it. We must not be ashamed of the cross of Christ, but we must fix it on our foreheads, where the seat of shame is. Above where all our blushes show is the place we must firmly fix that for which we should never blush. As for you, I rather think you make fun of the sycamore, and yet that is what has enabled me to see Jesus. You make fun of the sycamore, because you are just a person, but 'the foolishness of God is wiser than men.' [Sermon 174.3]

The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?

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.

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Deceased Knights of Columbus Members and Spouses

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 7:00 P.M.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – 5:00 P.M.

- + Antony Joseph
- + Bill Kovalchuk
- + Anthony Camilleri

SUNDAY, NOV. 10 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:00 A.M. +For the souls of those listed in the Book of Life

12:00 P.M. + Jacinto Tavares
+ Circuscao & Etelvina Rodrigues
+ Servant of God Frank Duffy

SPECIAL COLLECTION NOVEMBER 16 AND 17

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. By supporting The Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. Donation envelopes and the Shepherds' Trust Newsletter are available in the vestibule of the Church. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org.

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass for the deceased members of Our Lady of Peace Council will be held on Monday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Please join us from November 3 -9 as 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

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The weekend of November 23-24 we will have with us Sebastien Cardinal representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians". Christians in the Holy land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted. May God Bless you for your generosity, for help, and for your prayers." www.HolylandChristians.ca

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Are you separated or divorced? If you are struggling, you don't have to do this alone. New Beginnings, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through, separation and divorce. The group starts Nov. 8 at St. Christopher Parish. For more information and to register, please contact Arcangelo Limanni at alimanni@cfstoronto.com, or at 416- 921-1163 ext. 2225.

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 .

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