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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 Wednesday during Mass Rosary Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 6:40

Divine Mercy

Fridays (excluding holidays) 3:00 PM

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 905-822-8132

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 17, 2019

"Take heed that you are not led astray"

How would you respond if someone prophesied that your home, land, or place of worship would be destroyed? Jesus foretold many signs that would shake peoples and nations. The signs which God uses are meant to point us to a higher spiritual truth and reality of his kingdom which does not perish or fade away, but endures for all eternity. God works through many events and signs to purify and renew us in hope and to help us set our hearts more firmly on him and him alone.

Sometimes we don't recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of the age in which we live, until something "shakes us up" to the reality of this present condition. God reminds us that a future judgment and outcome awaits every individual who has lived on this earth. The reward for doing what is right and pleasing to God and the penalty for sinful rebellion and rejection of God are not always experienced in this present life - but they are sure to come in the day of final judgment.

The Lord Jesus tells us that there will be trials, suffering, and persecution in this present age until he comes again at the end of the world. God intends our anticipation of his final judgment to be a powerful deterrent to unfaithfulness and wrongdoing. God extends grace and mercy to all who will heed his call and his warning. Do not pass up, even for one day, God's invitation of grace and mercy to seek first his kingdom of righteousness and peace. This day may be your only chance before that final day comes.

The real enemy of the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - is Satan, the powerful leader of the fallen angels who rebelled against God and who were cast out of heaven. Satan opposes God and all who follow his rule of peace and righteousness (moral goodness) on the earth. Satan not only opposes God's rule, he seeks to destroy all who would obey God. He tempts people through envy, deception, hatred, and fear to provoke hostility towards those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is Jesus' response to hostility and persecution? Love, forbearance, and forgiveness. Only love - the love which is rooted in God's great compassion and faithfulness - can overcome prejudice, hatred, and envy. God's love purifies our heart and mind of all that would divide and tear people apart. Knowing God as our compassionate Father and loving God's word of truth and righteousness is essential for overcoming evil. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear those who would oppose us or treat us harshly for following the Lord Jesus. He promises to give us supernatural strength, wisdom, and

Endurance is linked with godly hope - the supernatural assurance that we will see God face to face and inherit all the promises he has made. Jesus is our supreme model and pioneer who endured the cross for our sake. Jesus willingly shed his blood for us - to win for us pardon and peace with God. Our joy and privilege is to take up our cross each day to follow the Lord Jesus.

What will attract others to the truth and power of the Gospel? When they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries. God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Are you ready to lay down your life for Christ and to bear witness to the joy and freedom of the Gospel?



ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL CONCERT

Toronto's Christmas Tradition featuring St. Michael's Choir School continues at Roy Thompson Hall.

Repertoire to include an array of seasonal favourites. December 8, 2019. For tickets contact Roy Thompson Hall at 416-872-4255.



SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2019-2020

Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year, which starts on the weekend of December 1, will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and next

weekend, November 23 and 24. The cost is \$5 each and the correct change would be greatly appreciated.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. Marissa Chin

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - 5:00 P.M.

+ Kam Kai-Hong

+ Mary and Paddy Coy

+ Carl Shaw

SUNDAY, NOV.24 – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8.30 A.M. +For

+For the souls of those listed in the

Book of Life

10:00 A.M. + Vladas &

+ Vladas & Vladislava Sadauskas

+ Mary and Les Hetyey

S.I Teresa De Souza

12:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-21 school year will take place January 6-17, 2020. Parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. The online registration will begin on November 26 at www.dpcdsb.org. For those unable to register at the school during school hours, a registration evening has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (Snow Date: January 16, 2020). For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

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. Men's Retreat Nov. 21 – 24. Please contact, Lorenzo Stampatori, 416-300-0152. For more info please visit: www.actscanada.org .

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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ADVENT RETREAT

Reflections on the Blessed Trinity Saturday, December 14, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Augustine's Seminary 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough EASTERN REGION Father Charles Anang will explore the profound depths of the Christian's identity and sublime destiny. This reflection offers an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Holy Mass at St. Augustine's venerable chapel is included with registration. COST: \$50, includes lunch CONTACT: St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto PHONE: 416-261-7207 EMAIL: layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org

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 Railside Rd. Toronto. For more information call the CCRC at 647-669-7524 or 647-887-5517.

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A beguest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! A gift to the parish or any of our diocesan charities in your will creates a lasting legacy that will help the church continue its heritage of service and pastoral care to the faith community. When making your will, please consider a bequest to our parish. To learn more about making a bequest, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext 519 visit or www.archtoronto.org/development.

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