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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

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2019

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"

Do you recognize that the Lord Jesus has been given all authority and power by his Father in heaven to reign over all creation - including the heavens and the earth? Jesus was crucified for his claim to be the Anointed King sent by the Father in heaven (John 18:37 and Luke 23:38) to establish his kingdom not only for his people Israel, but for all nations and peoples as well (Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24:30 and Matthew 26:63-64).

As Jesus was crucified on the cross alongside two criminals who were thieves, one mocked him for his claim to divine kingship. But the other thief recognized through the eyes of faith that Jesus was truly God's Anointed King and Saviour. He petitioned Jesus to treat his poor soul with mercy and pardon, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). Jesus not only granted him forgiveness, but a place with him in his everlasting kingdom. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Jesus died not only as King of the Jews, but as King of all nations and Lord of the universe. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world was accomplished through his atoning death on the cross and his resurrection on the third day. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. That is why the Father exalted his Son and raised him in glory over the heavens and the earth. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called King of kings and Lord and lords (Revelation 19:16). He now sits in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven - and from his throne he rules as Lord over all - Do you recognize Jesus Christ as your Sovereign King and Redeemer?

The Scriptures tell us that there are ultimately only two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another - the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom is ruled by one lord or master - the Lord Jesus Christ who is the true "Light of the World" - and the false messiah and deceiver who is called the "anti-Christ" and the "angel of light" who rules over men and women through the power of false promises, lies, and temptation to sin and disobedience.

If we follow the Lord Jesus and entrust our lives to him he will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us by his Holy Spirit along the path that leads to our true homeland with God. If we follow the course which is set by the ruler of this present world - a world which is opposed to Christ and blinded by Satan - then we will discover that sin, pride, and deception will lead us down a path of destruction, death, and separation, rather than life, freedom, and friendship with God and the people he has redeemed with the precious blood of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Which kingdom will you serve - today, tomorrow, and for all eternity? This present world will pass away, but God's kingdom will endure forever. If we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and King and submit to his rule for our lives, we become citizens of heaven and inherit an everlasting kingdom which is ruled by righteousness, peace, and love. Is the Lord Jesus the true King and Master of your life?

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. The cost is \$5 each and the correct change would be greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – 5:00 P.M.

+ For the souls of those listed in the Book of Life

SUNDAY, DEC. 1 – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

10:00 A.M. + Joseph Camilleri

+ Kam Kai-Hong

+ Michael Layton

12:00 P.M. + Gilda Yu Yangzon

+ Lanz Yu Yangzon

+ Joel Jardelega

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.

REMEMBERING THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL

A bequest 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 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**



The Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place the weekend of November 30 and December 1. Special donation envelopes are in your offertory envelope boxes or you may take a collection envelope located on a table at the back of the church. Your generosity to families in need at Christmas is most appreciated.

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. COST: \$50, includes lunch
CONTACT: St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto
PHONE: 416-261-7207 EMAIL: layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org

A FAREWELL

Our Pastor, Father Bernard Vellozo, is leaving Saint Francis of Assisi on January 1, 2020. A farewell reception will be held Sunday, December 29th following the noon Mass. Parishioners are invited to contribute to a parting gift for Father. Volunteers will be at the doors of the Church after all weekend Masses beginning November 30th to collect your cash donations, farewell messages and a count of the number of guests. Please let us know if you plan to attend. For more information, please contact Kathy Valant (905) 823-1693.

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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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