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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

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| 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

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| St. Francis of Assisi | 905-822-3183 |
| St. Margaret of Scotland | 905-820-5115 |
| Christ the King | 905-569-0220 |

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020

"Jesus humbly submitted to baptism by John"



Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism at the River Jordan? John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). In this humble submission of Jesus we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant (Isaiah 42:1-4). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

Jesus' baptism - beginning of a new creation

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan River. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

Heaven will open for those who bow before the Lord

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father tells us:

"Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him."

Do you want to see your life transformed in the likeness of Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

The Holy Spirit transforms us in the likeness of Jesus

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit - and he anoints us for mission as ambassadors of his kingdom of righteousness (moral goodness), peace, and joy (Romans 14:17). We are called to be the "light" and salt" of his kingdom that radiate the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us (Matthew 5:13,15-16). The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us that many others may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and with the fire of your love and goodness. May I always find joy and delight in seeking to please you in doing your will just as you have delighted in the joy of pleasing your Father and doing his will."

HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED



The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 18/19 and January 25/26. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES 2020

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2019 and advise you that income tax receipts will be issued in February 2020. In order to receive an income tax receipt for contributions to the Church, we strongly suggest you take a box of Offertory Envelopes each year. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Peter English
+ Sylvia Ieal

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 – 5:00 P.M. NEW YEARS EVE

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Abel Solis

SUNDAY, JAN. 19 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8.30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community
10:00 A.M. + Chester Bennington
12:00 P.M. + Servant of God Alfie Lamb
+ Maureen Melvin
+ Helen and Michael Ward

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, your local Catholic school, visit the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Please join us on February 1 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. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. For more information call 905-848-2420.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at office@st-francisofassisi.ca.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If you would rather make your regular offerings through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), kindly complete a PAG Form and return to the Office. Please note you still need a box of envelopes for the other Special Collections.

AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary. January 27 at 4:45 at St. Augustine Seminary. For more info email vocations@archtoronto.org or call 416-968-0997.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE



As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples. The Celebration of Marriage Mass will be at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Pickering on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3 p.m. Couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary will be honoured at this special Mass. Please note that registration is required as space is limited. To register or for more info contact Ella Okonkwo at 416-934-0606 ext. 523.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020



The Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs invites us to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18 to 25, 2020. The theme is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness". Welcoming strangers – whether they are from other cultures, beliefs, immigrants or refugees – is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. Come join us for an Ecumenical Prayer Service on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and other Christian leader will be reflecting on the Word of God. For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/WeekofPrayerChristianUnity>.

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