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### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor  
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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

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19, 2020

## "Here is the Lamb of God..."

John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

### **John points to Jesus' saving mission - to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins**

It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recognized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

### **The Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus truly is - the Son of God and Saviour of the world.**

When John says he did not know Jesus (John 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

*"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things."*

### **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.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**



If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send an email to [office@st-francisofassisi.ca](mailto:office@st-francisofassisi.ca) to let us know.

### **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.

### **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.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 20 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 – 5:00 P.M. NEW YEARS EVE**

Intention Available

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Ann Overment

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Teresa Babiarz

+ Pawel Roztocky

+ Jolanta Waz

### **SUNDAY, JAN. 26 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8.30 A.M.** Intention Available

**10:00 A.M.** + Chris Squire

**12:00 P.M.** S.I. Parish Community

### **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](mailto: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. To register or for more info contact Ella Okonkwo at 416-934-0606 ext. 523.

### **AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Join us on January 22 as we welcome Chris Bray for an evening of prayer, reflection and worship. We are blessed to have him with us for the evening. Come, be inspired and let the Lord touch your heart. Free will offering. Merciful Redeemer Parish. 2775 Erin Centre Blvd. For more information call 905-812-0030.

### **THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE IN THE RCIA PROCESS**

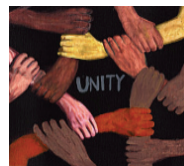
The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process whereby adults who are not Catholic explore the Catholic faith with the hope of eventually being baptized or received into the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who are baptized, but who have not yet received Eucharist or Confirmation, may also participate in the RCIA if no other process is available for their specific needs.

During the RCIA process, formal ceremonies called “rites” take place, usually during Sunday Mass. The purpose of these rites is to introduce RCIA participants to the parish and remind the community of the important role we all have in initiating new members.

On Sunday, January 19, at the 12 Noon Mass, Brent Mattison will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. The prerequisite for this rite is that the beginnings of the spiritual life and fundamentals of Christian teaching have taken root in the candidates for baptism. Brent has been participating in catechetical and faith-formation sessions since September and has been attending Sunday Mass regularly.

Until now, Brent has been called an “inquirer” in the RCIA process. After celebrating the Rite of Acceptance, Brent will formally be known as a “catechumen”. Brent looks forward to receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the next Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for Brent and his family as he continues his faith journey.

### **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”. Come join us for and 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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