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## Pastoral Staff

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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

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 26, 2020

## From darkness and death to light and life

Do you know the joy and freedom of the good news of the kingdom of God? John the Baptist's enemies had sought to silence him, but the good news of God's kingdom of salvation cannot be silenced. As soon as John had finished his testimony Jesus began his in Galilee.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the good news of salvation would reach Jews and Gentiles in the "land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations" (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus begins the proclamation of the Gospel here to fulfill the word of God. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus who brings the light and truth of the Gospel to the world.

Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls his hearers to believe in the good news he has come to deliver. What is the good news which Jesus brings? It is the good news of peace - the Lord comes to reconcile and restore us to friendship with God. The good news of hope - the Lord comes to dwell with us and to give us a home with him in his heavenly kingdom. The good news of truth - the Lord Jesus sets us free from the lies and deception of Satan and opens our mind to understand the truth and revelation of God's word (John 8:32). The good news of promise - Jesus fulfills the promise of God to reward those who seek him with the treasure of heaven. The good news of immortality - Jesus overcomes sin and death for us in order to raise our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body which will never die again. And the good news of salvation - the Lord Jesus delivers us from every fear, every sin, and every obstacle that would keep us from entering his everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord makes it possible for us to receive his word with faith and to act upon it with trust and obedience.

Faith or belief is an entirely free gift which God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit who moves the heart and converts it to God. The Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the mind and makes it possible for us to accept and to grow in our understanding of the truth. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we can know God personally and the truth he reveals to us through his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. To believe that Jesus is Lord and Saviour is to accept God's revelation of his Son as the eternal Word of God and the Redeemer who delivers us from the tyranny of sin, Satan, and death. Out of his great love for us God the Father made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to atone for our sins and to bring us back to him.

Do you want to grow in the knowledge of God's love and truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew in you the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple who desires to follow the Lord Jesus and his will for your life.

*"Lord Jesus, your ways are life and light! Let your word penetrate my heart and transform my mind that I may see your power and glory. Help me to choose your ways and to do what is pleasing to you."*

### HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED



Feeding the Community

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on 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.

### FR. DAMIAN'S INSTALLATION

Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at Fr. Damian's installation as Pastor on Saturday, February 15 (Family Day Weekend), during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we welcome Fr. Damian to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Reception to follow downstairs in the church hall.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 27 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Mike Morra

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 – 8:00 A.M.**

S.I. Raymond Kanoza

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Danielle Schmalz

S.I. Cynthia Noronha

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Richard and Philomena Viegas

+ Paz and Cipriano Aquino

+ Jane Camilleri

### **SUNDAY, FEB. 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

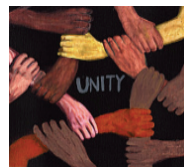
**8:30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** + Dennis Baldin

**12:00 P.M.** + Maria Perri  
+ Bridget Ward

+ Elsie Toguri

## 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>.

## DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH



Catholic Women's Conference on March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Le Tre Port Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway E., Mississauga. Speakers and topics include: Kimberly Hahn. Colleen Carroll Campbell & Dorothy Pilarski. Celebrating our 11<sup>th</sup> year! Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis. To register go to [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com) or call 416-907-1042. On Friday March 27 there is a Mother Daughter event which includes a book signing by Colleen Carroll Campbell. The speakers are Dr. Sandra Sagrati and Dorothy Pilarski.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. April 24-26, 2020 - Four Points Sheraton (Argentia Road), Mississauga, ON. For more information and application, please go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925.

## 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. 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. 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.

## 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.

*"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."*

— St. Francis of Assisi, *The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi*

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