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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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2020

"The favour of God was upon him"

Do you know the favour of the Lord? After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish rite of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favour is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience.

What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles".

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God.

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age.

What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way. Allow the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and love. And offer to God everything you have and desire. If you seek his kingdom first he will give you everything you need to know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life Mississauga and Area is sponsoring a Saturday morning meeting: "Inspire yourself & others to become more involved in the cause of Life" It will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22nd at 10:30am (there is a Mass at 9:00am followed by the Rosary for those who would like attend) at Merciful Redeemer Parish 2775 Erin Centre Blvd, Mississauga (Lower level meeting room). A continental breakfast will be served. All are welcome.

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, FEBRUARY 3 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Rena Rego

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

S.I. For Priests & Deacons Living and Deceased

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Virginia Natale

SUNDAY, FEB. 9 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M.

S.I. Cirillo Family

+ Lena Blatman

10:00 A.M.

S.I. Parish Community

12:00 P.M.

S.I. For Active and Auxiliary Members of

The Legion of Mary

+ Melwyn Aruja

+ Margaret Menezes

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Please join us on, February 29 to Sunday, March 8, (Church is Closed Monday, March 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. Josephine Bakhita Parish 3200 Thomas St., Mississauga. For more information call 905-826-1143.

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 to let us know.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
Weekday Mass Attendees**

There will be no Mass celebrated on Family Day, Monday, February 17, 2020.

CALLING ALL LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARIES

On Sunday, February 9, 2020 the Mass at 12:00 p.m. is being offered for all auxiliary and active members of the Legion of Marry. Following Mass is a potluck get-together for all members, both active and auxiliary. Please contact Betty at 647-239-0987 for further details and to RSVP.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 at 10 a.m.

OR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 at 7:00 p.m.

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

1. **PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**
2. \$50 for the Confirmation resource fee
3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:
 - a. Confirmed Catholic
 - b. 16 years of age or older
 - c. Practicing Catholic
 - d. Not be the parent of the Candidate

THESE ARE THE ONLY 2 REGISTRATION SESSIONS BEING HELD FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2020. IF YOU MISS THESE SESSIONS, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2021.

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 11th year! Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis. For registration and more info go to 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.


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