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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2020

"You are the salt of the earth"

Why do people tend to view the "law of God" negatively rather than positively? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day."

For the people of Israel the "law" could refer to the Ten Commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch or Torah, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law because it placed burdens on people which God had not intended.

Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom for us. That is why God commands us to love him above all else and to follow in the way of his Son, the Lord Jesus who taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another.

Jesus taught reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbour lest wrong or hurtful desires master and enslave us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to humans is possible to God who gives generously of his gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit to those who put their faith and trust in him.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Do you seek to understand the intention of his law and to grow in wisdom of his ways?

Jesus promised his disciples that he would give them the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's law of love and truth on our hearts. The Holy Spirit teaches us God's truth and gives us wisdom and understanding of God's ways. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, strengthens us in temptation, and transforms us, day by day, into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Merciful Saviour and Humble Lord. There is great blessing and reward for those who obey God's commandments and who encourage others, especially the younger generations, to love, respect and obey the Lord. Do you trust in God's love and allow his Holy Spirit to fill you with a thirst for holiness and righteousness in every area of your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with a burning desire and reverence for God's life-giving word so that you may grow day by day in the wisdom and knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness.

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. A continental breakfast will be served. All are welcome.

SHARELIFE



Parishioners who participate in our parish's Pre-Authorized Giving Program (PAG) will soon receive a letter from ShareLife. If you are not currently making your ShareLife gift via PAG, you are encouraged to sign up. And, if you already use PAG for ShareLife, please consider increasing your gift to help those who rely on your generous support.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Intention Available

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Mariathas McIcheal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Nat John Prior

+ Isabel Given

+ Virginia Natalie

SUNDAY, FEB. 23 – 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:00 A.M. + Francisco Castro

+ Dionisio Castro

+ Mary Sequeira

12:00 P.M. + William Bertrand

+ Charles Pastor

+ Helen Gardian

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.

2020 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

March 7 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The theme of this year's rally is "Jesus, Light of the World" featuring talks by Ralph Martin, Christy Dupuis, Msgr. Gregory Smith and keynote guest speaker Fr. James Mallon. An adult High Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. A separate youth event is also taking place. For more info call (647) 243-9441 or go to contact@ljhr.ca.

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RETREAT

Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre is offering a retreat from March 6 – 8, 2020. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. To register or for more information call 905-278-5229.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Weekday Mass Attendees

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

**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:

- Confirmed Catholic
- 16 years of age or older
- Practicing Catholic
- 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., Miss. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis. To register go to www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 416-907-1042. On Friday March 27 there is a Mother Daughter The speakers are Dr. Sandra Sagrati and Dorothy Pilarski.

YOUNG DISCIPLES RETREAT

On March 7 the Office of Vocations invites male and female young disciples aged 12-17 — especially those engaged in parish service — to attend a full-day retreat themed "Love in Service." This free retreat includes reflection talks, recreational activities, Mass and lunch. We ask those interested to register at their parish office. The retreat will take place at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, 75 Churchill Ave., North York. For more info call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997.

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