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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2020

Jesus fasted and was tempted by the devil

Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus and to go with him wherever he leads you? Jesus did not choose his own course or path in life, but followed the will of his Father in heaven. After Jesus' was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he was led by the Spirit of God and withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast desert wilderness that was mostly uninhabitable and full of danger. Why did Jesus choose such a barren, lonely place for a sustained period of prayer and fasting? Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12).

Jesus' testing in the wilderness was similar to the test which Adam and Eve underwent when God made them stewards of his creation and sharers in his glory and power. When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise, he provided them with everything they needed to live and to fulfill the stewardship entrusted to them. In giving them the one command to not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, God tested their love and fidelity.

Why did they fail to obey this one command of God? They listened to the voice of a rebel angel, who disguised himself as a very subtle and clever figure of charm and persuasion. The Scriptures call this tempter by many names, the devil and Satan, Beelzebub the prince of demons, the evil one and the father of lies. Satan tempted Adam and Eve with pride and envy to claim equality with God. As a consequence of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Paradise and driven into the wilderness.

Jesus now freely enters the wilderness in order to regain Paradise for the lost children of God. Where did Jesus find the strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on God's word and found strength in doing his Father's will. Satan will surely tempt us and he will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will.

Jesus was tempted like us and he overcame sin not by his own human effort but by the grace and strength which his Father gave to him. When tempted by the devil Jesus did not try to fight his adversary on his own human strength. He relied on the power which the Spirit gave him. Jesus came to overthrow the evil one who held us captive to sin and fear of death. His obedience to his Father's will and his willingness to embrace the cross reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His victory over sin and death won for us not only pardon for our sins but adoption as sons and daughters of God.

How can we overcome sin and gain freedom over our unruly desires and the lies of Satan and the world? The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness and to be our guide and consoler in temptation and testing. The Lord gives grace to the humble who acknowledge their dependence on him and he helps us to stand against the lies and attacks of our enemy, Satan, who seeks to destroy us. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the strength and courage we need to resist sin and to reject the lies and deceptions of Satan. Do you rely on the Lord for your strength and help?

SOAP FOR HOPE



Did you know that washing with soap helps decrease skin infections, diarrhea and pneumonia? Being clean allows a person to have dignity and self-esteem. Please help Canadian Food for Children to help those most in need – the poorest of the poor. With just one bar of soap, from each parishioner, we will make a difference. Boxes will be available at the back of the church the weekend of March 7/8 and March 14/15.

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings...

"The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 2 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Ryszard Michalek

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Virginia Natale

+ Vesty and Leona MacDonald

+ Carmel De Bono

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

10:00 A.M. + Louisa and Custodio Dias

12:00 P.M. + Thomas Joseph Zita

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.

PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2019



DAILY MASS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday at 8 a.m.

ROSARY: Monday and Wednesday at 6:40 p.m.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: Sung on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 2nd and 4th Friday of every month following the 7 p.m. Mass and Saturday from 4-4:45 p.m.

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.

THE RITE OF ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

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.

The formal RCIA process consists of four phases: inquiry, catechumenate, purification & enlightenment and mystagogia. Moving from one phase of the initiation process to the next is marked by public celebrations called "rites," which usually take place during Sunday Mass. The purpose of the 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, Brent Mattison celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. Next Sunday, March 8, during the 12 Noon Mass, Brent will celebrate the Rite of Election. This rite coincides with the opening of Lent and signifies Brent's entrance into the final, more intense period of spiritual preparation for the sacraments of initiation.

During the Rite of Election, RCIA catechists will testify to Brent's readiness for membership in the Catholic Church, and Brent will offer his own affirmation that he intends to proceed with the sacraments of initiation. The Church makes its "election" and chooses Brent for initiation, which will take place at the next Easter Vigil. As a pledge of fidelity, Brent will inscribe his name in the Book of the Elect.

On Sunday, March 15, beginning at 3pm, at St. Jerome's Parish, Brampton, Bishop Boissonneau will preside at a Ceremony of Recognition for all adults in the western pastoral region of the Archdiocese of Toronto who are preparing for baptism or reception into the Catholic Church at Easter. This is an opportunity for Brent to see that he has many companions on the journey to Easter and beyond.

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. 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.

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