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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 OF LENT

March 9, 2020

Listen to my beloved Son

Are you prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well? God made a promise to Abraham that he would make him a channel of great blessing not only to his own family and future descendants but to all the families of the earth as well. The condition for the fulfillment of this promise was simple and straightforward - "Go from your family and country to the land that I will show you". Abraham not only believed in God's promise, he promptly obeyed and did as the Lord commanded him. God chose Abraham as his instrument of blessing - that through him and his descendants would come the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ who would reveal the glory and blessing of God's kingdom and bring salvation for all who would call upon his name.

The Lord Jesus is the fulfillment of all the promises made to Abraham and to his spiritual descendants. In all that Jesus did and said he sought to please his Father in heaven and to bring him glory. Like Abraham, he was ready to part with anything that might stand in the way of doing the will of God. He knew that the success of his mission would depend on his willingness to embrace his Father's will no matter what it might cost him personally.

Jesus on three occasions told his disciples that he would undergo suffering and death on a cross to fulfill the mission the Father gave him. As the time draws near for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross, he takes three of his beloved disciples to the top of a high mountain. Just as Moses and Elijah were led to the mountain of God to discern their ultimate call and mission, so Jesus now appears with Moses and Elijah on the highest mountain overlooking the summit of the promised land. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory - follow me - obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom - your name, too, will be written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we, too, will follow in his footsteps.

Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Jesus Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

"Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your word, your action, and your constant presence in my life. Let me see your glory."

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 14/15.

PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2019

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

ROSARY: Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 9 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Arthur & Theresa Bellefontaine
S.I. In Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 A.M.

S.I. Ida Regio
+ Custodio Dias
+ Dany Quijalvo

10:00 A.M.

S.I. Parish Community

12:00 P.M.

+ Franco and Barbara Davi
+ Wladyslaw Sadowski
+ Hakmit Bakos



ShareLife: It's who we are!

Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago – it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS FOR PARISHES

As you are aware, active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) worldwide have led to some understandable concern among the faithful. The number of cases in the province of Ontario remain low, with 17 confirmed positive cases of the coronavirus as of March 3, 2020.

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a household, workplace or health care centre.

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses. Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- stay home if you are sick

Regarding liturgical practices, local health officials have indicated that it is not necessary to alter current practices at this time. Parishes are encouraged to use the above information to remind parishioners about the importance of practicing healthy hygiene. Also, parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion. For more information go to the provincial website [Ontario.ca/COVID-19](https://www.ontario.ca/COVID-19).

Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus. Be assured that we will continue to work with local health officials and keep you updated as appropriate.

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.



ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

On March 17 all are welcome to attend the annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

Fr. Edward J. Curtis, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, will be the presider. The homilist will be Monsignor Patrick O'Dea, Pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Parish. For more info call 416-221-9131.

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.

FAITH AND REASON LECTURE

The Newman Centre is blessed to organize a Lecture Series every year. We attempt to bring to life blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's desire to integrate faith and reason on the University Campus. Please join us on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. for the theme Before Church and State. For more information call (416) 979-2468.


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