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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 6:30

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 LENT

March 15, 2020

A spring of water gushing up to eternal life



Would you do a favour for someone who snubbed you or treated you like an enemy? Jesus did just that and more! He treated the Samaritans, the sworn enemy of the Jews, with great kindness and respect. The Samaritans who lived in the middle region of Israel between Galilee and Judea, and the Jews who lived in the rest of the land of Israel had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade and intermarriage. If their paths crossed it would not be unusual for hostility to break out. When Jesus decided to pass through Samaria he stopped at Jacob's well because it was mid-day and he was both tired from the journey and thirsty. Jacob's well was a good mile and a half from the nearest town, called Sychar. It wasn't easy to draw water from this well since it was over a hundred feet deep. Jesus had neither rope nor bucket to fetch the water.

When a Samaritan woman showed up at the well, both were caught by surprise. Why would a Samaritan woman walk a mile and a half in the mid-day heat to fetch her water at a remote well rather than in her local town? She was an outcast and not welcomed among her own townspeople. Jesus then did something no respectable Jew would think of doing. He reached out to her, thus risking ritual impurity and scorn from his fellow Jews. He also did something no strict Rabbi would dare to do in public without loss to his reputation. He treated the women like he would treat one of his friends – he greeted her and spoke at length with her. Jesus' welcoming approach to her was scandalous to both Jews and Samaritans because this woman was an adulteress and public sinner as well. No decent Jew or Samaritan would even think of being seen with such a woman, let alone exchange a word with her!

What is the point of Jesus' exchange with the Samaritan woman about water? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob's well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field. The kind of water that Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in pool or reservoir. When the Israelites complained about lack of water in the wilderness, God instructed Moses to strike the rock and a stream of fresh living water gushed out (Exodus 17:6). Even though the Israelites did not trust God to care for them in the wilderness, God nonetheless gave them abundant water and provisions through the intercession of his servant Moses. Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?

"Lord Jesus, my soul thirsts for you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in doing your will."

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH



The *re:gen* mission of the Archdiocese of Toronto is currently hiring young adults to become chastity or campus missionaries for 15 months starting in June 2020 until August 2021. If you or someone you know would be interested in this great opportunity, please contact Genicia Dabu at regen@ocytoronto.org. You can count on our prayers as you discern joining our team.

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  for the
Intentions *Week*

MONDAY, MARCH 16 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Myrtle Cornelius

+ Logi Desilva

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. In Thanksgiving for St. Joseph

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Virginia Natale

S.I. Kasia and Chris Allen

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

10:00 A.M. Intention Available

12:00 P.M. + Stan Clark

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers.



Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PREVENTATIVE MEASURES IN PLACE

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures:

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands. A simple bow, nod or "Peace be with you" to your neighbour is appropriate.
 - For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time.
 - Parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.
- Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene. Wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is a night at a pub/restaurant that provides young adults with a theological talk, a comfortable place for discussion with their peers and a chance to have their question answered. Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Drive East, Mississauga. Keep updated by following their Facebook page @ToTToronto . Please check the poster on the bulletin board in the hall entrance.



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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