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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 usually held on two Sundays 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
(or by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:00 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

Weekday Eucharist

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:30 AM

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary

Wednesday during Mass
Monday & Wednesday at 6:40

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
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3
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 IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

“Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people”

What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world.

Jesus proclaimed that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand.

Jesus took up John the Baptist's message of repentance and calls disciples to believe in the gospel - the good news he has come to deliver. What is the good news which Jesus delivers? It is the good news of peace (restoration of relationship with God - Ephesians 6:15), of hope (the hope of heaven and everlasting life - Colossians 1:23), of truth (God's word is true and reliable - Colossians 1:5), of promise (he rewards those who seek him - Ephesians 3:6)), of immortality (God gives everlasting life - 2 Timothy 1:10), and the good news of salvation (liberty from sin and freedom to live as sons and daughters of God - Ephesians 1:13).

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do to in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe.

True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself.

When Jesus preached the gospel message he called others to follow as his disciples and he gave them a mission - "to catch people for the kingdom of God." What kind of disciples did he choose? Smelly fishermen! In the choice of the first apostles we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work in and through you for his glory? Do you witness to those around you the joy of the Gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

LOOKING FOR A NEW PARISH SECRETARY AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



The search for our new full-time Parish Secretary has officially begun, and the deadline for applications is January 31, 2023. The job description is available on our parish website and the Archdiocese of Toronto website. Anyone interested in applying should forward a resume and a cover letter by email to Fr. Damian at dali@archtoronto.org

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at stfrancisofassisimi@archtoronto.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 23 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 – 7:00 P.M.

In Thanksgiving for Rodrigues Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 – 8:30 A.M.

In reparation for sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Maria Mazzucco

+ Joaquim Fernandes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 - 5:00 P.M.

+ Deceased members of the MacDonald – Shan Families

+ Maria, Manuel & John Calhau

+ Gloria Guergin

SUNDAY, JAN. 29 – 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

WHO ARE THE PATRON SAINTS OF:

- Educators, Students and Learning - **St. Thomas Aquinas**
- Travelers – **St. Christopher**
- Soldiers and Police - **St. Michael the Archangel**
- Lost Items – **St. Anthony of Padua**
- Fathers, Workers – **St. Joseph**

MARRIAGE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2023



Married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 50, 75) this year please notify the parish. Certificates to commemorate this special anniversary will be

prepared by the Archdiocese and handed out by Father Damian. There will also be a special blessing at the end of mass for all married couples.

Please email all information including names, the church where you were married, how many years you are celebrating and contact phone number to stfrancisofassisimi@archtoronto.org

We require this information as soon as possible.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2022 and advise you that income tax receipts will be mailed out mid-February by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available at the back of the Church and in the Parish Office. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available. If you would like a PAG form, please contact the parish office.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED



The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after all Masses the weekend of January 28 and 29. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.

YOUTH CHOIR

Children grade 2 and up are invited to join the St. Francis of Assisi Youth Choir. Rehearsals will be held on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. The choir will be a part of the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass starting January 21, 2023. We'd love for your children to join us! If you have questions, please contact Arlene Morgan at 905-822-8132 ext. 6.



MEN OF ST. FRANCIS



We are pleased to announce the start of The Men of St. Francis (MSF) men's group. The group will be meeting on

Saturdays from 8:00 am to 9:30 am in the parish hall, starting February 25, 2023.

Have you made a New Year's resolution or been thinking of how to grow deeper in your faith, become a better husband or father, or participate more fully in our community? The Men of St. Francis may be just what you need to set you on the path to doing just that. You'll have the support and encouragement of like-minded men, and build new friendships as we accompany each other in our faith journey. We invite all the men of St. Francis of Assisi parish to prayerfully consider joining this new parish mission.

To register or get more information, please email: menofstfrancismi@gmail.com or telephone Kurtis Chong at 647-378-3537.

PARISH SUMMER CAMP



WHEN: August 13th - 18th, 2023

DAY CAMP PROGRAM

Grades 1-6 : Monday to Friday (9:00am – 2:30pm)

EVENING PROGRAM

Grades 7-12: Sunday to Thursday (7:00pm – 9:00pm)

WHERE: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Mississauga

WHY: For our youth to encounter Jesus in a fun & joyful way with lasting memories!

REGISTER: Beginning of **March 2023**

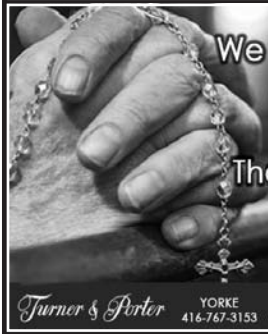
CONTACT: Ms. Arlene at amorgan@archtoronto.org

TOTUS TUUS is a diocesan program that gathers together college/university students into teams of four each and sends them out to parishes to spread the GOOD NEWS of our LORD among children and youth. The Missionaries are trained by the Archdiocese of Toronto Office of Catholic Youth.

For grade school children the program consists in catechetical instruction, songs, games, daily Mass, the Sacrament of Confession, lunch, recess and more. TOTUS TUUS balances strong catechetical content with having FUN!

The evening program for grades 7 – 12 has catechetical instruction, a night of Adoration and Reconciliation, and a night of fellowship with the team and many fun activities throughout the week. The goal of both programs is to help the youth to know the LORD and love him more deeply. Because of the youthfulness and energy of the Missionaries, the children and youth will make many special memories for life!

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