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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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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 - 6:50 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary

Wednesday during Mass
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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3, 2021

“What God Has Joined Together, Let No one separate”

What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a *concession* in view of a lost ideal.

Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:11-12). Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Our lives are not our own, but they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life. Do you seek the Lord and his grace in your state of life?

Do you seek to help others draw near to the Lord? The parents who brought their children to Jesus wanted Jesus to lay his hands upon them. They knew of the healing power, both physical and spiritual, which came from Jesus' touch. Jesus, in turn, rebuked his disciples for hindering the children from coming. No doubt the disciples wanted to shield Jesus from the nuisance of noisy children. But Jesus delighted in the children and demonstrated that God's love has ample room for everyone.

No one is unimportant to God. He comes to each person individually that he might touch them with his healing love and power. May we never hinder our youth from coming to the Lord to receive his blessing and healing power. And as we grow with age, may we never lose that child-like simplicity and humility which draws us into Christ's loving presence. Do you show kindness to the youth you encounter in your neighbourhood, home, and church and do you pray for them that they may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of Jesus Christ?

Lord Jesus Christ, your call to holiness extends to all in every state of life. Sanctify our lives - as married couples and as singles - that we may live as men and women who are consecrated to you. Make us leaven in a society that disdains life-long marriage fidelity, chastity, and living single for the Lord.

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE



Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at

6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on Monday, October 4. Fr. Damian will offer the “blessing of animals” in honour of St. Francis, near the bronze statue of St. Francis beside the Parish Office on

Sunday, October 3 from 3:30pm to 4:00pm .

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Ann and John Kerins
S.I. Janet Tan
S.I. Vicky Peralta

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Ted Wielgus
+ Therese Lalonde
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Paul Fleming

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Purissima Melchiorre
+ Patricio Capricho
+ Aloysius Antao

SUN., OCTOBER 10 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

“Live the Gospel” on ShareLife Sunday



Today is our third ShareLife collection. Our goal this year is \$130,000. To date we have achieved \$106,000.

We encourage you to give during this weekend’s special collection. You can also donate online via the parish website or at sharelife.org. By doing so, you’ll be making a real difference in the lives of poor and marginalized members of our community.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. Simply submit a void cheque in a ShareLife envelope to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving.

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
Oct 3, 2021

WATCH
CLARE AND FRANCIS
This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.

LEARN
MISERY MEETS MERCY: ST FAUSTINA
Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak discuss St. Faustina Kowalska and her role of bringing the message of Divine Mercy to the Church.

LISTEN
PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE BY DR. EDWARD SRI
In this Lighthouse Talk, Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. Dr. Sri shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.

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CELEBRATING THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS

Sunday evening, October 3rd, from 7 to 9pm, you are invited to gather in the church to observe the “Transitus of St. Francis” – a meditation on the last hours of St. Francis before his death. There will be an opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of St. Francis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8pm and conclude with Benediction.

Monday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The 7pm Mass will be observed with special solemnity since this is the patronal feast of our parish. As this is the 50th anniversary of our parish, St. Francis of Assisi medals will be blessed and available for distribution after Mass.



Each day until Oct 31, you’re invited to join others for 40 days of prayer and fasting to reawaken the culture of

LIFE in Canada. Please stand with us in prayers for life during a peaceful prayer vigil near the Mississauga Women’s Clinic at 101 Queensway W. (at Confederation) for one or more hours during the 40 Days. Our parish date is Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 7am to 7pm. For more info call John Killackey (905) 820-9232 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga.

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