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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 17, 2021

"Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

Who doesn't want to be first, and to be esteemed and honoured by others? We seem to have an unquenchable thirst for recognition and fame, power and authority to rule our own lives as we please as well as the lives of others. Should we be surprised to see the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, position, and authority? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master and Messiah. They wanted the distinction of being first and most important in position, next to Jesus, of course!

When Jesus called the twelve apostles to be his inner circle of disciples who would teach and exercise spiritual authority on his behalf, he did the unthinkable! Jesus taught contrary to the world's understanding of power, authority, and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last! Jesus wedded authority with love, position with sacrifice, and service with humility. Authority without love is over-bearing and slavish. Position without respect and concern for the subordinate is demeaning and rude. And service without generosity and sacrifice is cheap and unkind.

Those who wish to serve with the Lord Jesus and to exercise authority in God's kingdom must be prepared to sacrifice - not just some of their time, money, and resources - but their whole lives and all that they possess! Jesus used stark language to explain what kind of sacrifice he had in mind. His disciples must drink his cup if they expect to reign with him in his kingdom. The cup he had in mind was a bitter one involving crucifixion. What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some disciples such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, struggles, and temptations. A disciple of Jesus must be ready to lay down his or her life - each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required - and even to the point of shedding one's blood if necessary for the sake of Christ and his Gospel. What makes such sacrifice a joy rather than a burden? It is love - the kind of "love which God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: "to serve is to reign with Christ." We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service and love for one another, just as Jesus did for our sake. Are you ready to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus has taught and modeled for us?

"Lord Jesus, make me a servant of love for your kingdom that I may seek to serve rather than be served. In flame my heart with love that I may give generously and serve joyfully for your sake."

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE



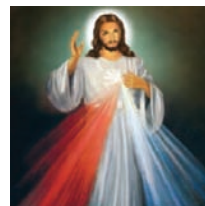
Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at

6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET ON FRIDAYS



We have resumed the practice of gathering in St. Francis of Assisi Church for Divine Mercy Chaplet. Since congregational singing is still not permitted, a recorded version of the sung chaplet will

be played. Each participant must wear a face covering and physical distancing (6-feet) between members of different households is required. All are welcome.

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Angelo Chimienti

+ Thomas Simpson

+Zdenek Becka

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For healing and reconciliation in troubled marriages and families.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Ines Chaves

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Romulo Balana

SUN., OCTOBER 24 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the Theology of the Body, and embraced young people like no other.



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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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

It is the responsibility of all believers to spread the Gospel. Every Christian shares in the mission of the Church and we should become more involved in today's missionary work. Guidance in this area is found in the Second Vatican Council document on the Church's missionary activity. This national collection is given to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which distributes the funds to bishops in missionary territories to assist them in the day to day expenses of operating their dioceses as well as funding special projects, such as building churches/chapels, healthcare clinics, the training and support of priests and catechists. This collection will be taken up on the weekend of October 23 and 24. Thank you for your generosity.



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