



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

### Pastoral Staff

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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  
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### SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
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Christ the King 905-569-0220

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021

## **This Poor Widow Has Put in More Than the Rest**

What is true religion and devotion to God? Jesus warns his disciples against the wrong kind of religion. In his denunciation of the scribes (the religious experts of his day), he warns against three things: the desire for prominence and first place of honour rather than lowly service for the benefit of others; the desire for deference and recognition (and seeking esteem from others) rather than seeking to promote the good of others through humble service and selfless care for others; and thirdly, attempting to use one's position (even a religious position) for self-gain and self-advancement. True religion is relating rightly to God and to one's neighbour with love, honour, and respect. The Lord puts his Holy Spirit within us that we may be filled with the joy of his presence, the joy of true worship, and the joy of selfless giving and love for others. True reverence for God frees the heart to give liberally, both to God and to neighbour.

Jesus taught his disciples a dramatic lesson in generous giving with love and devotion. Love doesn't calculate - it spends lavishly! Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums. How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple - love is more precious than gold!

Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses most of its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is invaluable. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely a penny - how insignificant a sum - because it was everything she had, her whole living. What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it and with us what is beyond our reckoning. Do you know the joy and freedom of giving liberally to God and to neighbour with gratitude and love?

*We can learn a great lesson in stewardship from the widow who put in all she had, two small copper coins, into the treasury. We shouldn't imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the "first fruits" of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us.*

### **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?](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 at 3:00 p.m. 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, NOVEMBER 8 – 7:00 P.M.**

- + Purissima Melchiore
- + Millie Correa

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – 8:30 A.M.**

- S.I. Wilfredo and Liza Padilla
- + Parish All Souls Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – 7:00 P.M.**

- + Ana Ngo Kee
- + Corazon Villanueva
- + Jamie Villanueva

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – 8:30 A.M.**

- S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – 7:00 P.M.**

- + Barbara Zlot
- + Janina Bednarek
- + Stefan Bednarek

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – 5:00 P.M.**

- + Kerry English
- + Stanley Thomas
- + Antonina and Joseph Stanislaw

**SUN., NOVEMBER 14 – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- S.I. Parish Community



**Living the Gospel by providing for those in need**

“Our faith community has always responded heroically to the needs around us, particularly through our enthusiastic support of ShareLife. We can help alleviate the suffering of those whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. Let us say yes to Jesus' call to live the Gospel by providing for those in need.”

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our parish's ShareLife goal this year is \$130,000. To date we have achieved \$108,980. Will you help us reach our goal?

**CHILDREN'S ADVENT EVENT**



The Children's Liturgy team invites kids 4-12 years of age to an Advent event on Saturday November 27 from 10-11:30am.

Our theme is “Waiting for Jesus” and we will host socially-distant activities and crafts in the parish hall to help our parish kids prepare for Christmas. All materials will be provided for the crafts; however, you are welcome to bring your own crayons, markers and/or scissors. Kids are required to wear masks for this event. Space is limited, please register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/childrens-liturgy-advent-activity-event-tickets-201775103767>

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The mission of the Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith for many years. By supporting the Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. This collection will be taken up on the weekend of November 13 and 14. Thank you for your generosity.

**RELIC OF ST. ANDRE BESETTE TO VISIT  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH  
NOVEMBER 20 & 21**

As a special way of bringing the Year of St. Joseph to a close, Fr. Jomon Kalladanthiyil, a priest of the Congregation of the Holy Cross assigned to St. Joseph's Oratory, will bring a relic of St. Andre Besette to St. Francis of Assisi Parish on the weekend of November 20 & 21, 2021. To welcome the relic, the Mass of St. Andre will be celebrated on Saturday morning, November 20th and Fr. Jomon will be the homilist at all of our Sunday Masses. Throughout the weekend, there will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, public veneration of St. Andre's relic, blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). For a detailed list of the liturgical activities and times, please see the poster provided. Parishioners and visitors from our neighbouring parishes are invited and encouraged to participate. All are welcome!



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