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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021

“What should we do?”

Joy



Why did thousands come out to hear John the Baptist preach? And what was so unusual about his message? When John the Baptist appeared on the public scene and began to prophesy the whole nation of Israel took notice. It had been many hundreds of years since a prophet had spoken out and performed signs in the land of Israel. John broke the long silence with the sudden announcement that the Messiah was about to appear. God had long ago promised his people that he would send them a Redeemer who would save them from their sins, free them from oppression, fill them with the joy of his presence and bring them his everlasting kingdom of peace and righteousness. They came out to hear the good news which he preached to them. And they willingly submitted to his baptism of repentance at the River Jordan. John's task was to wake people up from spiritual sleep and indifference, and to turn them back to hear God's voice and obey his commandments.

John's message of renewal and repentance was very practical. He told the people three things: First, every follower of God must share what they possess with their neighbors. Second, John pointed out the sacred duty to give each and every person what is their due and to not take from them what rightfully belongs to them. And thirdly, John exhorted his listeners to be content with what they had and to avoid coveting what belonged to others. John basically called the people to turn back to God and to walk in his way of love and righteousness.

John's message of "good news" aroused in many people a new hope and joyful expectation that this was now the decisive moment for God's Anointed One to come with power, justice, and judgment to establish his reign of peace and righteousness. Many wondered aloud if John himself might be the promised Messiah, the one who would deliver them from oppression.

John's response was loud and clear - he was only the herald's voice who prepares the way for the Messiah's coming. When John compared his position with the Messiah, John humbly stated that he considered himself lower than the lowest slave. His task was simply to awaken the interest of his people for God's word, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive the Messiah when he came. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness," prefiguring what would be achieved through and in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters. Jesus is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. The word of God has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Jesus Christ, the true light of the world. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you speak and live?

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE



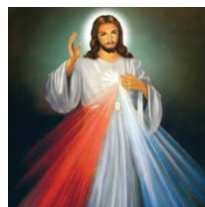
Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at

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 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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Jean Zielinski
S.I. Donald Haley Wolf

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. Paul Zilio

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Betty Tam Chong
S.I. Henry Rodriguez
S.I. Jo Paz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 – 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Janice Javier
S.I. Ligaya Cana
S.I. Lourdes Valenton

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Marie Rodriguez
S.I. Maria Thes Real
S.I. Logan Noronha

DECEMBER 19 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

S.I. Parish Community

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

3:00pm (Children's Mass live streamed)
5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm
11:00pm Solemn Christmas Midnight Mass (live streamed)

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

8:30am, 10:00am, (live streamed) and 12:00 noon

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Friday, December 31, 2021 – 5:00pm

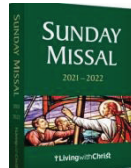
Saturday, January 1, 2022 – 8:30am, 10:00am

(live streamed) and 12:00 noon

Registration on EventBrite is required to attend any of the Christmas Masses. To register go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/nativity-of-our-lord-christmas-tickets-222457244607>

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2021-2022



Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year, which starts on the weekend of November 28, will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. The cost is \$5 each and the correct change would be greatly appreciated.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is the best way to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. Please take advantage of the many opportunities available.

St. Francis of Assisi – Thursday, Dec. 16 9:30-11:30am, 2:30-4:30pm and 7-9:30pm

St. Ignatius Loyola – Dec. 21 9:30-11:30am, 4-6pm, 7-8:30pm

Merciful Redeemer – Dec. 15 10am-12pm, 1-3pm, 7-9pm

St. Christopher – Dec. 20, 21 and 22 10-11am, 6:30-8:30pm

HEALING AND RECONCILIATION EFFORT

As we journey with the Indigenous community, this fund will support healing and reconciliation efforts, recognizing the trauma experienced from the residential school system. We acknowledge the journey to reconciliation is one that will continue for years to come. For more information and additional resources, please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools. If you would like to make a donation you can by going to the parish website and clicking on the Donate button.

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This week you can watch a video on St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross who lived heroic lives of prayer. You will learn more about the Carmelite way of live and the virtue of perseverance.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2022 are now available at the back of the church. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS** on the first 4

envelopes you use in JANUARY 2022. Thank you for your continued support.

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