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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 13, 2022

"Blessed are you poor - yours is the kingdom of God"

When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression.

Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbour. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness."

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "No person can live without joy. That is why someone deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

"Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting happiness and peace. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will."



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?



ASH WEDNESDAY

You are invited to begin the Season of Lent by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday. On Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022, there will be Mass with the distribution of blessed ashes at 8:30am and 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Ireneusz Kleszcz

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jane Quigg

+ Mary Fitzgerald Forsyth

+ Andrew Arntfield

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
February 13, 2022

WATCH **BELoved—SESSION 1: DOES MARRIAGE MATTER?**
Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.

LEARN **FORMED NOW! HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE**
Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

LISTEN **MY BELOVED SON: MEDITATIONS FOR LENT**
BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON
Lent is a season of discipline where we focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In five touching homilies, join Bishop Barron as he describes the spiritual disciplines we undertake during Lent.

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INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2021 and advise you that income tax receipts will be mailed out in February by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Offertory envelopes for 2022 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR MAKING THE FOOD DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners for their generous donations of food, cash, and checks. Total collection of food was 570LBS and total dollars donated was \$1730.00. Eden Food for Change expressed their gratitude for the food and monetary donations everyone made to help those in our Erin Mills community.

Thank you for your support.

CAMP BRÉBEUF IS HIRING

C.Y.O Camp Brébeuf is preparing for another exciting summer of offering Catholic camping experiences to young people as well as job opportunities for high school students and young adults.

They are looking for teenagers and young adults that would be interested in working with youth this summer. The ideal candidate would have a passion for working with children of varying abilities and be able to work both independently and as a team. To learn more go to:

<https://campbrebeuf.ca/>

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary is the largest lay Catholic Organization in the world. Catholic men and women offer their services to their Pastor to aid him in performing spiritual works in the Parish. This is done by placing themselves under the banner of Mary so that with her help they may develop a greater holiness in their own lives as well as spreading a deeper devotion among others. Please join them on Mondays at 6:40 p.m. to pray the rosary, which will be followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Join us in welcoming reverend Allan Macdonald for a Lenten Mission here at St. Francis of Assisi church. Fr. Allan will preach at all of the Masses on the **weekend of March 12 & 13** to introduce our Lenten Mission. The Mission evenings include: **Monday, March 14; Tuesday, March 15; and Wednesday, March 16.** Each evening the schedule will be:

6:00pm – 6:45pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

6:40pm - Rosary

7:00pm - Holy Mass with Mission Talk

Bring a friend. Invite someone who has not been to church in a while. All are welcome!

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