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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 20, 2022

“Do good to those who hate you”



What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return.

Give and forgive - the two wings of prayer

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) describes Jesus double precept to give and forgive as two essential wings of prayer:

"Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given you. These are the two wings of prayer on which it flies to God. Pardon the offender what has been committed, and give to the person in need" (Sermon 205.3). "Let us graciously and fervently perform these two types of almsgiving, that is, giving and forgiving, for we in turn pray the Lord to give us things and not to repay our evil deeds" (Sermon 206.2).

Bless and do not curse.

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. That is why Paul the Apostle tells those who know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to "bless and not curse.. nor take revenge.. and to overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:14,17,21). Do you know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness (moral goodness) for overcoming evil with good?

"Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart free with your merciful love that nothing may make me neither lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone."



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?

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Cesar Camlas

S.I. Ireneusz Kleszcz

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jane Quigg

+ Gerry Mayo

+ Mat John Prior

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

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.

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!

2022 STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday Evenings in Lent (after 7pm Mass)

March 4 - The Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori (Barton-Cotton Inc: Baltimore, Maryland, 1977)

March 11 - Stations of the Cross for Peace

(Matthias Neuman, OSB, Liguori Publications: Liguori, MO, 2005)

March 18 - St. Patrick's Way of the Cross

(St. Patrick's Basilica, Lough Derg, 1991: Imprimatur by Joseph Duffy, Bishop of Clogher)

March 25 - The Way of the Cross Today: Reflections on Suffering in Sickness and Dying

(Sr. Nuala Kenny, Salt & Light Media, 2016)

April 1 - A Family-Centered Way of the Cross

(Michael A. Diebold. Liguori Publications: Liguori, MO, 1998)

April 8 - Mary's Way of the Cross

(Richard G. Furey, C.Ss.R, The Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers of the Baltimore Province, Twenty-Third Publications: Mystic, CT, 1984)

April 15 (7pm) - Everyone's Way of the Cross


(Clarence Enzler, Ave Maria Press: Notre Dame, Indiana, 2014).

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