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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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 27, 2022

“Do you not see the log in your own eye?”

Are you clear-sighted, especially in your perception of sin and the need for each of one of us to see ourselves correctly as God sees us - with our faults, weaknesses, and strengths? Jesus' two parables about poor vision allude to the proverb: Without vision the people perish! What can we learn from the illustration of a blind guide and a bad eye? A bad eye left untreated and a blind guide can cause a lot of trouble that will only end in misery and disaster for us! We can only help and teach others what we have learned and received from wise teachers and guides. And how can we help others overcome their faults if we are blinded by our own faults and misperceptions? We are all in need of a physician who can help us overcome the blind spots and failing of own sins, weaknesses, and ignorance. The Gospel of Luke was written by a disciple who was trained as a physician. Luke, with keen insight, portrays Jesus as the good physician and shepherd of souls who seeks out those who desire healing, pardon, and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came to free us from the worst oppression possible - slavery to sin, fear, and condemnation. Like a gentle and skillful doctor, the Lord Jesus exposes the cancer of sin, evil, and oppression in our lives so we can be set free and restored to wholeness. The Lord Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restores us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom.

The Lord Jesus wants us to be his instruments of healing, pardon, and restoration for others as well. What can hinder us from helping others draw near to Jesus the divine Physician? Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we can't see inside the other person, or we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself. A critical and judgmental spirit crushes rather than heals, oppresses rather than restores, repels rather than attracts. "Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty.

Why does Jesus set figs and grapes over against thorns and brambles? The fig tree was the favorite of all trees for the people of Palestine. It symbolized fertility, peace, and prosperity. Grapes, likewise, produced wine, the symbol of joy. Thorns and brambles were only good for burning as fuel for the fire. There's a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit. Likewise a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart.

How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true - true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us so we can turn away from evil and wrongdoing. Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies everything we need to live as his disciples. The Lord strengthens us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit - with faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life? Allow the Holy Spirit to train you in godliness and the wisdom to distinguish good fruit from bad fruit.

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.



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?

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Gerardo Frilles Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 A.M. Intention Available

7:00 P.M. Intention Available

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood,
Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

+ Joseph and Angela Camilleri

+ Edgar Angulo

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jane Quigg

+ Corazon C. Villanueva

+ Dolores Moscoso

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 – 1ST Sunday of Lent

S.I. Parish Community



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!

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COME AND SEE - DAY RETREAT

Saturday, March 19 (9:00am – 3:30pm) at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

For more information, please contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

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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