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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6, 2022

“Jesus fasted for forty days and was tempted by the devil”

Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you? After Jesus' was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water.

Why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into such a lonely place - right after Jesus was anointed and confirmed by the Father for his mission as Messiah and Saviour? Jesus was following the pattern which God had set for Moses and for Elijah - both were led on a forty day journey of prayer and fasting to meet with God on his holy mountain.

Luke tells us that at the end of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness one visitor came out to tempt him. Luke describes this tempter as the devil. He is the same deceiver who tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise. Why did Satan tempt Jesus at the end of his lengthy period of fasting? Satan knew that Jesus was embarking on an important spiritual mission for the kingdom of God. Satan undoubtedly thought he could persuade Jesus to choose his own path rather than the path his Father had chosen - a path that required self-renunciation, humility, and obedience to his Father's will. Jesus had to struggle with temptation, especially the temptation to choose his own way and to push aside the way his Father wanted him to go. This is the fundamental temptation which confronts each one of us as well. My way or God's way, my will or God's will.

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. The Lord gives grace to those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on him and he helps us to stand firm against the attacks of Satan who seeks to destroy us. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn away from them, and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to “fight the good fight of the faith” with the strength and help which comes from the Holy Spirit.

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives.



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/UCokoBfidkSQAZBuk3g-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, MARCH 7 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Leandro and Filomena Valenton

S.I. Jason Fernandes

S.I. Ewa and Ireneusz Kleszcz

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Purissima Melchiorre

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Ewa and Ireneusz Kleszcz

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 – 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Eymard Angulo

+ Deogracia Pereira

+ Carlisa Bagtas

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jane Quigg

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 – 2ND Sunday of Lent

S.I. Parish Community

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF - UKRAINE

In response to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

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.

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

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).

THINK SPRING!




Are you newly retired? Are you a student seeking to add to your volunteer hours? Whatever your age, do you want to spend some quiet time with nature? If you answer yes to any of these questions, volunteering to work in the church gardens may be a satisfying pursuit for you. We need people who can devote two hours a week to gardening, or one hour a week to hand watering annuals. No previous experience is necessary, as training can be provided. We also allow for vacation time! The season is from April to November. Contact Dolores now at 905-822-5297.

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