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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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2022

**“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him”**



What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face.

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us. We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness. In the Gospel account Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, Elijah, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles - Peter, James, and John. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval.

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory, he wants to share this glory with us. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again, if we will follow in his footsteps. Origen (185-254 AD), an early church bible scholar and writer, shows us how the transfiguration can change our lives: "When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep. Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as Disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another. The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

*Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your presence in my life, and to your life-giving word that nourishes me daily. Let me see your glory.*



## 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  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**MONDAY, MARCH 14 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15 – 8:30 A.M.**

+ James Carey

S.I. Alexandra Isa and Anna Maria Hamawi

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17 – 8:30 A.M.**

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19 – 5:00 P.M.**

S.I. In thanksgiving

+ Jane Quigg

+ Joyce Drohan

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20 – 3<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://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/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee)

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