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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20, 2022

“Unless you repent you will perish”

What causes suffering or affliction and what does God want to teach us through it? The people of Israel suffered greatly under the oppressive rule of Egypt for more than 400 years. Did they suffer unjustly or was God angry with them? God was faithful to his people Israel even in the midst of their affliction and ill treatment by their Egyptian taskmaster. God in his mercy did not forget them nor forsake them. Throughout their long history of exile and suffering God made them strong and they grew in number. God listened to their plea for mercy and freedom. And God raised up a savior for them, called Moses, whom he taught and tested in the wilderness until he was ready to hear and obey God's call.

Jesus on a number of occasions warned the people to turn away from sin before it was too late to repent and receive God's mercy and pardon. Luke recounts two disasters which Jesus addressed with the people. The first incident occurred in the temple at Jerusalem. Pilate, who was the Roman governor of Jerusalem at the time, ordered his troops to slaughter a group of Galileans who had come up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice in the Temple. We do not know what these Galileans did to incite Pilate's wrath, nor why Pilate chose to attack them in the holiest of places for the Jews, in their temple at Jerusalem. The second incident which Jesus addressed was a natural disaster, a tower in Jerusalem which unexpectedly collapsed, killing 18 people. The Jews often associated such calamities and disasters as a consequence of sin.

The real danger and calamity which Jesus points out is that an unexpected disaster or a sudden death does not give us time to repent of our sins and to prepare ourselves to meet the Judge of heaven and earth. Jesus gives a clear warning - take responsibility for your actions and moral choices and put sin to death today before it can destroy your heart, mind, soul, and body as well. Unrepentant sin is like a cancer which corrupts us from within. If it is not eliminated through repentance it leads to a spiritual death which is far worse than physical destruction.

Why does God judge his people? He judges to purify and cleanse us of all sin that we might grow in his holiness and righteousness. God is patient, but for those who persistently and stubbornly rebel against him and refuse to repent and change their course, there is the consequence that they will lose both their soul and body to hell. Are God's judgments unjust or unloving? When God's judgments are revealed in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. To pronounce God's judgment on sin is much less harsh than what will happen if those who sin are not warned to repent and turn back to God.

God, in his mercy, gives us time to get right with him, but that time is now. We must not assume that there is no hurry. Jesus warns us that we must be ready at all times. Tolerating sinful habits and excusing unrepentant sin and wrongdoing will result in bad fruit, painful discipline, and spiritual disease that leads to death and destruction. The Lord in his mercy gives us both grace and time to turn away from sin, but that time is right now. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by and our time is up. Do you hunger for the Lord's righteousness (moral goodness) and holiness?



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, MARCH 21 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Lourdes Valenton

S.I. Lilak Cana

S.I. Vicky Peralta

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 – 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Stanley Clark

+ For the souls of the Wolf and Dante families

S.I For the gifts of the Holy Spirit and protection of the Chrysicenko children.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jane Quigg

+ Constance Ferrell

+ Pavel Roztoky

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 – 3RD Sunday of Lent

S.I. Parish Community

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN SOAP DRIVE – March 26th and 27th



Soap is taken for granted in our society and is easily accessible to everyone. BUT, what if you don't have access to soap and you live under extreme conditions. Washing with soap decreases skin infections, diarrhoea and pneumonia. It can clean the clothes you are wearing. Being clean allows a person to have dignity and self-esteem. This is what ONE bar of soap does? If you are able, please donate a bar of soap to help Canadian Food for Children provide dignity and self-esteem to those in need.

2022 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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).

VIRTUAL PATRICIANS MEETING

THE LEGION OF MARY invites you to a Virtual Patricians Meeting on Thursday 24th March, 2022 starting @ 7 pm via zoom . For the link to the meeting contact Betty at 647-239-0987.

TOPIC: "OUR HEART IS GOD'S TEMPLE. LET GOD'S LOVE DWELL ON IT"

The Patricians Meeting is for all Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith. Its purpose is to build up religious knowledge, thinking about the faith, discussing and sharing with others and in turn learning from one another. A friendly family discussion about what concerns us all. The meetings are held under the guidance of a Spiritual Director.

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. The season is from April to November. Contact Dolores now at 905-822-5297.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO




Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest annual conference for Catholic teens. The conference is designed for groups of Catholic teens. Anyone currently in grades 9-12 can attend as part of a group. A group can be a youth ministry from a parish, a high school chaplaincy group, or even simply a group of friends with parent chaperones. The next conference is scheduled for July 15-17, 2022. Participants arrive in the late afternoon on Friday, July 15, and the conference ends on Sunday, July 17 after Mass which is usually around noon. The exact schedule will be released once it is finalized. Please go to <https://www.steubenvilletoronto.com/> for more information.

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