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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2022

“I will go home to my father”

What's worse than being separated from your home, loved ones, and friends? The pain of separation can only be surpassed by the joy of the homecoming and reunion. When God commanded his people to celebrate the Passover annually, he wanted them to never forget what he did for them when he freed them from oppression and slavery in the land of Egypt and brought them back to their promised homeland which he gave as a sign of his immense love and favor. At the end of their wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, Joshua, the successor to Moses, led the people in celebrating the Passover meal after they had safely passed over the River Jordan to their promised homeland.

Jesus illustrates this Passover from slavery to sin and condemnation to freedom and new life in Christ with the longest parable recorded in the Gospels (Luke 15:11-32). What is the main point of Jesus' story about two ungrateful sons and their extravagant loving father? Is it the contrast between a grudging obedient son and a rebellious son who had wished his father was dead? Or the warm reception given to a spendthrift son and the cold reception given by the eldest son?

Jesus does contrast the eldest son's cold and aloof reception for his errant brother with the father's warm embrace and lavish homecoming party for his repentant son. While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained unbroken love for his son. The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him.

His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father. While he hoped for reconciliation with his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son; his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life - pure, worthy, and joyful - of every person who returns to God.

The prodigal could not return to the garden of innocence, but he was welcomed and reinstated as a son who had been missed much and greatly loved by his father. The errant son's dramatic change from grief and guilt to forgiveness and restoration express in picture-language the resurrection from the dead which Jesus makes possible to everyone who believes in him, a rebirth to new life from death. The parable also contrasts mercy and its opposite - disfavour. The father, who had been wronged, was forgiving. But the eldest son, who had not been wronged, was unforgiving. His disfavour turns into spiteful pride and contempt for his brother. God's mercy and kindness knows no bounds. In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than any of us. He is always on the lookout for those who have a change of heart and want to return. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home. Do you know the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of your heavenly Father?

Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your love nor take for granted the mercy you have shown to me. Fill me with your transforming love that I may be merciful as you are merciful.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, brings about a change of heart through God's mercy and forgiveness. Experience the Lord's compassion through the Sacrament of Penance during Lent. The Parish Lenten Day of Confessions is **Tuesday, April 5th**, from 9:30am to 11:30am and from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Confessions will continue on **Wednesday evening, April 6th**, from 7:45pm until 9:00pm.



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  for the
Intentions  Week

MONDAY, MARCH 28 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Thomas Saldanha

+ Ignatius Saldanha

S.I. For members of the Saldanha Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 29 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Guadalupe Talag

+ Matteo Lombardi

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Inge Tombrink

+ Matteo Lombardi

+ Steve and Annie Pinkowski

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Matteo Lombardi

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

S.I. Alyssa Fernandes

+ Joseph and Angela Camilleri

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jane Quigg

+ Petra Malabanan

+ Matteo Lombardi

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 – 5TH Sunday of Lent

S.I. Parish Community

**ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC
PERSPECTIVE**

Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 9:00 am

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. To register, send us an email to: development@archtoronto.org

Please include 'webinar April 9' in the subject line and provide your name in the body of a message. Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member. You will receive a link to the webinar on April 4th.

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

BANS FOR ORDINATION



Richard Gabriel Noronha is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on June 18, 2022 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember his in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

2022 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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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UKRAINIAN RELIEF FUND

In addition to praying for the situation, parishioners can contribute to the Ukrainian Relief Fund, which the Archdiocese has established to help suffering Ukrainians. Funds raised will be directed to ORAT and CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association). This fund will provide humanitarian aid and refugee resettlement support to Ukrainians. Parishioners are able to contribute online by going to <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-humanitarian-relief/>.

HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED?


We have had tax receipts returned to the office by Canada Post due to incorrect addresses. If you have moved and you have not yet received your tax receipt, please contact the parish office at 905-822-8132.

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