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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 2022

“Go, and do not sin again”

Are you ready to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day. Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions.

The Gospel accounts frequently describe how Jesus had to face unjust accusations made by the Pharisees, the ruling elders of Israel. They were upset with Jesus' teaching and they wanted to discredit him in any way they could. They wanted to not only silence him, but to get rid of him because of his claim to speak with God's authority. When a moral dilemma or difficult legal question arose, it was typical for the Jews to take the matter to a rabbi for a decision. The scribes and the Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. John writes that they wanted to "test" Jesus on the issue of retribution so "they might have some charge to bring against him" (John 8:6).

Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime since it violated God's ordinance and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life. It was one of the three gravest sins punishable by death. If Jesus said the woman must be pardoned, he would be accused of breaking the law of Moses. If he said the woman must be stoned, he would lose his reputation for being the merciful friend of sinners.

Jesus then does something quite unexpected - he begins to write in the sand. The word for "writing" which is used here in the Gospel text has a literal meaning "to write down a record against someone". Perhaps Jesus was writing down a list of the sins of the accusers standing before him. Jesus now turns the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he says Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences.

When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice - either to go back to her former way of sin and death or to reach out to God's offer of forgiveness, restoration, and new life in his kingdom of peace and righteousness. God's grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is - unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God's mercy and forgiveness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?

"God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

-Prayer of Saint Augustine



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?>

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.

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

MONDAY, APRIL 4 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Deceased members of the Dante and Wolf Families
+ Maria and Ernesto Marchiori

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. The Kovalchuk Family

+ Helen Nalborczyk

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 – 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Purissima Melchiorre

+ Deceased members of the Dante and Wolf Families

+ Maximo Bagtas

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jane Quigg

+ Jane Camilleri

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 – PALM SUNDAY

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.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generosity we were able to collect over 500 bars of soap to help Canadian Food for Children provide dignity and self-

esteem to those in need.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 18 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday April 19 - Passion of the Lord at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 20 - Blessing of Easter Baskets at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil Saturday April 20 - The Vigil Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 21 - Resurrection of the Lord 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

Divine Mercy Sunday- April 24 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sung Chaplet and Silent Adoration from 3:00-3:50 p.m., followed by Reposition, Closing Prayers and Benediction. From 4:00-5:00 p.m. there will be Veneration of the Sacred Image. Fr. Damian will be available for reconciliation (confession) from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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 him 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 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).

**THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE IS LOOKING FOR
NEW MEMBERS**


The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting our classrooms once a month to pray the Rosary with our students for over 15 years. They are a great inspiration to our students! They are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit our schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of only 8 days a year. Training, screening, and materials will be provided. If you are interested please contact Betty at **647-239-0987**.

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