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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 Wednesday during Mass Rosary Wednesday at 6:40

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 10, 2022

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"



Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on a donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey. The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4)

Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

"Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of 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/UCokoBfidk SQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?

2022 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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**.



MONDAY, APRIL 11 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Bill Kovalchuk
- + Maximo Lagman
- S.I. Marc Arsenault

TUESDAY, APRIL 12 – 8:30 A.M.

- + Jean Zielinski
- + Ann Janice D'Souza
- S.I. Ligaya Cana

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 - 7:00 P.M.

- + For the deceased members of the Dante and Wolf Families.
- S.I. In Thanksgiving
- S.I. Danilo Mingi and Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 – NO MORNING MASS

7:30 - Mass of the Lord's Supper

9pm-12 Midnight – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 - GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 -7:30 P.M.

Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - EASTER SUNDAY

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Holy Thursday April 14</u> - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday April 15 - 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 16

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 10:00 a.m.

<u>Easter Vigil</u> - The Vigil Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 17 - Resurrection of the Lord 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

<u>Divine Mercy Sunday- April 24</u> – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sung Chaplet and Silent Adoration from 3:00-3:50 p.m., followed by Repostition, 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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & MERCY SUNDAY (SUNDAY AFTER EASTER SUNDAY)

Please join Fr. Damian live on the parish You Tube channel to pray the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on **Good Friday, April 15.** The novena will then continue until Saturday, April 23. **On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24,** there will be special devotions including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. For the full schedule please go to our website stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." -St. Rose of Lima

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