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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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Do You Love The Risen Lord Jesus Above All Else?

Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Risen Lord Jesus when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias (also called the lake of Gennesaret or Galilee)? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter had decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous job as a fisherman out of uncertainty for his future. Six of the other apostles followed him back to Galilee.

Why did Jesus choose to reveal himself to the apostles at the Sea of Galilee? The Risen Lord was waiting on the shore for Peter and the other apostles. When their boat drew near the shore, Jesus questioned them and then gave a command to lower their nets into the sea. When their nets began to burst at the great haul of fish, John, the beloved disciple, recognized that it was the Lord who was speaking to them. Peter then immediately leaped from the boat and ran to the Lord.

Why did Jesus perform this miraculous catch of fish after his third resurrection appearance to the apostles? By looking back to the first miracle of the great catch of fish, we can recognize the significance of Jesus repeating this miracle again for his apostles. The first miracle took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord called Peter to leave all and follow him. After Peter had fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus commanded him to lower his nets. When his nets began to break under the weight of the great haul, Jesus then spoke to Peter and gave him a new calling and mission - from now on he would be "catching people" for the kingdom of God. Jesus repeats this miracle for Peter to remind him that he must continue his mission of "catching people" and "making disciples" for the kingdom of Christ. Sceptics who disbelieve the resurrection accounts say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The Gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrected and glorified body of the Lord Jesus. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his physical resurrection - that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or imaginary ghost.

In his third appearance to the apostles, Jesus prepared a breakfast for them and ate with them. Peter's prompt response to draw near to the Lord and eat breakfast with him stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial and distancing himself from his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest and trial. Why did Jesus question Peter's love and loyalty three times in front of the other disciples? It must have caused Peter pain and sorrow since he had publicly denied Jesus three times previously. Now Peter, full of remorse and humility, unequivocally stated that he loved his Lord and Master and was willing to serve him whatever it might cost.

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Saviour. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. God's abundant grace is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and mercy.

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

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MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life pro-life event in Ottawa is on and will take place Thursday, May 12, 2022. Although there will be no bus leaving from St Francis of Assisi, those interested can book a subsidized ticket at Eventbrite, bit.ly/3ue9eht. You will be assigned to a bus leaving from the area. Please see the poster at the back of the Church or contact John Killackey at (905) 820-9232.



MONDAY, MAY 2 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Violet Johnston

TUESDAY, MAY 3 - 8:30 A.M.

+ Pat Nakagawa

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 - 7:00 P.M.

- + Rene Aguilar
- + Joan Omeara

THURSDAY, MAY 5 - 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 6 – 7:00 P.M.

- S.I. Hatch Family
- + Joseph and Angela Camilleri
- + Deceased members of the Wolf and Dante Families

SATURDAY, MAY 7 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Joseph Ciantar

SUNDAY, MAY 8 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

S.I. Parish Community

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ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS FRIDAY

The Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations is on Friday, May 6, 2022. As asked by Cardinal Collins, on this day, parishes throughout the archdiocese hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. This year we are inviting you to take a moment to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for endurance in vocations already committed. We also ask you to keep Ordinandi in your prayers along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

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- Cardinal Thomas Collins Thus far we have raised \$27,890 (20%) toward our goal of \$135,000.

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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.

For more information go to https://www.steubenvilletoronto.com/

WOMEN OF FAITH - TIMELESS FOOTPRINTS

Saturday, May 07, 2022 09:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

During our retreat we will take the opportunity to take a closer look at some of the women followers of Jesus in the Old and New Testament, as well as present times. Contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@goa.ca. The cost is \$40.00.

CATHOLICS COME HOME WEBINAR

June 15, 2022 from 10 - 11:30 a.m

Those who have been away from the Church may be feeling a tug in the heart from our Heavenly Father calling them back home. We want them back. We have missed them, and our Church is not the same without them. Catholics Come Home, an independent, non-profit Catholic apostolate, will discuss trends facing the church, share insights into reaching out to families in particular,. As pandemic restrictions wind down, now is the time to come home!

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