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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 EASTER

May 8, 2022

“My sheep hear my voice”

How secure is your faith and trust in God? Jesus speaks of the tremendous trust he has in God his Father and the tremendous trust we ought to have in him because he is our good shepherd. What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. That is why shepherds had to literally live with their sheep so they could lead them out to good pasture for grazing during the day and bring them to a safe place at night for rest and shelter. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

God used the image of a shepherd to describe his covenant relationship with his chosen people who were called by his name. God called David, who shepherded his father's flock in his youth, to be the anointed king and shepherd for his people Israel. Jesus, born from the tribe of David, called himself the Good Shepherd of the people whom his Father had entrusted to his care.

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls. He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers (disciples) who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan. The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit. If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor.

The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, but especially through his word in the Sacred Scriptures. He will open the Scriptures for us if we approach his word with reverence and faith. How can we grow in listening to the voice of our Lord and Shepherd? If we ask he will open our ears to hear him speak to our hearts and minds. "Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward" (Isaiah 50:4-5).

And if we hunger for his word, he will give us understanding, wisdom, and guidance for our lives. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path... I rejoice at your word like one who finds great treasure" (Psalm 119:105, 162).

The Lord Jesus wants to draw each of us close to him. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day? He wants us to be united with him and the Father. That is why he teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven and to ask for his kingdom to reign in our lives. The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts and homes and waits for our response. Will you answer his call and welcome his presence with you?



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?

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](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-for-life-ottawa-2022-tickets-33888888888). 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.

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

MONDAY, MAY 9 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Purissima Melchiorre
+ Joseph Bottrell
S.I. In Thanksgiving Manohar Pais

TUESDAY, MAY 10 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Aurora & Edward Santos

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Curtis Large
+ Carlos and Natalia Marciano
+ Marguerite and Peter Mcdonell

THURSDAY, MAY 12 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For married couples and those preparing
for marriage

FRIDAY, MAY 13 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Mariathas Michael
+ Maria Lombardi
+ Allan Rasquinha

SATURDAY, MAY 14 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Brendan Gervin
+ Jesusa & Melissa Castellvi Kay

SUNDAY, MAY 15 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

S.I. Parish Community

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BABY BOTLE FOR LIFE

Aid to Women is a Christian pro-life charity offering material, emotional, spiritual and financial support for mothers in need, enabling them to choose LIFE for their unborn children. Representatives from Aid to Women will be at the back of the church this weekend, May 7 & 8, handing out baby bottles and information about the campaign. You are asked to drop your loose change, bills or cheques in the bottles and return them on the weekend of Father's Day, June 18th & 19th. One hundred percent of the donations received go directly to Aid to Women's life-affirming work. Thank you for your generosity.

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/>

ShareLife and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. Through ShareLife, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 60 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in this past academic year.



ShareLife Update


Thus far our parish has raised \$51,269 in total toward our goal of \$130,000. If you haven't yet contributed, please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at sharelife.org. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

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