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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 - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary

Wednesday during Mass
Monday & 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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2022

"... he was lost and has been found."

If you lost something of great value and importance to you, wouldn't your search for it until you found it? The joy of finding a lost loved one, a precious member of your fold, and your hard earned savings to feed your hungry family are vivid illustrations which Jesus uses to describe what God's kingdom is like. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. He earnestly searches for the lost until they are restored and joyfully united with the whole community of heaven. Jesus told these three parables right after the scribes and Pharisees expressed dismay with Jesus' close association with people of bad reputation.

Why were many tax collectors and sinners drawn to Jesus? Jesus offered them forgiveness, mercy and healing, and the promise of full restoration with God the Father and the whole society of heaven - God's kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy. When the Pharisees began to question Jesus' motive and practice of associating with sinners of ill-repute, Jesus responds by giving them a three-fold lesson in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.

What is the point of Jesus' story about a lost sheep and a lost coin? In Jesus' time, shepherds normally counted their sheep at the end of the day to make sure all were accounted for. Since sheep by their very nature are very social, an isolated sheep can quickly become bewildered and even neurotic, and become easy prey for wolves and lions. The shepherd's grief and anxiety is turned to joy when he finds the lost sheep and restores it to the fold.

Both the shepherd and the housewife "search until what they have lost is found." Their perseverance pays off. They both instinctively share their joy with the whole community. The poor are particularly good at sharing in one another's sorrows and joys. What was new in Jesus' teaching was the insistence that lost sinners must be sought out and not merely mourned for their separation from God and the community of the just. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone, but desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God. Seekers of the lost are much needed today. Do you persistently pray and seek after those you know who have lost their way to God?

What is the main point or focus of the parable of the lost (prodigal) son? Jesus contrasts the father's merciful love with the eldest son's harsh rejection of his errant brother and his refusal to join his father in welcoming his brother back home. The parable also contrasts mercy and forgiveness with its opposite - an unwillingness to forgive and be reconciled. The refusal of the eldest son to forgive turns into contempt and pride. And his resentment leads to his isolation and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners.

In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly generous, kind, and forgiving towards us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him and his commandments. He searches our hearts to lead us in the way everlasting (Psalm 139:1, 23-24). And he always rejoices in finding the lost and welcoming them home. Do you know the joy of the heavenly Father who welcomes you home to his kingdom of everlasting righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit?

SAVE THE DATE

The Life Chain, the nation-wide, annual, peaceful, prayerful, silent witness to the sanctify of life, will take place on Sunday October 2, 2022 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Meet at 1:45 pm in the parking lot of the Woodchester Mall just east of Wendy's. Please spread the word. For additional information, contact John Killackey by phone at (905) 820-9232.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you believe you are being called to become Catholic, please join us for evenings of Catholic teaching and spiritual formation which are designed to lead to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

MONDAY, SEPT. 12 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Luanne Dufner
S.I. Richard and Celissa Noronha
S.I. Franca Petrilli

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. Monica Stanley

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Deacon Richard Noronha
+ George Daley
+ Anastacio and Cipriano Aquino

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For healing and reconciliation in troubled marriages
and families.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Cipriano and Paz Aquino
+ Maria and Ernesto Marchiori
S.I. Bonnie Noel

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Kevin Colaco
S.I. Fr. Damian Ali
S.I. Tony and Pat Fernandes and Family

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

DO YOU NEED MORE OUTDOOR TIME?



Fresh air and nature lift the spirits; a task well done gives a feeling of accomplishment. Those benefits come with membership in the garden committee at St. Francis' gardens. Another benefit is that you help to provide a beautiful setting for our church. You choose a time convenient to you for the required two hours a week. If you are new to gardening, you can be paired with another gardener. The season is from April to November and we also allow for vacation time. Please contact Dolores at 905-822-5297

BUNDLE UP



On the weekend of September 17 and 18 the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Please place your donations in securely tied green garbage bags or sealed boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

UTM CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

If you or someone you know is a university student, then this announcement is for you! The UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga) Catholic Chaplaincy exists to provide a supportive community for students to learn, grow, and celebrate their Catholic faith. Whether you are at UTM student or a student studying remotely at another university or college, we invite you join our community.

Our chaplaincy is working hard this fall to plan safe in-person gatherings as well as virtual gatherings for those wishing to connect remotely.

For more information visit our website www.utmcatholics.com ...and feel free to share our website with any university-age students that may be interested in joining or learning more about our chaplaincy.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

**PRAYER GROUP'S
GIFT OF THE DIVINE WILL**

Beginning Thursday September 22nd, St Francis of Assisi prayer group will be sharing talks on receiving and living in the Gift of the Divine Will. The talks will take place at 7pm, downstairs, in the parish hall. You are invited to come out and join us to learn more about this wonderful gift that God is offering us at this time.

ROSES FOR LIFE



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Roses for Life at all Masses the weekend of September 17 and 18. Your donations will help support Vita Centre, which is dedicated to providing excellent support, education and counselling for pregnant and parenting women in Peel. For more information on Vita Centre and the important work they do go to www.vitacentre.org.

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