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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 2022

## "Who will entrust to you the true riches?"

**W**hat does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property.

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favor with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owed him money.

What is the enemy of generosity? It's greed, the excessive desire for personal gain and security. However, we do not need to be afraid, for true generosity does not impoverish the giver, but enriches that person a hundredfold! Generosity expands the soul - but greed contracts it. God is generous and superabundant in lavishing his gifts upon us. We can never outmatch God in generosity. He has given us the best of gifts in sending us his only-begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who offered up his life for us on the cross. The Father also offers us the gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the fruit of peace, joy, patience, kindness, love, and self-control (Galatians 5:22) - and many other blessings as well. Everything we have is an outright gift of God. Do you know the joy and freedom of blessing others with the gifts and resources God has given to you?

Jesus concludes his parable with a lesson on what controls or rules our lives. Who is the master (or ruler) in charge of your life? Our "master" is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, and controls the desires of the heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things - the love of money or possessions, the power of position, the glamor of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions. Ultimately the choice boils down to two: God and "mammon". What is mammon? "Mammon" stands for "material wealth or possessions" or whatever tends to "control our appetites and desires."

There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from greed and possessiveness. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ who died to set us free and who rose to give us new abundant life. The Lord Jesus invites us to make him the Master and Lord of our lives. He alone can satisfy the desires of our heart and transform us in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Ask the Lord to fill your heart with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what you have with others.

*"Lord Jesus, all that I have is a gift from you. May I love you freely and generously with all that I possess. Help me to be a wise and faithful steward of the resources you put at my disposal, including the use of my time, money, and possessions."*

### 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.

### 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.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 19 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Fen Nyan Lee  
+ Marguerite and Peter Mcdonell  
+ Joaquin and Amalia Deposo

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 – 8:30 A.M.**

+ Romulo Ramos Balana

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Maria Fernandez  
S.I. Deacon Richard and Celissa Noronha  
+ Frank Da Silva

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 – 8:30 A.M.**

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the  
Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 23– 7:00 P.M.**

+ Lorenzo Pasuelo  
S.I. For all cancer patients, especially Emmylou  
S.I. Bonnie Noel

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24 –5:00 P.M.**

S.I. Joan Cabri  
S.I. Henry Rodrigues  
+ Trinidad and Severiano Peralta

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 25 – 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

S.I. Parish Community



Each day until Nov 6, you're invited to join others for 40 days of prayer and fasting to reawaken the culture of LIFE in Canada. Please stand with us in prayers for life during a peaceful prayer vigil near the Mississauga Women's Clinic at 101 Queensway W. (at Confederation) for one or more hours during the 40 Days. Our parish date is Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 7am to 7pm. For more info call John Killackey (905) 820-9232 or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga)

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH FEAST DAY**

Everyone is invited to a special Mass at 7:00pm on the Feast of St. Francis, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The 8:30am Mass has been cancelled on this day.

After the Feast Day Mass, everyone is invited into the Parish Hall for a reception with light refreshments (cake, cookies, coffee, tea, juice) organized by the Parish Social Committee.

Since Fr. Damian will be leading a pilgrimage to Oberammergau, Germany, the week before our Feast Day celebration, the "Blessing of Animals" in honour of St. Francis will take place on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 12Noon, in the pergola in front of the parish office.

**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND  
RECONCILIATION – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

This year's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will take place on Friday, September 30, 2022. Cardinal Collins will preside at the 7:30 a.m. Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica with participation from Indigenous members of the community. All are welcome in person or via livestream at: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/).

**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION  
FUND COLLECTION – OCTOBER 1/2, 2022**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 1/2 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. This fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021.

In February 2022, the Archdiocese of Toronto committed to \$6 million over five years toward this \$30 million commitment by the Canadian Bishops. Our funds will be generated through the existing operations and assets and the generous participation of parishioners in our parishes. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation). Thank you for your generosity.

**PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE**


On October 20 - 22, the Office of Formation for Discipleship is hosting a Parish Ministry Conference aimed at inspiring and equipping pastoral teams to better serve the parish community. Conference is being held by Zoom and at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale (6750 Mississauga Rd, Mississauga). You can learn more or register at [www.archtoronto.org/conference](http://www.archtoronto.org/conference).

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