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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2022

Lazarus Was Carried to Abraham's Bosom



What most absorbs your time, your attention, and your heart? In the parable of the rich man who refused to help the beggar named Lazarus Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts - riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion. We also see an abrupt and dramatic reversal of fortune. Lazarus was not only poor and a beggar, he was also sick and unable to fend for himself. He was "laid" at the gates of the rich man's house. The dogs which licked his sores probably also stole the little bread he got for himself. Dogs in the ancient world symbolized contempt. Enduring the torment of these savage dogs only added to the poor man's miseries and sufferings.

The rich man treated the beggar with contempt and indifference, until he found his fortunes reversed at the end of his life! In God's economy, those who hold on possessively to what they have, lose it all in the end, while those who share generously receive back many times more than they gave away. The name *Lazarus* means *God is my help*. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He not only had everything he needed, he selfishly spent all he had on himself. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar! Do you know the joy and freedom of possessing God as your true and lasting treasure? Those who put their hope and security in the kingdom of heaven will not be disappointed (see Hebrews 6:19).

Lord Jesus, you are my joy and my treasure. Make me rich in the things of your heavenly kingdom and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others the spiritual and material treasures you have given to me.

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.

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.

BRIDGE CLUB

What are you doing on Monday afternoons? Why not join us for an entertaining afternoon of Bridge? We are a very sociable group of people who would love to meet you. Come and try it. Who knows you might enjoy yourself. Bridge Club starts Monday, October 17 and runs from 1:00-3:30 p.m. For more info call Mary Ellen Lefebvre at 905-569-0230 or Penney McCarney at 905-822-4827.

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

MONDAY, SEPT. 26 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Norma Lopez Palma

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. Thanksgiving for favours received

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Alexis and Lolita Sanson

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29 – 8:30 A.M.

Intention Available

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Bonnie Noel

+ Jamie and Corazon Villanueva

SATURDAY, OCT. 1 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Family and friends of the late Alvin Mendiola

+ Julia Gomes

+ Frances Melville Martin

SUNDAY, OCT. 2 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

**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/.

**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. Thank you for your generosity.

MARIAN RETREAT

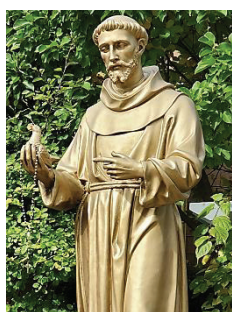


Spend the day with Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus, and our mother too. Join us on Wednesday, October 19th, 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. The cost is \$45.00, lunch included. For more information contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca



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

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 4TH, 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 8th, from 11am to 12 noon, in the pergola in front of the parish office.

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