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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 2022

## Lord, increase our faith!

**H**ow strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, indefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way.

When God reveals himself to us he gives us the "assurance" and "conviction" that his power and presence and glory is just as real, and even more real, than our experience of the natural physical world around us (Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3). Things around us change, but God never changes. He is constant, ever true to his word, and always faithful to his promises (Psalm 145:13, Hebrews 10:23). That is why we can have the greatest assurance of his unconditional love for us and why we can hope with utter conviction that he will give us everything he has promised. Jesus is God's visible proof that his word is reliable and true - his love is unending and unconditional - and his power is immeasurably great and unlimited.

What did Jesus mean when he said to his disciples that our faith can move trees and mountains as well (see Matthew 17:20; Mark 11:23)? The term "mountain remover" was used for someone who could solve great problems and difficulties. Don't we often encounter challenges and difficulties which seem beyond our power to handle? What appears impossible to human power is possible to those who believe in God's power. Faith is a gift freely given by God to help us know God personally, to understand his truth, and to live in the power of his love. God expects more from us than we can simply do by ourselves. That is why Jesus gives us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to grow strong in faith, persevere in hope, and endure in love.

Faith in God is the key for removing obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. We belong to God and our lives are no longer our own. Our joy and privilege is to follow the Lord Jesus and to serve in the power of his love and goodness. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to work in and through us by his Spirit for his glory. For our faith to be effective it must be linked with trust and with obedience - an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever he commands. Do you trust in the grace and strength which God freely gives to help us resist temptation and to overcome obstacles in doing his will?

*"Lord Jesus, fill me with your consuming love and set my heart free to love generously and to serve selflessly. Fill me with gratitude for all you have done for me, and increase my faith and loyalty to you who are My All, My Strength, and My Life"*

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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 [www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga)

### RCIA

The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or RCIA, is available to unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian denominations who now wish to become Catholic, and baptized Catholics who have not yet celebrated First Communion or Confirmation. Preparation sessions take place on Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Fr. Damian to arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Christina Veronica Connally

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Vicky Peralta

+ Teresita Trio Balayo

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Conrad Espino

S.I. Carmen Pulis

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 – 8:30 A.M.**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family

S.I. Rocca Mansour

+ Joseph and Angela Camilleri

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Purissima Melchiorre

+ Janina Zielinski

S.I. For favours received by Henry and Scarlet Rodrigues

**SUNDAY, OCT. 9 – 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

S.I. Parish Community

**SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN  
ONLINE**

Calling all parents who have children in Grade 2 (or older)! You are invited to register your child to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The Parents' Information Meetings for First Reconciliation are Thursday, October 13th, 2022 at 7pm and Saturday, October 15th, 2022 at 10:30am. Parents need only attend one of these meetings.

We also invite any Grade 7 (or older) students who have the desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to register online. The Information Meetings for Parents and Confirmation candidates are Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 at 7pm and Saturday, November 5th, 2022 at 10:30am. Parents and candidates need only attend one of these meetings.

To register, please visit our Parish Website ([stfrancisofassisi.archtoronto.org](http://stfrancisofassisi.archtoronto.org)) and complete the online form. Go to "Sacraments at SFA" on the top menu bar and click on the appropriate link. For any questions or assistance, contact our Lay Pastoral Assistant, Arlene Morgan, at 905-822-8132 ext. 6 or by email at [amorgan@archtoronto.org](mailto:amorgan@archtoronto.org)

**MEETING FOR MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

Fr. Damian is having a meeting for all ministry coordinators in the Community Room located in the rectory basement on Thursday, October 6th, beginning at 7pm. Kindly enter through the Parish Office. The focus of this meeting is planning for our upcoming Ministry Fair.

**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 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 12 noon, in the pergola in front of the parish office.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Liturgy of the Word for children in JK to Grade 3 is being offered at the 10am Mass on the First Sunday of every month this fall, beginning Sunday, October 2nd. We hope that this program can be offered more frequently if additional volunteers are willing to facilitate the sessions on Sunday mornings. Moms and dads, grandparents, teachers and teacher candidates are encouraged to volunteer. Training will be provided. High school students who need volunteer hours are also invited to participate in order to provide support to the facilitator. If interested, please call the Parish Office to leave your name and contact information.

**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.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2022 – CAST YOUR  
VOTE!**

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role.


To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

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