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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 16 , 2022

## “Always pray and do not lose heart”



What can a shameless and unjust judge pitted against a crusty and pestering woman teach us about justice and vindication (to restore what is right and just) in the kingdom of God? Jesus tells a story that is all too true - a defenseless widow is taken advantaged of and refused her rights. Through sheer persistence she wears down an unscrupulous judge until he gives her justice. Persistence pays off, and that's especially true for those who trust in God. Jesus illustrates how God as our Judge and Vindicator is much quicker to come to our defense and to bring us his justice, blessing, and help when we need it. But we can easily lose heart and forget to ask our heavenly

Father for his grace and help.

### Faith-filled persistence reaps the fruit of justice and grace

Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favor towards us (grace). In this present life we can expect trials and adversity, but we are not without hope in God. The Day of the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices perpetrated by a fallen world of sinful people and that God's love is stronger than death (Song of Songs 8:6). Those who put their faith in God and entrust their lives to him can look forward with hope and confident assurance. They will receive their reward - if not fully in this present life then surely and completely in the age to come in God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17).

Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith - the kind of faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God - but perseveres to the end of our lives - and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus will return in glory as Ruler and Judge of All? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. We could not believe, trust, and persevere with hope if God did not first draw us to himself and reveal to us his merciful love and care. If we want to grow and persevere in faith until the end of our days, then we must nourish our faith with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it (Luke 17:5). When trials and setbacks disappoint you, where do you place your hope and confidence? Do you pray with expectant faith and confident hope in God's merciful care and provision for you?

*"Lord Jesus, increase my faith and make it strong that I may never doubt your word and promise to be with me always. In every situation I face - whether trials, setbacks, or loss - may I always find strength in your unfailing love and find joy and contentment in having you alone as the treasure of my heart."*

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### 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.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Frank Whitmore

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 – 8:30 A.M.**

+ Neil Shevlen

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Artemio Lagustan

+ Fred Quinless

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 – 8:30 A.M.**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 – 5:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SUNDAY, OCT. 23 – 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

S.I. Parish Community

supporter. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Every Christian shares in the mission of the Church and we should become more involved in today's missionary work. This national collection is given to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which distributes the funds to bishops in missionary territories to assist them in the day to day expenses of operating their dioceses as well as funding special projects, such as building churches/chapels, healthcare clinics, the training and support of priests and catechists. This collection will be taken up on the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OKTOBERFEST 2022**

The Knights of Columbus cordially invite all parishioners, family, friends, and neighbours to Oktoberfest 2022 at St. Ignatius Loyola on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 2:30pm. Your \$20 ticket includes a delicious grilled sausage on a bun and two glasses of refreshing craft beer or choice of non-alcoholic beverage. Hurry! Tickets are selling quickly! To purchase your tickets, call or text: **Peter Eng at 416-986-0608, Ferdi Miranda at 416-807-1533, or Steve Harkness at 647-984-6496.** See our poster on the bulletin board in the church. Proceeds from this event will be used to support local community charities.

**St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Francis of Assisi are looking to hire Student Monitors**

Student Monitors play an important role in ensuring the safety and care of the students to which they have been assigned. A Student Monitor works in the school for 1.2 hours (72 minutes) per day, over the lunch hour. As a Student Monitor, you are responsible for supervising the students outside for 40 minutes and inside for 20 minutes as they eat their lunch. You will require a Criminal Reference check for the Vulnerable Sector.

If you are interested, please contact the principal for an application package.

St. Margaret of Scotland: Ms. Marsi at 905 890-5115

St. Francis of Assisi: Mrs. Lang at 905 822-3183

**SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION IS OPEN ONLINE**

We 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 ([stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org](http://stfrancisofassisimi.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)

**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**

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

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