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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

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 23 , 2022

**"God, be merciful to me a sinner!"**

**H**ow can we know if our prayer is pleasing to God or not? The prophet Hosea, who spoke in God's name, said: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God mean nothing to him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbour. How can we expect God to hear our prayers if we do not approach him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help. That is why Scripture tells us that "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34).

Jesus reinforced this warning with a vivid story of two people at prayer. Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer and reject the other's prayer? Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbour closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. Jesus' story caused offense to the religious-minded Pharisees who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favour. How could Jesus put down a "religious person" and raise up a "public sinner"?

Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God and before those he despised; but only God can justify us. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

## 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)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OKTOBERFEST 2022



The Knights of Columbus cordially invite everyone to Oktoberfest 2022 at St. Ignatius Loyola on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 2:30pm.

For tickets, call or text: **Peter Eng at 416-986-0608, Ferdi Miranda at 416-807-1533, or Steve Harkness at 647-984-6496.** Proceeds from this event will be used to support local community charities.

## Mass for the Intentions Week

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Andromaki Soukas

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 8:30 A.M.**

+ Angela, Ann and Patrick Moylett

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Jess and Perla Dantes

+ Mario Visentin

+ Mariano and Rosa Padilla

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 – 8:30 A.M.**

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

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Ellie and Micah Childerhouse

+ Mateo Lombardi

+ Danielle Schmalz

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Anastacio and Cipriano Aquino

### **SUNDAY, OCT. 30 – 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

S.I. Parish Community

## **HORIZONS OF HOPE: BUILDING A COMMUNITY FOR END-OF-LIFE CARE**



With the endorsement of Cardinal Collins, St. Francis of Assisi Parish is proud to partner with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto using resources created by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in piloting “Horizons of Hope.” This four-evening programme offers education and discernment on end-of-life issues and palliative care. The number of deaths in our country due to euthanasia or medical assistance in dying is alarming. Our parents and grandparents are facing many hurdles in health care, and, as we age, we may also have to navigate similar challenges. “Horizons of Hope” aims at increasing our awareness of the current situation and provides tangible suggestions moving forward.

**Presenters:** Dr. Moira McQueen PhD, Sr. Mary Rowell, PhD, Shirley Christo MHSC, Med, Parish Nurse

**Dates and Times:** Thursdays - November 3, 10, 17, 24 ; 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Location:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Those interested in attending must register at St. Francis of Assisi website. Click on the “HORIZONS OF HOPE” link by October 31st. For more info call Arlene Morgan at 905-822-8132 ext. 6

## **PARISH MINISTRY FAIR**

Following each Mass on the weekend of October 29 & 30, there will be a **Ministry Fair** in the Parish Hall. You are invited to go downstairs after Mass to volunteer for one of our long-established ministries or to sign up for a new ministry. Light refreshments will be available. Please see the one-page bulletin insert which for descriptions of each of our parish ministries which need new members. The Lord is calling on each and every one of us – young and old, singles, couples and families – to do our part in making our parish a vibrant faith community.



## **FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING**



On Sunday, October 30th, from 3pm to 5pm, in the Parish Hall, we will have pumpkin-carving for families. Children must be accompanied by at least one

adult. Entire families are welcome. Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own from home. Call Arlene at extension 6 or click on the “Family Pumpkin Carving” link on the parish website to indicate how many pumpkins your family would like to carve. The cost is \$2 per pumpkin payable on the day of the event. Free snacks and drinks will be available.

## **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. 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.

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