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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

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 30 , 2022

## "Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully"

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the uninvited - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honour of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) urges us to climb the sycamore tree like Zacchaeus that we might see Jesus and embrace his cross for our lives:

Zacchaeus climbed away from the crowd and saw Jesus without the crowd getting in his way. The crowd laughs at the lowly, to people walking the way of humility, who leave the wrongs they suffer in God's hands and do not insist on getting back at their enemies. The crowd laughs at the lowly and says, 'You helpless, miserable clod, you cannot even stick up for yourself and get back what is your own.' The crowd gets in the way and prevents Jesus from being seen. The crowd boasts and crows when it is able to get back what it owns. It blocks the sight of the one who said as he hung on the cross, 'Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing... He ignored the crowd that was getting in his way. He instead climbed a sycamore tree, a tree of 'silly fruit.' As the apostle says, 'We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block indeed to the Jews, [now notice the sycamore] but folly to the Gentiles.' Finally, the wise people of this world laugh at us about the cross of Christ and say, 'What sort of minds do you people have, who worship a crucified God?' What sort of minds do we have? They are certainly not your kind of mind. 'The wisdom of this world is folly with God.' No, we do not have your kind of mind. You call our minds foolish. Say what you like, but for our part, let us climb the sycamore tree and see Jesus. The reason you cannot see Jesus is that you are ashamed to climb the sycamore tree. Let Zacchaeus grasp the sycamore tree, and let the humble person climb the cross. That is little enough, merely to climb it. We must not be ashamed of the cross of Christ, but we must fix it on our foreheads, where the seat of shame is. Above where all our blushes show is the place we must firmly fix that for which we should never blush. As for you, I rather think you make fun of the sycamore, and yet that is what has enabled me to see Jesus. You make fun of the sycamore, because you are just a person, but 'the foolishness of God is wiser than men.' [Sermon 174.3]

### **PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE CAPE**

St. Anthony of Padua, 940 North Park Dr., Brampton, welcomes the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape from the National Shrine in Quebec on Saturday, November 5, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Join St. Anthony's parishioners in venerating Our Lady of the Cape, Patroness of Canada, Queen of intercessors and of the Holy Rosary, Mother of God and our mother. Contact the parish for more information at 905-793-8030, [padua@on.aibn.com](mailto:padua@on.aibn.com) [stanthonyofpadua.ca](http://stanthonyofpadua.ca)

### **COME & SEE - WEEKEND RETREAT**

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a "Come & See" Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 18 until Sunday, November 20. This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). For more info, go to [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). Poster: <https://bit.ly/ComeAndSeeRetreatPoster>

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Souls of departed Legionnaires  
+ Manuel Sous

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – 8:30 A.M.**

+ Elisco Tibon  
+ Catalina Calzado and Ruperito Junsan

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls Day)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – 8:30 A.M.**

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family  
S.I. Rocca Mansour  
+ Joseph and Angela Camilleri

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Joseph Ciantar  
+ Deceased members of the Quigg Family  
+ Trinidad and Severiana Peralta

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6 – 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

S.I. Parish Community



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

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

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS**

**Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services** - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls’ Day Mass on Saturday November 5 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations: • Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum • Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre • Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum • Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony’s Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English) • Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

**ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**

Join this webinar on November 12 at 9:00 a.m. and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. To register, send an email to: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org). Please include ‘webinar November 12th’ in the subject line and provide your name in the body of a message.

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints

**NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

All Saints’ Day is Tuesday, November 1st. Mass will be celebrated at the regular time of 8:30 a.m.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**BOOK OF LIFE**

Blank Memorial Sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church, to write the names of your departed loved ones. Completed Memorial Sheets will be placed in the Book of Life to be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



Please help support Knights of Columbus work in our community. Pre-order your Christmas Poinsettias Nov. 2/3 and 9/10, after all Masses. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.

**MEMORIAL MASS**

A Memorial Mass for the deceased members of Our Lady of Peace Council will be held on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

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