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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
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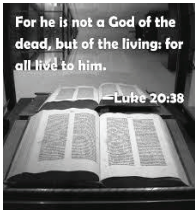
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St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 6, 2022

"All live to him"



Is your life earth-bound or heaven-bound? The Sadducees had one big problem - they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their naked eyes! Aren't we often like them? We don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven.

The Scriptures give witness - we will rise again to immortal life

Jesus retorts by dealing with the fact of the resurrection. The scriptures give proof of it. In Exodus 3:6, when God manifests his presence to Moses in the burning bush, the Lord tells him that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He shows that the patriarchs who died hundreds of years previously were still alive in God. Jesus defeats their arguments by showing that God is a living God of a living people. God was the friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they lived. That friendship could not cease with death. As Psalm 73:23-24 states: "I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory."

The ultimate proof of the resurrection is the Lord Jesus and his victory over death when he rose from the tomb. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he exclaimed: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25). Jesus asks us the same question. Do you believe in the resurrection and in the promise of eternal life with God?

Jesus came to restore Paradise and everlasting life for us

The Holy Spirit reveals to us the eternal truths of God's unending love and the life he desires to share with us for all eternity. Paul the Apostle, quoting from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 64:4; 65:17) states: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:9-10). The promise of paradise - heavenly bliss and unending life with an all-loving God - is beyond human reckoning. We have only begun to taste the first-fruits! Do you live now in the joy and hope of the life of the age to come?

"May the Lord Jesus put his hands on our eyes also, for then we too shall begin to look not at what is seen but at what is not seen. May he open the eyes that are concerned not with the present but with what is yet to come, may he unseal the heart's vision, that we may gaze on God in the Spirit, through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, whose glory and power will endure throughout the unending succession of ages."

(Prayer of Origen, 185-254 AD)

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 15th at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

The mission of the Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources. By supporting the Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years.

This collection will be taken up on the weekend of November 12 and 13. Thank you for your generosity.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Circu and Etelvina Rodrigues
- + Deceased members of the Lombardi and Lammans Families
- + Danielle Rodrigues

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – 8:30 A.M.

- + Purissima Melchiorre
- + Zito, Olga and Lorraine Rodrigues
- S.I. Myrna Handmacher

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Deceased members of the Rodrigues Family
- + Vitorin Rodrigues
- + Gloria Guertin

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – 7:00 P.M.

- S.I. Carol Morra
- + Christina Veronica Connally
- + Parish All Souls Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – 5:00 P.M.

- + Michael Kole
- + Allan Bagnelle
- + Cecilia Dizon

SUNDAY, NOV. 13 – 33RD 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

**21ST ANNUAL FRIARS’ STUDENT WRITING
CONTEST**

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or if you have any questions.

ST. FRANCIS PASTA NIGHT

The Parish Social Committee invites all of you to an evening of pasta, fun and fellowship in St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall on Saturday, November 26th, from 6:15pm to 9:00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. Children 12 and under are \$10 each, and kids 5 and under are free. Wine will be available for purchase. Water and pop are complimentary. There will be a draw, with proceeds going to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Pasta Night tickets will be sold after each Sunday Mass on the weekends of November 12 & 13 and November 19 & 20. Cash only please. Tickets are limited, so don't be disappointed. Be sure to get your tickets and secure the number of places you require. We hope to see you there! *Speriamo di vedervi li!*

**FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO THE
CARMELITE SISTERS**

On Monday, November 14th, 2022, after more than 70 years in Mississauga, the Carmelite Sisters will be moving permanently to St. Catharines. Having opened the first Catholic Seniors Residence in Mississauga (Carmel Heights), the Sisters are well-known to many people in the local community, especially to St. Francis of Assisi parishioners who attend the 8:30am Mass on Sunday.

On Saturday, November 12th, there will be a farewell reception at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall, in Streetsville, beginning at 11:00am, to which all are welcome. On Sunday, November 13th, at the end of our 8:30am Mass, Sr. Veronica will convey parting words to the members of St. Francis of Assisi Church.

I know that the entire parish community joins me in thanking the Carmelite Sisters for their prayerful and faithful witness and for their many years of dedicated service. We wish the Sisters well and will continue to remember them in our prayers.

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