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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13, 2022

## "Take heed that you are not led astray"

How would you respond if someone prophesied that your home, land, or place of worship would be destroyed? Jesus foretold many signs that would shake peoples and nations. The signs which God uses are meant to point us to a higher spiritual truth and reality of his kingdom which does not perish or fade away, but endures for all eternity. God works through many events and signs to purify and renew us in hope and to help us set our hearts more firmly on him and him alone.

Sometimes we don't recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of the age in which we live, until something "shakes us up" to the reality of this present condition. God reminds us that a future judgment and outcome awaits every individual who has lived on this earth. The reward for doing what is right and pleasing to God and the penalty for sinful rebellion and rejection of God are not always experienced in this present life - but they are sure to come in the day of final judgment.

The Lord Jesus tells us that there will be trials, suffering, and persecution in this present age until he comes again at the end of the world. God intends our anticipation of his final judgment to be a powerful deterrent to unfaithfulness and wrongdoing. God extends grace and mercy to all who will heed his call and his warning. Do not pass up, even for one day, God's invitation of grace and mercy to seek first his kingdom of righteousness and peace. This day may be your only chance before that final day comes.

The real enemy of the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - is Satan, the powerful leader of the fallen angels who rebelled against God and who were cast out of heaven. Satan opposes God and all who follow his rule of peace and righteousness (moral goodness) on the earth. Satan not only opposes God's rule, he seeks to destroy all who would obey God. He tempts people through envy, deception, hatred, and fear to provoke hostility towards those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is Jesus' response to hostility and persecution? Love, forbearance, and forgiveness. Only love - the love which is rooted in God's great compassion and faithfulness - can overcome prejudice, hatred, and envy. God's love purifies our heart and mind of all that would divide and tear people apart. Knowing God as our compassionate Father and loving God's word of truth and righteousness is essential for overcoming evil. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear those who would oppose us or treat us harshly for following the Lord Jesus. He promises to give us supernatural strength, wisdom, and

Endurance is linked with godly hope - the supernatural assurance that we will see God face to face and inherit all the promises he has made. Jesus is our supreme model and pioneer who endured the cross for our sake. Jesus willingly shed his blood for us - to win for us pardon and peace with God. Our joy and privilege is to take up our cross each day to follow the Lord Jesus.

What will attract others to the truth and power of the Gospel? When they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries. God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Are you ready to lay down your life for Christ and to bear witness to the joy and freedom of the Gospel?

### SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support.

### ALL SAINTS EVENT FOR PARISH YOUTH

There will be an "All Saints Celebration" on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. Young people in Grades 2 to 8 are invited to dress up as their favourite saint, and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. High school youth in need of volunteer hours are also invited to attend. There will be a fun hands-on activity, and, of course, free snacks and drinks will be available. Kindly visit the parish website to sign up.

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Lourdes Valenton

S.I. Bob McCarney

+ Conrado Espino

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – 8:30 A.M.**

+ Parish All Souls Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Concepcion Cabioc

+ Gloria Guertin

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – 8:30 A.M.**

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. The Deposo Family

+ Maximo Lagman

+ Augusto Pagtachan

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Sybil Williams

+ Carmelo Carpino

+ Concetta Chianello

**SUNDAY, NOV. 20 – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

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. “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

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Please help support the work of the Knights of Columbus in our community. Pre-order your Christmas poinsettias by visiting [www.kofc8668.com](http://www.kofc8668.com) or by scanning the QR code on the posters in the church lobby. The Knights will also be at the back of the church after Mass on the weekends of November 19/20 and November 26/27. Deliveries will take place on December 10 & 11.

**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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Tickets will be sold after each Sunday Mass November 12/13 and November 19/20. Cash only please. Tickets are limited, so don't be disappointed. We hope to see you there! *Speriamo di vedervi li!*

**SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN DEADLINE  
EXTENDED**

The deadline for this year's ShareLife campaign has been extended to December 31, 2022. To date, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners have contributed \$126,825. This is an incredible accomplishment in these very challenging economic times, and with lower than usual post-pandemic Mass attendance. Thank you for your generosity!

We are now very close to achieving our parish goal of \$135,000. Therefore, if you have not yet made your 2022 ShareLife contribution, please do so as soon as possible. Even a small amount can make a big difference in someone's life. ShareLife envelopes are available in the church lobby. You can also donate on-line using a credit card. If you have already donated to ShareLife, but you feel inspired to do more, please know that your gift is very much appreciated. Never has the need been greater. To provide added encouragement and inspiration, a generous donor in the GTA has offered to match all ShareLife gifts in the month of November up to \$1 million. Let us do all we can as individuals, and as a parish, to support the poor and most vulnerable in our community.



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