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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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2023

Behold the Lamb of God!

John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the *Passover Lamb* (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

John points to Jesus' saving mission - to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recognized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

The Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus truly is - the Son of God and Savior of the world. When John says he did not know Jesus (John 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. Sandra Shoufani

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 – 8:30 A.M.

For healing and reconciliation in marriages

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 - 5:00 P.M.

+ Deceased members of the Dias Family

SUNDAY, JAN. 15 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2023 are now available at the back of the church. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS** on the first 4 envelopes you use in JANUARY 2023.

If you would rather make your regular offerings through **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**, kindly complete a PAG Form, which are available at the back of the Church with the envelopes, and return to the Office. Please note you still need a box of envelopes for the other Special Collections.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at stfrancisofassisimi@archtoronto.org.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

With a new year starting we will start a new Prayer List for the Sick. Please email stfrancisofassisimi@archtoronto.org or call the office to add the name.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI QUIZ ANSWERS

1. What was Saint Francis's birth name and the name with which he was baptized?
Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone
2. Was Saint Francis an ordained priest?
No, he was a Deacon.
3. What was the name of the song that Francis wrote in 1224 to honor God's image in creation?
Canticle of the Sun and Canticle of the Creatures
4. With what Christian tradition is Saint Francis most closely associated?
Nativity Scene
5. Where did Saint Francis rebuild a church after he heard the voice of God?
San Damiano

LOOKING FOR A NEW PARISH SECRETARY AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



The search for our new full-time Parish Secretary has officially begun, and the deadline for applications is January 31, 2023. The job description is available on our parish website and the Archdiocese of Toronto website. Anyone interested in applying should forward a resume and a cover letter by email to Fr. Damian at dali@archtoronto.org

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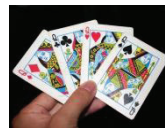
MEN OF ST. FRANCIS

We are pleased to announce the start of our new parish mission, **The Men of St. Francis (MSF)** men's group. The group will be meeting on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 9:30 am in the parish hall, starting February 25, 2023.

Have you made a New Year's resolution or been thinking of how to grow deeper in your faith, become a better husband or father, or participate more fully in our community? The Men of St. Francis may be just what you need to set you on the path to doing just that. You'll have the support and encouragement of like-minded men, and build new friendships as we accompany each other in our faith journey. We invite all the men of St. Francis of Assisi parish to prayerfully consider joining this new parish mission.

To register or get more information, please email menofstfrancismi@gmail.com or telephone Kurtis Chong at 647-378-3537.

BRIDGE CLUB



Bridge has started again in the church hall Monday – 1:00 to 3:30pm. All bridge players welcome. Call Mary Ellen Lefebvre @ 905 569-0230 or Penny McCarney @ 905 822-4827.

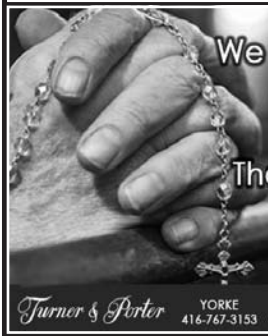
HELPING OUT NEIGHBOURS IN NEED



The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after all Masses the weekend of January 28 and 29. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.

Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things.

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