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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
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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2023

"You Are the Salt of the Earth and Light of the World"



Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavor of God's kingdom everywhere - his "kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. *In his light we see light* (Psalm 36:9). *His word is a lamp that guides our steps* (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace.

Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Our mission is to be *light-bearers* of Jesus Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

There is great freedom and joy for those who live in the light of God's truth and goodness. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Joe De Gennaro
+ Souls in Purgatory
S.I. Jan Chryscienko

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Peter & Josephine Malarczuk
+ Mary MacLeod
S.I. Michelle Rodrigues

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Purissima Melchior
+ Mienje Reinier
S.I. Franca Petrilli

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – 8:30 A.M.

For married couples and those preparing for marriage

FRIDAY, February 10 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, February 11- 5:00 P.M.

+ William & Helen Yancus
+ Rico Malig

SUNDAY, FEB. 12 – 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

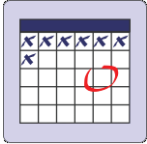
We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2022 and advise you that income tax receipts have been mailed out by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available at the back of the Church and in the Parish Office. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available. If you would like a PAG form, please contact the parish office.

ALTAR SERVERS



If you are in Grade 4 or up and are a baptized member of the Catholic Church and are already a participant in the Eucharistic Communion, **we need you**. Presently there are no Altar Servers for the 12:00 p.m. mass.

Please email sfa.altarserver@gmail.com Training will be provided.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Youth Choir: Practices every Saturday @ 4pm Parish hall

Bridge Club: Every Monday @ 1pm in Parish Hall

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: every Friday @3:00 p.m.

Marriage Sunday: February 11th / 12th – all Masses

First Holy Communion Enrolment: February 11th / 12th – all Masses

Men of St. Francis Club: Sat. Feb. 25th @ 8am in parish hall



ST. CLARE QUIZ

- How old was St. Clare when the preaching of St. Francis of Assisi influenced her?
18 Years old
- Where was St. Clare sent by St. Francis?
To a Benedictine convent
- What is the name of St. Clare's sister who followed her?
Agnes
- Perhaps the best-known miracle attributed to St. Clare is?
Her defense of her monastery and the town of Assisi from an invading army. She elevated the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance and prayed for God's protection.
- What is the official name of the Order founded by St. Clare?
The Order of Poor Ladies
- The nuns who followed St. Clare became known as?
The Poor Clares
- Who canonized St. Clare?
Pope Alexander IV

MARCH 2023 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Fr. Paul Burchat, from Madonna House, Combermere, Ontario, will be at St. Francis of Assisi Parish to preach at all Masses on the weekend of March 18 & 19 to introduce this year's Lenten Mission.

Our Mission will take place on three consecutive evenings: **Monday, March 20, Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 22** beginning at 7pm each evening.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. More details to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange announced Mass intentions, you are invited to:

1. Come to the parish office in person;
2. Call the parish office at (905) 822-8132 Tuesday to Friday, between 9:00am and 3:00pm;
3. Email the office at stfrancisofofassisimi@archtoronto.org

When arranging the Mass, please indicate whether the Mass is for someone who is alive (special intention) or deceased. Also kindly provide the date you prefer the Mass to be offered. We will do our best to accommodate your request. The suggested offering to the parish for an announced Mass is \$20 as set by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Mass offerings should be submitted at the parish office or placed in a separate envelope marked "Mass Intention" in the offertory basket on Sunday. Please provide the name of the person for whom the Mass is to be offered, and the preferred date for the Mass, along with the name and phone number of the person requesting the Mass in case the office needs to contact you.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Damian.



ASH WEDNESDAY is Wednesday, February 22nd. There will be two Masses at St. Francis of Assisi Church: 8:30am and 7:00pm. Ashes will be blessed and applied to the forehead of participants during each of these Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER THE 7:00PM MASS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT

February 24 – The Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori

March 3 – Stations of the Cross for Peace

March 10 – Stations of the Cross in Reparation for Sins Against Life

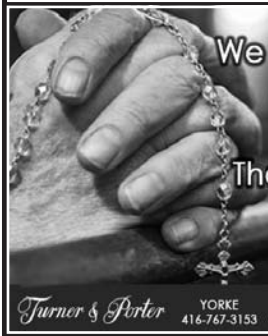
March 17 – St. Patrick's Way of the Cross

March 24 – Family-Centered Way of the Cross

March 31 – Mary's Way of the Cross

April 7 (Good Friday, 7:00pm) – Everyone's Way of the Cross

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