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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 Wednesday during Mass Rosary Monday & Wednesday at 6:40

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023

"Whoever does and teaches the commandments shall be called great"

Christ is not abolishing the Ten Commandments, but he is demanding of his followers a more perfect, a more sincere, fulfillment of them. The whole moral value of any legal observance (the Mosaic Law included) comes from the interior disposition of him who observes or keeps the law. No man serves or honours God by any exterior acts be they ever so arduous or continuous, unless these acts proceed from an intention and a will to honour and please God. This is the charter, the constitution, of the new law, Christianity. The old law is not abolished, but deepened and given a new life. Avoiding murder therefore is not enough; the true Christian must remove any inclination to murder by building up true, brotherly love for all men in his heart.

We must not only not injure ours neighbour or fellowman in his person, or in his character, but we must be ever ready to help him and prevent injury to him, whenever and wherever we can. We must not only not commit adultery, but must also develop a Christian respect and esteem for purity, the virtue which will preserve us not only from adultery but even from thoughts of adultery, or any other abuse of our sexual gifts given us by God for his sublime purpose.

We must be truthful always, and men of our word. This virtue is not only necessary for man's salvation, but is the basis of rational intercourse between men in civilized society. While our civil courts still deem it necessary to impose oaths on contestants and witnesses (since they have, unfortunately, to take account of the liars and deceivers who still are a menace to society), the truthful man need not be afraid of insulting or dishonouring God by calling him as his guarantor, if asked to do so.

True and loyal service of God therefore begins in the heart and has its value from this interior disposition. Keeping the Ten Commandments is our way of proving to God that we are grateful, obedient and loyal to him who gave us all we have and who has promised us future gifts infinitely greater still. And just as our love for God is proved by our true love for our neighbour, so the last seven of the commandments impose on us obligations regarding our neighbour. It is only by fulfilling these seven that we can fulfill the first three which govern our relations with God. This truth is expressed by our Lord in these words: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there...first be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift.

- Excerpt from The Sunday Readings Cycle A, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Angele & Fayez Mansour

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - 8:30 A.M.

Mass Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Matteo Lombardi

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Lidia, Graham & family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 5:00 P.M.

- + Manuel, Maria & John Calhau
- + Lizzie Tabone
- + Jane Camilleri

SUNDAY, FEB. 19 – 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community



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

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.



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.

FASTING AND FEASTING

As we begin this great season of Lent it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. It is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well. Let us strive to fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthens us.

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

OUR LADY OF PEASE COUNCIL #8668 UPDATE

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Council #8668 would like to thank all parishioners that generously donated food and money to Eden Food for Change campaign.

We received a total of 2,000 pounds of food and a total of \$1,675.00 in cash and cheques donated on the weekend. All food and money collected were delivered to Eden Food for Change Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity.

LEGACY SOCIETY of the ARCHDIOCESE of TORONTO

If you have included your parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your Will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to say a special thank you. All Legacy Society members are invited to the Annual Legacy Society Lunch & Mass by the Archdiocese of Toronto. They will also receive:

- A hand-crafted cross blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins.
- A personal letter from Cardinal Collins and a certificate acknowledging your intention.
- Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events.

Let your legacy be a testament of your faith! All Legacy Society members have the option of remaining anonymous.

If you have any questions, please contact the **Development Office at <u>development@archtoronto.org</u>** or phone 416 934-3400 ext. 519.

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI



St. Alphonsus Liguori, (born September 27, 1696, Marianella, Kingdom of Naples [Italy]—died August 1, 1787, Pagani; canonized 1839; feast day August 1), Italian doctor of the church, one of the chief 18th-century moral theologians, and founder of the Redemptorists,

a congregation dedicated primarily to parish and foreign <u>missions</u>. In 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope <u>Pius IX</u>. In 1950 he was named <u>patron saint</u> of moralists and confessors by Pope <u>Pius XII</u>.

After practicing law for eight years, he was ordained a <u>priest</u> in 1726. In 1732 he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, or the Redemptorists, at Scala. Pope <u>Clement XIII</u> made him <u>bishop</u> of Sant' Agata del Goti near <u>Naples</u>; he resigned in 1775 because of ill health.

Liguori's extensive works fall into three genres: moral theology, ascetical and devotional writings, and *The Glories of Mary*, the latter of which became one of the most widely used manuals of devotion to the Virgin Mary; and dogmatic writings on such subjects as papal infallibility and the power of prayer. His works have gone through several thousand editions and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

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