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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
Every 2nd & 4th Friday during Holy Hour (6:15pm to 6:45pm).

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday
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 PM

Divine Mercy

Friday at 3:00 PM

PARISH LIFE

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SCHOOLS

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023

Jesus Fasted and Was Tempted by the Devil

Jesus now freely enters the wilderness in order to regain Paradise for the lost children of God. Jesus refuses food to show his dependence on the bread of heaven, the word of God, that would sustain him not only in his physical hunger, but in his hour of temptation as well. When Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, Jesus replied with the words of Scripture, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (quote from Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4).

Where did Jesus find the strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on God's word and found strength in doing his Father's will. Satan will surely tempt us and he will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will. If he can't make us renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will then try to get us to make choices that will lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us.

LENTEN PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it."

AMEN

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intention Available

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28– 8:30 A.M.

Mass Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 –7:00 P.M.

+ Marabella Abalos
+ Joaquim Fernandes
+ Chris Wilson

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood,
Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 – 7:00 P.M.

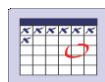
S.I. Gayle & Bob Ewasyn
+ Joseph & Angela Camilleri
+ Edgar Bagdos

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 - 5:00 P.M.

+ Mariano Moniz
+ Ilda Moniz
+ Brian Moniz

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 – 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

S.I. Parish Community



DATES TO REMEMBER

Youth Choir: Practices every Saturday @ 4pm

Bridge Club: Every Monday @ 1pm in Parish Hall

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

Stations of the Cross: following the 7:00 p.m. Mass every Friday during Lent.

Men of St. Francis Club: Every Saturday @ 8am in parish hall

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Sunday, March 5th @ 10:00 A.M.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION: Monday, March 20, Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 22, beginning at 7pm each evening.

**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



**FASTING AND ABSTAINING
DURING LENT**

On the Fridays of Lent, **we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.**

Abstaining applies to all Catholics age 14 and older and means that they **must not eat meat** ON Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent. (Meat is any beef, pork, chicken, or fowl.)

Fasting applies to all Catholics ages 18 to 59 and means they must eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which means no snacks between meals. However, two smaller meals, such as breakfast and lunch, can be eaten in addition to the one full meal (supper) as long as they don’t equal the one full meal if combined.

Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice.

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE UP FOR LENT?

Some people give up coffee, cookies, candies, etc. but why not instead of giving up something have you thought of doing something different? Visit or call someone who you haven’t seen in a while. Help your neighbour? Send a friend a card in the mail. Be grateful for everything no matter how small.

Be announcers of Hope thru smiling at a stranger or greeting them with a hello, prayer, attending church not just on Sunday but during the week and most of all **SPREAD LOVE.**

BRAIN TEASER

Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any form except fresh.

Are you ready? “ LETTUCE ‘



**LENTEN PARISH
CONFESSIONS DATES**

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

- 9:30am - 11:30am
- 2:30pm - 4:30pm

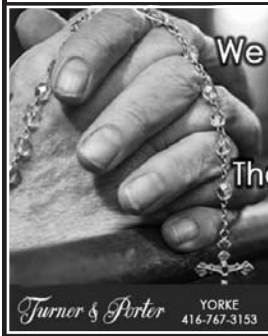
Wednesday, March 29th, 2023

- 7:45pm - 9:00pm

Jesus' forty days of testing and preparation

Jesus was no exception to this pattern of testing and preparation for the mission his Father gave him. He was led into the wilderness for 40 days without food and little shelter. He had nothing to sustain himself in this barren wilderness except what the Father would provide for him during his forty days of prayer and fasting. Jesus was left alone in this harsh and austere environment to wrestle with the temptation to seek an easy or comfortable course that would avoid pain and hardship, humiliation and rejection, suffering and death on a cross. Jesus' testing in the wilderness was similar to the test which Adam and Eve underwent when God made them stewards of his creation and sharers in his glory and power. When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise, he provided them with everything they needed to live and to fulfill the stewardship entrusted to them. In giving them the one command to not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, God tested their love and fidelity (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6).

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