



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2023

“A Spring of Water Welling up to Eternal Life”

Would you do a favour for someone who snubbed you or treated you like an enemy? Jesus did just that and more! He treated the Samaritans, the sworn enemies of the Jews, with great kindness and respect. The Samaritans who lived in middle region of Israel between Galilee and Judaea and the Jews who lived in the rest of the land of Israel had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade, and inter-marriage. If their paths crossed it would not be unusual for hostility to break out.

When Jesus decided to pass through Samaria he stopped at Jacob's well because it was mid-day and he was both tired from the journey and thirsty. When a Samaritan woman showed up at the well, walking a mile and a half in the mid-day heat to fetch her water at a remote well rather than in her local town? She was an outcast and not welcomed among her own townspeople. He reached out to her, thus risking ritual impurity and scorn from his fellow Jews. He also did something no strict Rabbi would dare to do in public without loss to his reputation. He treated the woman like he would treat one of his friends - he greeted her and spoke at length with her. Jesus' welcoming approach to her was scandalous to both Jews and Samaritans because this woman was an adulteress and public sinner as well. No decent Jew or Samaritan would even think of being seen with such a woman, let alone exchanging a word with her!

Jesus broke through the barriers of prejudice, hostility, and tradition to bring the good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles alike. He demonstrated the universality of the gospel both in word and deed. No one is barred from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from God and his redeeming love - our stubborn pride and wilful rebellion.

Lord Jesus, my soul thirsts for you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in doing your will. Amen

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

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWS:

Looking for information about what is currently happening at St. Francis? Last week I suggested our web site however you can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



PARISH CONFESSION DATES

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

9:30am - 11:30am

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023

7:45pm - 9:00pm

Plus EVERY Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 13– 7:00 P.M.

+ Colinete & Frank Silva

S.I. Lilac Cana

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 – 8:30 A.M.

Mass Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 –7:00 P.M.

+ Andrew Kazimiera Patrzaluk

+ Matteo Lombardi

+ Antonio Peralta

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 – 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 – 7:00 P.M.

+ William & Helen Yanchus

SATURDAY 18 - 5:00 P.M.

+ Lizzie Tabone

+ Jane Camilleri

S.I. Jozes (Joseph) Karabowicz

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

S.I. Parish Community – 3rd **SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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

Sharelife: March 26, 2023 1st Collection

HELP!!



In the next few weeks I will be describing different ways you can volunteer in the church with a brief description of the ministry. A few examples are: Altar Servers; Children's Choir; Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion; Collection Counters; Totus Tuus Camp Volunteer; Volunteers to help with special events and the list goes on. If you are inspired to join any of the upcoming ministries please contact the Parish Office at 905 822-8132 ext. 3.

Pope Francis Appoints Bishop Frank Leo



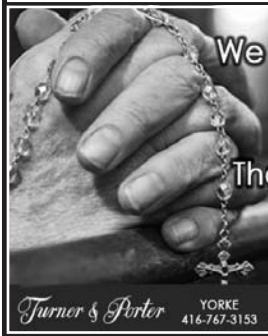
Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal, as the 14th Archbishop of Toronto. The archbishop-designate succeeds Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served the archdiocese since 2007. The new archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on March 25, 2023. Following his installation, he will begin his assignment as shepherd of Canada's largest Catholic diocese, comprising of almost two million Catholics and 225 parishes.

BRAIN TEASER

The answer to last week's Brain Teaser is: **Niagara Falls**. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.

What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

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