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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

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY

April 16, 2023

Unless I See – I Will Not Believe

The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God. Just as Jesus gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit, who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: *"Let us also go, that we may die with him"* (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection.

"Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection."

AMEN

DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY

In the 1930's, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, received a message of mercy from Jesus which she was asked to spread throughout the world. Sr. Faustina began keeping a diary in 1934 in obedience to the expressed wishes of her spiritual director, her superiors and God Himself. After her death from tuberculosis in 1938, even Sr. Faustina's closest associates were amazed to discover the great sufferings and deep mystical experiences which had been given to their sister. Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000.

In 1931, Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to have a painting made of the **Divine Mercy Image**, which showed two rays of light emanating from his Sacred Heart. This image calls to mind the blood and water which flowed out from Christ's heart, when it was pierced by the soldier's spear as Jesus hung on the cross. Sr. Faustina was told by Jesus that those who venerate this image will not perish; the Lord will protect them from their

earthly enemies and will Himself defend them at the hour of death.

In 1935, Jesus instructed St. Faustina about the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** which is to be recited on ordinary Rosary beads: "Whoever will recite the Chaplet will receive great mercy at the hour of death ... When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between the Father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge, but as the Merciful Saviour ... Priests will recommend (the Chaplet) to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if (a most hardened sinner) were to recite the Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy."



Jesus asked that the **Feast of Divine Mercy** be established on the Sunday after Easter. This Feast was

officially established by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000. Jesus promised that those who faithfully observe the Feast of Divine Mercy will be granted the extraordinary grace of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. To faithfully observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should: (1) go to Confession within 8 days of Divine Mercy Sunday and remain in a state of grace; (2) attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday; (3) make a special effort to be merciful to others.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, we are encouraged to participate in a **Novena in honour of the Divine Mercy from Good Friday to the following Saturday**. During this novena (9 days of prayer), Jesus asked that we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and bring a different group of souls to the Lord each day, immersing them in the ocean of God's mercy.

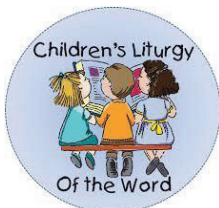
In His revelations to Sr. Faustina, Our Lord asked for **special prayer and veneration for His Passion at the 3:00pm daily**, the hour that recalls His death on the cross. Jesus said: "At three o'clock, implore my mercy, especially for sinners; and, even if only for a brief moment, immerse them in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. **This is the hour of great mercy...** In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."

The Message of Mercy is that God loves us – all of us, no matter how grave and how numerous our sins may be. God wants us to understand that His Mercy is greater than our sins. Try to remember the ABC's of the Divine Mercy message:

A - Ask for God's Mercy (in prayer, at Mass, and especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

B - Be Merciful - God wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others, just as He does to us.

C - Complete Trust - The more we trust in God's Divine Mercy, the more grace and mercy we will receive.



NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY

APRIL 16thth, 2023 10am Mass Only

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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 17 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Anastacio & Julia Legaspi

+ Norbina Ferreira

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Ramon Malayao

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 – 7:00 P.M.

+ John Hanan

S.I. Rocca & Gabriel

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Mariathas Thusiar

S.I. Cynthia Wolf

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Marlene Joseph


S.I. Maureen Colaco

+ Gloria Guertin

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

S.I. Parish Community

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