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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

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 30, 2023

I Came That They May Have Life Abundantly

Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. *The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore* (Psalm 120:8). Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: *they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd* (Numbers 27:17). Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence. AMEN

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

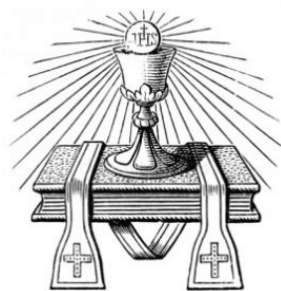
Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Francis Leo -



The Catholic faithful in the Western Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to greet Archbishop Francis Leo at a "Mass of Welcome" being celebrated at 7pm on Wednesday, May 3rd, at St. Francis Xavier Church, 5650 Mavis Rd (South of Matheson

Bldv) Mississauga, L5V 2X5. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations -



The Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations is **Friday, May 5, 2023**. On this day, parishes throughout the Archdiocese are asked to hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, during our Holy Hour from 6pm to 7pm, we will pray for: (1) an

increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life; (2) for endurance in vocations already committed; (3) the men scheduled for ordination to the priesthood at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, in Toronto, on Saturday, May 13th, 2023.

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

A DAY WITH MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

When: Saturday May 13th, 2023. 9AM-3PM

Where: Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre, Miss.

Facilitated by: Father Daniel and Anne Hales

Cost: \$45 (lunch included)

Contact: Jean 905.278.5229 office@qoa.ca

RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

When: Thursday May 18th, 2023. 9AM-3PM

Where: Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre, Miss.

Facilitated by: Anne Hales and Betty Dotzko

Cost: \$45 (lunch included)

Contact: Jean 905.278.5229 office@qoa.ca

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

For over 45 years Birthright Mississauga provided loving care and support to mothers and families experiencing challenging pregnancies. Sadly, a few years ago, the agency had to make the difficult decision to discontinue operations. However, God's blessings abound, and Birthright Brampton has taken on this important ministry throughout the Dufferin-Peel Region, including Mississauga. As a caring parish, we want to support this tangible expression of Christian love in our community by hosting a Baby Bottle fundraising campaign beginning on Mother's Day weekend, May 13th & 14th, and concluding on Father's Day weekend, June 17th & 18th. More details will follow in the coming weeks, but we urge you to support this life-giving endeavour. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY MAY 26TH 6PM

Join us for a fun-filled night at our annual fundraiser dinner dance on Friday, May 26, 2023, from 6PM to 1AM at the Oakville Legacy Banquet Hall. Enjoy delicious food, cocktails and non-stop dancing to the rock 'n roll music of *Little Peter and the Elegants*. There will also be a 50/50 draw and silent auction. Tickets are only \$70 per person, and proceeds go towards supporting local charities.

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NATIONAL FAMILY & LIFE WEEK (NFLW), MAY 7-14, 2023

Is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life by seeking out new and creative ways to live out this call in our daily lives. The NFLW theme is Jesus' words, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Parishes and families are encouraged to utilize the *Pastoral Toolkit* from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate and promote the National Week, including:

- A message from the CCCB President
- Daily prayer intentions and activities
- Catechesis and discussion tools for groups, couples, families
- Social media campaign based on related saints.

PLEASE SEE THE RESOURCE PAGE ON THE

CCCB WEBSITE: <https://bit.ly/NFLW2023>

THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



The annual national March for Life will take place May 11th, 2023 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Rally against government-sanctioned abortion-on-demand and euthanasia, to demand legal protection for every human being from conception to natural death. St. Francis of Assisi Parish

hopes to arrange for a bus leaving our church at 6:30am on May 11, returning between 8pm and 9pm the same day, depending on traffic and weather. Fr. Damian will celebrate a special Mass at 6:00am at St. Francis of Assisi Church for March for Life participants and any others who wish to attend. The regular 8:30AM Mass will proceed as usual. Parishioners from St. Christopher's Parish and St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish have been invited to join us. The cost to travel to and from Ottawa on the bus is \$50 per person. Please bring extra cash for lunch, snacks and other incidentals. The deadline for sign-up and payment is Sunday, May 7th, by the end of the 12pm Mass. Volunteers will be at the back of the church this weekend and next weekend to collect names, contact information and bus fees.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT KURTIS CHONG 647-378-3537
OR [KURTIS.B.CHONG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kurtis.b.chong@gmail.com)

Mass Intentions  for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 1 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Michael Wolf
- + Tanya Tucker
- + Joaquim Fernandes

TUESDAY, MAY 2 – 8:30 A.M.

- + Phil Bardoul
- S.I. Cancer Patients
- Mass Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 – 7:00 P.M.

- S.I. Franca & Family
- + William & Helen Yanchus
- Mass Intention Available

THURSDAY, MAY 4 – 8:30 A.M.

- S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage
- Mass Intentions Available

FRIDAY, MAY 5 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Maria Mazzuco
- + Ruben STA (Santa) Ana
- S.I. Florifida Larraquel

SATURDAY, MAY 6 – 5:00 P.M.

- + Tom Quigg
- + Muriel & Bill McIntyre
- + Angela Camilleri

SUNDAY, MAY 7 – 5th Sunday of Easter

- S.I. Parish Community

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Calling children from grades 1 to 6 to join the Parish DAY Camp program, from **August 13th to 18th**, 2023. Held at St. Francis of Assisi parish from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Youth from grades 7 to 12 are welcome to join the Parish EVENING camp program on the same week from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Visit our [parish website](#) for details and online registration form.



TOTUS TUUS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

MS. ARLENE

905.822.8132 X 6 OR BY EMAIL:
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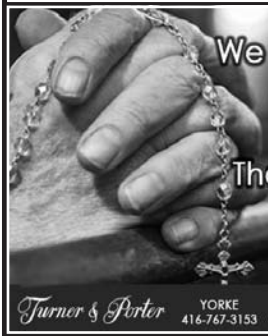
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