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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

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023

Lord, Show Us the Father

During Jesus' last supper meal with his apostles, he spoke in plain words to them about his approaching departure. He tells them that he is returning to his Father to prepare a place for them in the Father's house. Jesus not only goes to secure for his disciples a place of refuge, peace, and security, he secures for them the best the Father has to offer - intimate communion, friendship, and joy with the Father at his table (Luke 12:37, Matthew 8:11) and place of rest and refreshment. The disciples were surprised that Jesus was going to his Father's house and would return to take them with him. And they were even more surprised when Jesus said he expected them to know the way to the Father's house. Jesus' answer to their question, "show us the way", was both a reminder that his disciples should trust their Master and Teacher to show them the way, and a challenge for them to recognize that Jesus had intimate knowledge of God and where God came from. Jesus made a statement that invoked the very name which God had revealed to Moses, "I am who I am" (Exodus 3:14), and he made three claims which only God could make. He stated unequivocally to his disciples:

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6)

Jesus proclaims: *I am the Way* (John 14:6). He alone knows the way to the Father because he has been with the Father from the beginning - before time and creation ever existed. The Lord Jesus gives us more than a road map and guide book. He personally is the way to the Father's kingdom, and we cannot miss it if we follow him.

Jesus proclaims that he is the *Truth* (John 14:6). Many can say, "I have taught you the truth." Only Jesus can say, *I am the Truth*. He possesses in himself the fullness of truth. Jesus claims to be one with the Father and to speak the truth which proceeds from the Father. Jesus promised his disciples that if they continued in his word, they would learn the truth and the truth would set them free" (John 8:31). The truth which Jesus proclaims has power to set us free from ignorance, deception, and sin. Jesus proclaims that he is the *Life* (John 14:6). He not only *shows us the path of life* (Psalm 16:11); he gives the kind of life which only God can give - abundant life that lasts forever.

Lord Jesus, you fill us with the joy of your saving presence and you give us the hope of everlasting life with the Father in Heaven. Show me the Father that I may know and glorify him more fully. AMEN

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our prayers and congratulations to these men who will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on May 13.

ORDINATION CLASS OF 2023

— Serve the Lord with gladness, come before Him singing for joy —
(Ps 100:2)



REV. MR. COLE POWERS REV. MR. CARLOS MARQUEZ REV. MR. MIRKO LJUBA REV. MR. SEAN JACOB REV. MR. SAVIO BRUTO DA COSTA

From left to right in photo:

Rev. Mr. Cole Powers,
Rev. Mr. Carlos
Marquez,
Rev. Mr. Mirko Ljuba,
Rev. Mr. Sean Jacob,
Rev. Mr. Savio Bruto Da
Costa

ORDINATION PRAYER VIGIL

When: Friday May 12, 2023. 5:30pm – 10PM

Where: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

TORONTO ORDINATIONS:

When: Saturday May 13, 2023. 10AM

Where: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

THE ORDINATION MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED FROM

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA.

PLEASE REFER TO THE CATHEDRAL WEBSITE.

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

When: Thursday May 18, 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@goa.ca

A DAY OF RETREAT FOR SENIORS

When: Wednesday, May 24, 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@goa.ca

MAGNIFICAT 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

PRAISE & WORSHIP WORKSHOP AND LUNCH

This milestone celebration will inspire you to elevate your prayer life.

When: Saturday, May 20, 2023. 9:30AM – 3PM

Where: Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre, Miss.

Cost: \$60 (delicious hot homestyle lunch included)

Full details and registration:

<https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat25th>

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 13 & 14, and concluding on Father's Day weekend, June 17 & 18. 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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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

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org) and register for a virtual information session.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 8 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Fr. Luis D'Arraujo

S.I. Bobby Talag

Mass Intention Available

TUESDAY, MAY 9 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Purissima Melchiorre

Mass Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 – 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intention Available

THURSDAY, MAY 11 – 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 12 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Maria Lombardi

Mass Intention Available

SATURDAY, MAY 13 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Gary Hall

+ Manuel, Maria & John Calhau

+ Rolando Talag

SUNDAY, MAY 14 – 6th Sunday of Easter

S.I. Parish Community



TOTUS TUUS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

MS. ARLENE MORGAN

905.822.8132 X 6 OR BY EMAIL:
AMORGAN@ARCHTORONTO.ORG



SHARELIFE 3RD COLLECTION DATES:

JUNE 4TH

PARISH GOAL: \$154,700

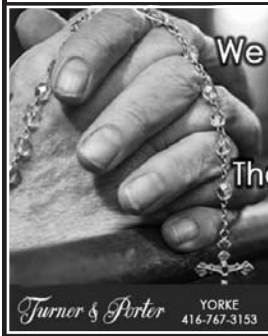
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