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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

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

The Counsellor Will Be With You Forever

How do we know that God truly loves each one of us? In the cross we see the proof of God's love for each of us and the incredible price God was willing to pay to redeem us from slavery to sin, death, and Satan. Jesus gave up his life that we might have life - abundant, everlasting life with God - a life of love and unity with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever. Through the cross Jesus opened a new way of relationship for us as the adopted sons and daughters of God - his beloved children (Romans 8:14-17). Jesus calls his disciples to walk in his way of love through obedience to the will of the Father. True love is more than sentiment, emotion, or good intention. As important as these may be they are not the proof of sincere love. True love for God is expressed in obedience and obedience is expressed in love Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts, the Holy Spirit as their Counselor and Helper. How does the Holy Spirit help us as the counselor? *Counselor* is a legal term for one who defends someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who guides and strengthens us and brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life.

A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

O God the Father, Creator of all Life, Lifespring of all Mothers and Fathers, you who chose Mary to be the Mother of your Divine Son, bless now with your love and protection all Mothers, that they may treasure the lives and spiritual well being of their children. O God the Son, Jesus our Lord and Redeemer, you who gave us your Mother as our own Mother, bless my own Mother, she gave me the great gift of life that I may continue to be a loving and grateful child. O God the Holy Spirit, poured out on Mary and on all the followers of Jesus, bless all who have had a Mother's influence on my own life, bless all those close to me who are Mothers, and especially bless all those who carry life within as expectant others.

AMEN

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers! It has been 3 years since Birthright Brampton has held its main fundraiser. Our funds are critically low as the number of clients has greatly increased as has the cost of assisting them. Please take a few moments to sign out a bottle

today after mass and take it home so you can fill your bottle with loose change, bills or a cheque and return it the weekend of June 17/18. Tax receipts will be issued for bottles and cheques totalling \$20 or more.

Credit card donations can be made through:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/birthright-brampton>.

Thank you for your generosity!

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

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@gqa.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>

ORDINATION CLASS OF 2023



We extend our prayers and congratulations to these men who were ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on May 13 for serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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

SHARELIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT RETURNS JUNE 5

We would love you to join us and bring hope and healing to those in need! On **Monday, June 5**, the resplendent **Royal Woodbine Golf Club in Etobicoke** welcomes us back for a day of camaraderie, friendly competition, and fantastic food. Last year, **you helped us raise \$68,000 for 30+ Catholic social service agencies** in the Greater Toronto Area and Simcoe. Registration is \$450 per individual and \$1,800 for a foursome. Your registration includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. To confirm your participation, please [download the registration form at sharelife.org/golf](https://sharelife.org/golf). Tax receipts will be issued for the maximum eligible amount. To further enhance our tournament, **we welcome sponsorship enquiries and silent auction and prize donations**. For more details, please contact: Wendy Wong at 416-934-3400 ext. 516 wwong@archtoronto.org or Maria Panagakos at 416-934-3400 ext. 526 mpanagakos@archtoronto.org.

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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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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 \(archtoronto.org\)](https://archdioceseoftoronto.org/ukrainian-crisis) and register for a virtual information session.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP JUNE 10 & JUNE 11, 2023



On the weekend of June 10 & June 11 2023, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of

gently used clothes and leather shoes. Please place your donations in securely tied green garbage bags or sealed boxes. Thank you for your generosity. *NOTE: Not Accepted: Appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes.* For more information visit:

www.ssvptoronto.ca

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

MONDAY, MAY 15 - 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intention Available

TUESDAY, MAY 16 - 8:30 A.M.

Mass Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 - 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intention Available

THURSDAY, MAY 18 - 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 19 - 7:00 P.M.

+Ross Cody

SATURDAY, MAY 20 - 5:00 P.M.

+Josept Thau Nguyen

S.I. Anita Llorca

+Frances Besserer Lemay & +Mary Fitzgerald Forsyth

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - Ascension of the Lord

S.I. Parish Community



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OFFICE REQUEST

We are looking for the holders of Envelopes
#314 & #318

If this is you kindly contact the Parish office.



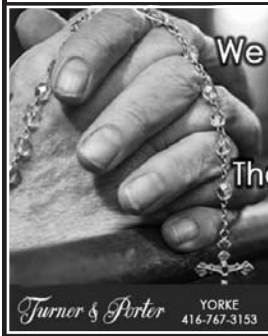
SHARELIFE 3RD COLLECTION DATE:

JUNE 4TH

PARISH GOAL: \$154,700

CURRENT TOTAL: \$30,026

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