# **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

#### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor Don Roberts, Richard Te, Richard Noronha, Deacons Brenda Penney, Parish Bookkeeper Ella Alvares, Parish Secretary Arlene Morgan, Lay Pastoral Assistant Rickeeann Kitchura, Office Assistant

#### **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

6:00 PM -7:00 PM

Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday during Mass Rosary Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM Friday at 3:00 PM Divine Mercy

#### 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
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# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 18, 2023

# Jesus Gives His Disciples Authority to Heal and Set Free

When Jesus proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom, he also demonstrated the power of the Gospel with supernatural signs and wonders. Jesus healed people who suffered physical, emotional, and mental illnesses. He freed people from spiritual bondage to sin and demonic powers. Jesus gave his disciples the same authority he had to heal and set people free from spiritual bondage.

The Gospel (which literally means "good news") which Jesus proclaimed is just as relevant and real today, *the kingdom of heaven is at hand*. If we believe in the Lord Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, and in the power of the Gospel, we will know and experience the freedom, joy, and power he gives us that enables us to live and witness as his disciples. No one can buy heaven; but if we know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, then we already possess heaven in our hearts! Do you believe that Jesus can change and transform your life and share with you the power and authority of God's kingdom?



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# A PRAYER FOR ALL FATHERS

"Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender." **AMEN** - ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **PALLIATIVE CARE JOURNEY:**

In our journey to create a community that truly values life, it is important to recongnize the need for patientcentered care—a care that acknowledges the often traumatic and heartbreaking stories of countless patients. Their experiences shape our collective responsibility to ensure compassionate support is readily available. By expanding options for palliative care, we show our commitment to alleviate suffering and offer solace.

Join us on **Tuesday, June 20 at 7pm** for our ShareLife Speaker Series event **"The Palliative Care Journey: For you, your loved ones, and the most vulnerable"** with Father Matthew Durham from Journey Home Hospice. Father Matthew's expertise will provide valuable insights, as he explains the basics of palliative care.

**REGISTER:** <u>bit.ly/palliative-care-journey</u> **CONTACT:** Jennifer Lazo, Communications Coordinator, ShareLife **EMAIL:** <u>jlazo@archtoronto.org</u>

This is a **<u>FREE</u>** event.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 19-7:00 P.M. +Anne Marie Foran + Michael Layton S.I. Roberts Family **TUESDAY, JUNE 20 – 8:30 A.M.** + Gord Smith S.I. Lorna Rojas-Cooper S.I. Deacon Don Roberts WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 - 7:00 P.M. + Gordon Smith S.I. Aneta S.I. Nick & Carla Marchiori THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - 8:30 A.M. S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist FRIDAY, JUNE 23 - 7:00 P.M. + Augustin Fernandes S.I. Karolina Maka S.I. Mary-Anne Jesser **SATURDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> – 9:00 A.M.** Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. **SATURDAY, JUNE 24 – 5:00 P.M.** + Sylvester D'Mello + Joseph Camilleri S.I. Marciana Buenaventura & Family SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time S.I. Parish Community



# <u>A Note from the Pastor Concerning</u> <u>the Lifting of Mask Requirements</u>

Covid restrictions have been removed from Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of

Toronto for several months already. Out of an abundance of caution, and to be sensitive to those who are still anxious because of age or specific health concerns, I decided to retain the practice of requiring clergy and lay Eucharistic ministers to wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion much longer than pastors in our neighbouring parishes. Beginning the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, however, this requirement will cease at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Anyone who wishes to continue wearing a mask for personal comfort and safety is, nevertheless, free to do so, but you are asked to provide your own face covering. Hand sanitizer is available for those who wish to use it while supplies last. Those who are sick or displaying obvious flulike symptoms are encouraged to stay at home and consult a health care provider.

Please speak to me in person or by phone if you have any questions or concerns. I am always willing to listen and dialogue.

Yours in Christ,

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Fr. Damian S. Ali, Pastor



# **PILGRIMAGE TO TEOPOLI**

The Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary at St. Christopher's Parish are

organizing a one-day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Teopoli in Gravenhurst on Sunday, July 9, 2023. The bus will depart St. Christopher's Church at 7:30am. This pilgrimage has **THREE powerful moments of common prayer: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross and the Holy Rosary.** For more information, call Nick Romeo at (905) 822-2682 or Tony Verdes at (647) 921-3130.



You can add a name to our Prayer List simply by calling the Parish Office.

# NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, JUNE 24th



The birth of John the Baptist was one of the earliest feasts to be named to a particular day on the Church calendar. June  $24^{th}$  was chosen because it is 6 months before our celebration of the birth of Christ. With its proximity to the summer solstice, the feast of June  $24^{th}$ 

signifies the waning of the light, while the birth of Jesus near the winter solstice marks the coming of the light, so appropriate since Jesus is the Light of the world.

When the Angel appeared to Zechariah, he did not at first believe that he and his wife Elizabeth, because of their old age, would have a son. Consequently, Zechariah was made mute. After the birth of his son, Zechariah insisted that the boy would be named John, in accord with the Angel's instruction. At that moment, Zechariah's speech was restored. In joy and thanksgiving, Zechariah responded with the Benedictus, which is a great hymn still recited at Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours.

There will be Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church at <u>9am</u> on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for the Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist.

### PARISH BBQ – SUNDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 1PM TO 3PM



Fr. Damian is inviting **YOU** to gather after the 12 Noon Mass on the LAST SUNDAY OF JUNE for delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshing drinks and fun activities for the whole family. Returning this year by popular demand are the ice cream truck and

bouncy castle.

This BBQ is a FREE EVENT, but we need to know the number of people in your family or group who will be attending and the number of children under the age of 12. For the adults, there will be a draw with proceeds going to ShareLife, so please bring some cash to buy tickets. Also, please remember to bring your own lawn chairs.

The Social Committee needs additional volunteers to help set up beforehand, look after the food and drinks, assist with the kids' activities, monitor the bouncy castle and to do the clean-up at the end. This is a good opportunity for high school students who need volunteer hours. If you want to get involved, please leave your name, phone number and email address at the back of the church this weekend or contact the parish office during the week.

