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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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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  
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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

# TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2023

*No limit to granting forgiveness and pardon*

If God has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbour. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us

**“Lord Jesus, you have been kind and forgiving towards me. May I be merciful as you are merciful. Free me from all bitterness and resentment that I may truly forgive from the heart those who have caused me injury or grief”. Amen**

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**MONDAY, September 18 - 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Thomas Piskorski

S.I. Halynka

S.I. Natalia & Oksana

**TUESDAY, September 19 - 8:30 A.M.**

+ Richard M. Dela Torre

**WEDNESDAY, September 20 - 7:00 P.M. -**

S.I. Milagros Lagustan

**THURSDAY, September 21 - 8:30 A.M.**

S.I. For healing and reconciliation in troubled  
Marriages & Families

**FRIDAY, September 22 - 7:00 P.M.**

+ Anna-Maria Alfonso

S.I. Flordeliza & Claro Deposo

**SATURDAY, September 23 - 5:00 P.M.**

+ Paulo Homem

+ Joseph De Gennaro

**SUNDAY, September 17 - 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

S.I. Parish Community



## THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This is an approach to faith formation. It feeds the deepest needs of children aged 3-6, allowing each child to get to know God personally.

### BECOME A CATECHIST

This Formation Course is open for on-line registration at <https://www.cgsac.ca>  
Courses begin September 30<sup>th</sup>

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## Novena and Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, our parish community will celebrate the Feast of St.

**Francis of Assisi.** There will be a special Mass at 7pm followed by a reception in the Parish

Hall.

On the 9 days leading up to our Parish Feast – **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – there will be a **Novena of Masses** at the regularly scheduled Mass times. The homilies during these Masses will focus on an aspect of the life of St. Francis and will be shared by Fr. Damian, our deacons and, perhaps, some visiting clergy. Thank you to Deacon Richard Noronha, who felt inspired to propose this novena after a visit to Assisi this summer. **On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7pm to 9pm**, we will observe the **“Transitus of St. Francis”** with special prayers, veneration of the relic of St. Francis and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



## REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION HAS BEGUN

To register for our On-line Registration for First Communion & Confirmation visit our website at [stfrancisofassisimi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stfrancisofassisimi@archtoronto.org) to ensure a spot for your child(ren).



You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. **Join Us! For 40 Days for Life Opening Mass**

**Where:** Hosted by St. Mary Star of the Sea  
**Address:** 11 Peter Street South, Mississauga, ON  
**Date/Time:** Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am  
**St. Francis of Assisi Scheduled Parish Vigil Day(s):** October 31<sup>st</sup>

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**MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST**



Join our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter for our 47<sup>th</sup> Magnificat Breakfast. An inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of

the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Date: Saturday October 14, 2023**

**Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm**

**Where: Julius Event Centre 2201 Finch Avenue W.  
North York, ON**

**Guest Speaker: Patrizia Liberata Micallef**

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**DON'T FORGET THESE DATES!!!**

**Youth Choir:** Practices every Saturday @ 4pm

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**(Sung) Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** every Friday @3:00 pm

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**Men of St. Francis:** every Saturday mornings 8:00 am – 9:30 am

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**Divine Will:** has changed from Thursday to Tuesday - 7:00pm to 8:30pm

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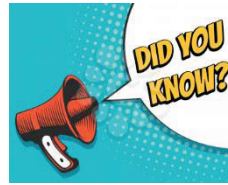
**Holy Hour** every Friday evening at 6:00 pm

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Every Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday during Holy Hour 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm



**WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

To keep you current with events here are a few items you might

want to review:

**The “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – R.C.I.A.”**

Will be taking place at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm beginning September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Fr. Damian as soon as possible.

**Living with Christ missalettes** are only available from the Parish Office during regular hours.

**Prayer Group meetings have moved from Thursday to Tuesday evenings commencing September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.**

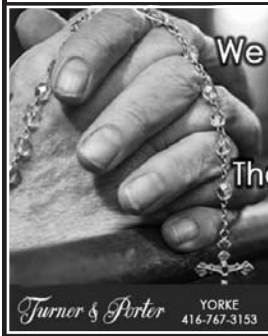
**Liturgy of the Word for Children** from kindergarten to Grade 3 will begin **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:00 am Mass. The program will be offered every other Sunday.**

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**PRAYER FOR HOPE**

Heavenly father, I am your humble servant,  
I come before you today in need of hope.  
There are times when I feel helpless,  
There are times when I feel weak.  
I pray for hope.  
I need hope for a better future.  
I need hope for a better life.  
I need hope for love and kindness.  
Some say that the sky is at it's darkest just before the light.  
I pray that this is true, for all seems dark.  
I need your light, Lord, in every way.  
I pray to be filled with your light from head to toe. To bask in your glory.  
To know that all is right in the world, as you have planned, and as you want it to be.  
Help me to walk in your light, and live my life in faith and glory.  
In your name I pray, Amen.

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