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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

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2023

“God is generous and gives us work for his kingdom”

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbor with a generous spirit as well.

“Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.” Amen

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



RCIA is an acronym for the “**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.**” It is the process whereby adults who are considering membership in the Catholic Church explore what the Church teaches as well as the way in which Catholics live and worship. Baptized Catholics who have not yet celebrated their First Communion or Confirmation may also participate in the RCIA to complete their initiation.

RCIA sessions are held in the Community Room, below the Parish Office, on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Our first session for those hoping to be initiated next Easter is **Tuesday, September 26th**. Please contact Fr. Damian as soon as possible to register

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH (BISHOPS' COLLECTION) SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2023



In order to make proper decisions about contemporary issues, our bishops need expert advice. Gathering research requires staff, time and money, so this annual collection provides necessary financial support. Dedicated envelopes are found in your offertory boxes and additional envelopes are available in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- MONDAY, September 25 - 7:00 P.M.**
Mass Intentions available
- TUESDAY, September 26 - 8:30 A.M.**
+ Eliza D'Silva
- WEDNESDAY, September 27 - 7:00 P.M.**
S.I. In Thanksgiving Annie & Chris
- THURSDAY, September 28 - 8:30 A.M.**
S.I. For sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist
- FRIDAY, September 29 - 7:00 P.M.**
+ William & Helen Yanchus
+ Rolly Talag
S.I. Halynka & Family
- SATURDAY, September 30 10:00 A.M.**
S.I. Corazon Villanueva
- SATURDAY, September 30 5:00 P.M.**
+ Giuseppe DeAgazio
+ Ivanka Bancic
- SUNDAY, October 1 - 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
S.I. Parish Community

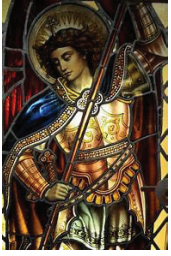


REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION HAS BEGUN



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

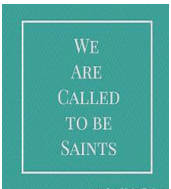
**FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL –
Friday, September 29th, 2023**



Archbishop Frank Leo has invited the clergy and lay faithful of the Archdiocese to join him in praying a **Novena to St. Michael the Archangel from Wednesday, September 20th to Thursday, September 28th**. The novena prayer will be posted on the parish website and a limited supply of hard copies will be available in the church. We will recite this longer version of the Prayer to St. Michael at the end of all Masses for the duration of the novena.

On Friday, September 29, 2023, all are welcome to join in a special Mass at 5:30p.m. at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) celebrated by Archbishop Leo. During this Mass, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovic will confer the “pallium” on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael’s Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served.

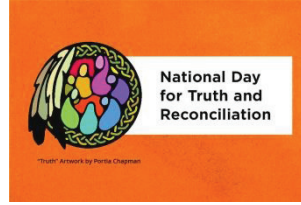
**CALLED TO BE SAINTS: FOR THE JOURNEY –
Monday, October 2, 2023, St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Hall, following the 7:00PM Mass**



As Catholics, we are called to be disciples of Christ. That is, we are called to follow the path to holiness. As Matthew Kelly wrote, we are called to be the best versions of ourselves. Put another way, we strive to make choices that bring us closer to God and not turn us away from Him. We can’t do this alone. The Holy Spirit is with us to guide us on the journey, and God has already given us the things we need.

During this session, you will be invited to re-discover those things which will help you live your best Christian life. Join Elizabeth Pietrantonio as she offers practical guidance on five of those things – **prayer, scripture, sacraments, fellowship, and service and witness**. Begin the great adventure of discipleship!

**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION:**



The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is **September 30th** each year. At St Ann’s Parish, in Toronto, home to the Indigenous People’s Mission, a special Mass will be held on **October 1, 2023, at 12:30 pm** All are welcome to attend.

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a **special collection on the weekend of September 30/ October 1, 2023** to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. Funds collected will be put towards culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and you with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation
Thank you for your generosity.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE:


Each day from September 27 until November 5th, you’re invited to join others for **40 days of prayer and fasting** to reawaken the culture of **LIFE** in Canada. Please stand with us in prayers for life during a peaceful prayer vigil near the **Mississauga Women’s Clinic** at 101 Queensway W. (at Confederation) for one or more hours during the 40 Days. Our parish date is Tuesday, October 31st from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The Life Chain, the nation-wide, annual peaceful, prayerful, silent witness to the sanctify of life, will take place on **Sunday October 1, 2023 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. Meet at 1:45pm in the parking lot of the Woodchester Mall just east of Wendy’s. For additional information, contact John Killackey by phone at (905)820-9232.

REMEMBER:

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

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