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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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2023

What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

“Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly”.

Mass Intentions for the Week

<p><u>MONDAY, October 2 - 7:00 P.M.</u> + Peter & Josephine Malarczuk + Joaquim Fernandes + Paulo Homem</p>
<p><u>TUESDAY, October 3 - 8:30 A.M.</u> + Mary Jane Smith S.I. Elaine Childerhouse S.I. Teresita Cruz</p>
<p><u>WEDNESDAY, October 4 - 7:00 P.M.</u> + John Walker + Kenneth Hill + Mark Gracias</p>
<p><u>THURSDAY, October 5 - 8:30 A.M.</u> S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate</p>
<p><u>FRIDAY, October 6 - 7:00 P.M.</u> + Joseph & Angela Camilleri S.I. Richard & Maria Padilla S.I. Benoa & Liza Ho and Family</p>
<p><u>SATURDAY, October 7 - 5:00 P.M.</u> + Purissima Melchiorre + Tony Bifano + James Chen</p>
<p><u>SUNDAY, October 8 - 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u></p>

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION HAS BEGUN

To register for our On-line Registration for First Communion & Confirmation visit our website at:

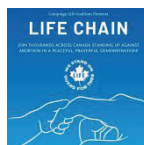
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to ensure a spot for your child(ren).



BUNDLE UP

For the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We are collecting your donations at St. Francis of Assisi on: **Saturday October 14th - Sunday October 15th**

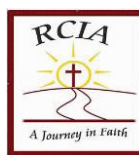


The Life Chain, the nation-wide, annual peaceful, prayerful, silent witness to the sanctify of life, will take place on **Sunday October 1st, 2023**

from 2:00 pm 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.

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. Please contact Fr. Damian as soon as possible to register



JOIN 2023 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY. PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church

When: Saturday October 14, 2023

Time: 12:00 Noon

For more information contact :

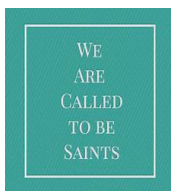
Betty at 647-239-0987



THANK YOU

The Roses for Life Campaign was a great success, thanks to the generous donations of our parishioner's. We are grateful for your support and compassion for the cause of life. The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Council will be issuing a cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Vita Manor, a home for pregnant and parenting young women in need. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.

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!



The office of Admissions of St. Michaels College School is now accepting applications for September 2024. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 – 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on **Thursday October 19th and Tuesday October 24th beginning at 7:00 PM. Register at ApplySMCS.com**

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 program is designed to support marriages in crisis and can be of assistance to couples who have separated, but are willing to work on their relationships. For more information there are pamphlets at the back of the church. The session begins at **Queen of Apostles (Mississauga) Friday October 21st to Monday October 23rd**.



September 30th & October 1st, 2023 Special Collection Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

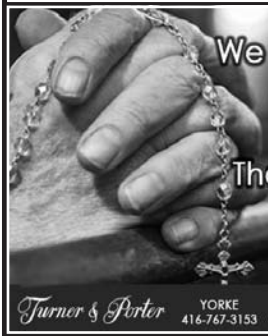
As part of our ongoing efforts towards healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country.

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised close to 40 percent of the \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian Bishops. The archdiocese will contribute \$6 million towards the national pledge. The collection on September 30th and October 1st provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

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