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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

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

The Foolish Will Miss Heaven's Wedding Feast

"Lord Jesus, make me vigilant and attentive to your voice that I may heed your call at all times. May I find joy in your presence and delight in doing your will." Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, November 13 - 7:00 P.M.

- † Zito, Olga & Lorraine Rodrigues + Families
- † Jamie Hobbs
- † Carmelo Carpino

TUESDAY, November 14 - 8:30 A.M.

- † Parish All Souls Intentions

WEDNESDAY, November 15 - 7:00 P.M.

- † Carla Marchiori
- † Mary Ritchie

THURSDAY, November 16 - 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, November 17 - 7:00 P.M.

- † Bernadette Lovina Isaac

SATURDAY, November 18- 5:00 P.M.

- † Manuel, Maria & John Calhau
- † Patria & Maximo Lagman
- † Quigg Family

SUNDAY, November 19

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BOOK OF LIFE

Blank Memorial Sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church, to write the names of your departed loved ones. Please continue to join us for Mass and Pray for their soul. Completed Memorial Sheets will be placed in the Book of Life to be remembered at Masses during the month of November.



All Souls' Donation Envelopes

All Souls' envelopes can be found on the same table in the vestibule where the sheets for the Book of Life are located. Parishioners are invited write the names of deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope and enclose a monetary offering. Kindly drop your All Souls envelopes into a collection basket (separate from your regular Sunday offertory envelope) or drop them through the mail slot at the Parish Office. One Mass each week during the month of November has been designated for "Parish All Souls Intentions": **Monday, November 6 (7:00pm), Tuesday, November 14 (8:30am), Saturday, November 25 (5:00pm), Wednesday, November 29 (7:00pm).**



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

is available for children in **JK to Grade 3** during the 10am Mass every other Sunday. Please mark your calendar for these dates:

Sunday, November 19th @ 10am Mass
Sunday, December 3rd @ 10am Mass

St. Francis Pasta Night Dinner

You are all invited to join us for a fun evening of pasta, fun & fellowship in the St. Francis parish hall on **Saturday, November 18th, from 6:15pm - 9:00pm**



Tickets are \$25 per person. Kids 10 and under are \$15 each, and kids 5 and under are free.

Meat lasagna and cheese tortellini will be provided by La Felicita Catering. Wine will be available for purchase by the glass only, and water and pop are complimentary. There will be door prizes, and a draw, with proceeds going to our ShareLife campaign, so bring some cash!

Tickets will be sold after each mass on the weekends of November 4 & 5, and November 11 & 12.

Cash only, please. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

Speriamo di vedervolo li! (We hope to see you there!)

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST SPECIAL COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 18-19TH



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Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Your Assistance Is Requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

A Note from the Pastor about Purgatory: A Gift of God's Mercy

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day, is celebrated every year on November 2nd. The term “faithful departed” refers to the souls in **Purgatory**. All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still are imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation, but, after death, they undergo purification to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

Even though sins have already been forgiven by God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the damage caused by these sins must still be atoned for, either in this life or in the life to come. In this life, atonement can be satisfied by prayers, good deeds, sacrifices and acts of penance. Purgatory is a gift of God's goodness and mercy which allows us to atone for our sins even after our death.


The Catholic Church bases her teaching about Purgatory on the biblical teaching of prayer for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:38-46; 2 Timothy 1:18). If heaven and hell were the only possibilities after death, there would be no reason to pray for the dead. Those in heaven need no prayers, and those in hell are beyond the reach of prayers. In Matthew 12:31-32, Jesus said that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven in this age nor in the age to come, implying that the process of forgiveness for some sins continues “in the age to come”, in Purgatory.

Catholic teaching speaks of a “state” of purification, not a place. The souls in Purgatory are without physical bodies and therefore have no physical location. Nor can we say that the suffering of Purgatory involves physical fire. The “fire” of Purgatory is the fire of God's love. Just as physical fire burns away impurities, God's love will “burn away” the imperfections which keep us from being perfectly open to the presence, love and joy of God.

The souls in Purgatory are called the “**poor souls**” because they are suffering. They have glimpsed the loving presence of the Eternal God with whom they are destined to share eternal life, and any time apart from God is painful. The more they are purified, the more intense their love grows, and the more painful is their longing for God.

The souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves, but they can and do pray for us, so that we can make choices in our earthly life which will help us avoid the pain they are now suffering. In every Mass, we pray for those who have died. By praying and offering masses for the souls in Purgatory, their time apart from God can be reduced or concluded.

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