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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  
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

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Come. Inherit the Kingdom Prepared for You

*"Lord Jesus, be the Master and Ruler of my life. May your love rule in my heart that I may only think, act, and speak with charity and good will for all. Amen."*

Mass Intentions  for the Week

### MONDAY, November 27- 7:00 P.M.

† Lira Mascarenhas

† Tony Rebello

S.I. Rocca Mansour

### TUESDAY, November 28 - 8:30 A.M.

Mass Intentions Available

### WEDNESDAY, November 29 - 7:00 P.M.

† Parish All Souls Intentions

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

S.I. For sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

### FRIDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 P.M.

† Epigenia Concepcion

† Maria Cardoza

† Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:00 P.M.

† Concepcion Jacinto Cabioc

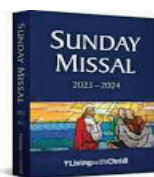
† Wilfred Mendoza

† Ernesto Junio

### SUNDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

First Sunday of Advent

### SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2023-2024



Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year, which starts on the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> will be on sale after all masses the **weekend of November, 25 & 26**. The missal will also be available at the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 each and the exact amount would be greatly appreciated.

### 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, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am Mass**  
**Thereafter, Every Sunday @ 10am Mass!**

### CALLING YOUNG CAROLERS

Does your child enjoy singing or have a musical talent to share? All children from grades 3 to 8 are invited to sing before the Christmas Eve 5pm Mass. Children interested are asked to attend weekly practices in the church at **3:00pm** every Saturday until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to hearing the beautiful voices of our children on Christmas Eve! To sign-up your child, email Ms. Arlene at [amorgan@archtoronto.org](mailto:amorgan@archtoronto.org) or call 905.822.8132 ext. 6.



### SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection for St. Vincent De Paul on the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Please help support the Knights of Columbus in our community. Pre-order your Christmas poinsettias. The Knights will be at the back of the church after all masses on the weekend **November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**. **Pick-Up December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** in the parish hall.

## ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is the best way to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. Please take advantage of the opportunities available on **Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am – 11:30 am, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm and 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm** (after the regular 7pm mass

## RCIA RITES DURING MASS ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD, 2023

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process whereby adults who are not Catholic explore the Catholic faith with the hope of eventually being baptized or received into the Catholic Church. Adults baptized in the Catholic Church may also participate to complete their initiation by celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

During the initiation process, formal ceremonies called "rites" take place, usually during designated Sunday Masses, to introduce RCIA participants to the parish, update parishioners on the progress of those being initiated and to remind the community of the important role we all have in initiating new members.

Saturday, December 2nd, during the 5pm Mass, **Elizabeth Moniz and Phyllis Trotz** will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for Baptized Candidates. **William Taylor and Loretta Onyibe** will also declare their intention to complete their initiation as Catholics.

Sunday, December 3rd, during the 10am Mass, **Robert Caven, Simdi Egbom, Sachi Egbom and Jennifer Lee**, who are preparing for baptism next Easter, will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance. After the Rite of Acceptance, **Jennifer, Simdi, Sachi and Robert** will be known as "catechumens." *Please pray for all of our RCIA participants as they continue their journey in faith.*

**The St. Francis of Assisi's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pasta Night Dinner** on Saturday night was a sold-out event and a huge success! We had fabulous food supplied by La Felicità Catering and desserts from Longo's. We are very grateful for the delicious buns donated by Salvatore and Mirella Lizzi of Truscott Bakery and the fantastic red wine with the compliments of Tre Amici Imports (arranged by Carmen Pulis).

We had a sing-a-long led by children's choir leader Natalie Rodrigues Fernandes and tons of giveaways! We had door prizes and a draw, collecting \$800, with \$400 going to ShareLife and the other half given away to three lucky winners. Congratulations to all our door prize and draw winners, and thank you to the many individuals and businesses who donated to our prize table, including Gary Betts, Joe DaCosta, Alfredo Saraiva of the Sunnyside Grill, Little Saigon 88 Vietnamese Restaurant, Anthony's Family Hairstyling, Springbank Nursery, Dr. Solo Guzman, Charity Cansfield, Doreen Remedios and Marilou Grino, Deacon Don and Jean Roberts, Jackie Pappas, Merly Talag and Nick Valant.

As with any event like this, we want to thank all the volunteers who helped with the set-up, the event itself and the fun part, cleaning up and putting everything away, including Arlene Morgan, Betty Tam-Chong, Rickeann Kitchura, the ladies of the Legion of Mary, the men of the Knights Of Columbus and the Men's Group for all their invaluable help. We can always count on our parishioners and the incredible people of these organizations to step up and help when there is work to do! They do it with grace and good humour. Last but not least, thank you, Father Damian, for *joie de vivre* and for leading us with your joy, wisdom and passion for all that is Godly and wholesome.

Thank you all & God Bless. See you next year!  
The St. Francis Social Committee

## TIPS FOR READING THE BIBLE

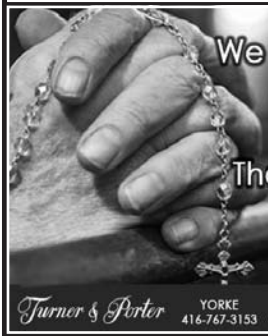


On **Monday, November 27**, after the 7 pm mass, Elizabeth Pietrantonio, will facilitate a **one-evening workshop** on "**Tips for Reading the Bible.**" Liz will help you to read the bible as a story about our ancestors, so you become part of the narrative. All are welcome!

## BOOK SALES BY ELIZABETH PIETRANTONIO DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>.

On the first weekend of December, Liz, will be selling her books at the back of the church after all masses. Three of the books reflect Liz's love of scripture and three of the books, which are fantasy adventures into favourite bible stories, reflect her love of storytelling. Take time to browse and feel free to chat with Liz as you leave Mass.

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