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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
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RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3
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SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
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Christ the King 905-569-0220

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Watch Expectantly Today – Your Master is Coming!

“Lord Jesus, awaken my heart and mind to receive your word and to prepare for your coming again. Free me from complacency, from the grip of sin and worldliness, and from attachments to things which pass away. May I always be eager to receive your word and be ready to meet you when you come again” Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, December 4 - 7:00 P.M.

† Matteo Lombardi

† Maria Salvati

S.I. Franca Petrilli

TUESDAY, December 5 - 8:30 A.M.

† Barbara Cucchiara

† Franco Davi

† Barbara Davi

WEDNESDAY, December 6 - 7:00 P.M.

† Carla Marchiori

S.I. Donald Wolf

THURSDAY, December 7 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood,
Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate

FRIDAY, December 8 – 7:00 P.M.

† Purissima Melchiorre

† Joseph & Angela Camalliri

† Zita D’Cruz

SATURDAY, December 9 - 5:00 P.M.

† Manuel, Maria & John Calhau

† Tony DaCosta Campos

† Gloria Guertin

SUNDAY, December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent



SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection for St. Vincent De Paul on the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd **PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.**

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 13th 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)



QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

Invites both women and men to an Advent Retreat **Saturday December 2 at 9:30AM to 2:20PM.** Facilitated by the Centre Team. **Registration: 8:30AM.**
Cost: \$45.00. This includes Coffee/Tea with Muffins and a Hot Lunch. They will close the Retreat Day with Mass



ADVENT CELEBRATION FOR YOUTH

Families with children of all ages are invited to take part in our **“Advent Wonderland”** on Sunday December 17th, from 2pm to 4pm in the Parish Hall. Join us to decorate Christmas cookies and ornaments, and don’t forget to bring your camera to take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The cost is only **\$5.00 per child** to participate. Please visit the parish website to sign-up **before December 11.** Each child is asked to bring one non-perishable food item for our local Food Bank, **“Eden Food for Change.”**

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

During the RCIA process, 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.*

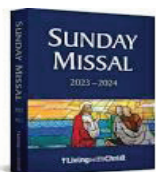


BOOK SALES BY ELIZABETH PIETRANTONIO

DECEMBER 2ND AND 3RD

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.

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2023-2024



Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year, are still available at the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 each.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CHRISTMAS (BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST)

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24 – 5pm, 8pm, 11pm

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25 – 8:30am, 10am, 12pm (**No 7pm Mass**)

Tuesday, December 26 – Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr – 10am (holiday schedule)

Wednesday, December 27 – Feast of St. John the Evangelist – 7pm

Thursday, December 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents – 8:30am

Friday, December 29 – Fifth Day, Octave of Christmas – Holy Hour at 6pm, Mass at 7pm

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30 – 5pm

Sunday, December 31 – 8:30am, 10am, 12pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year’s Eve - Sunday, December 31 – 5pm

New Year’s Day - Monday, January 1 – 8:30am, 10am, 12pm (**No 7pm Mass**)

Tuesday, January 2 – Normal Mass schedule resumes for the remainder of the week

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 6 – 5pm

Sunday, January 7 – 8:30am, 10am, 12pm

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday, December 8 – 7pm

OBLIGATIONS TO ATTEND MASS DURING THE 2023 CHRISTMAS SEASON

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass **for the Fourth**

Sunday Advent – Saturday evening,

December 23, OR during the day on Sunday, December 24, **AND AGAIN for Christmas** – Sunday evening,


December 24, OR on Monday, December 25.

Catholics are also obliged to attend Mass **for the Feast of the Holy Family** – Saturday evening,

December 30, OR during the day on Sunday, December 31, **AND AGAIN for the Solemnity of**

Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Sunday evening, December 31, OR on Monday, January 1.

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