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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
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RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3
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SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115
Christ the King 905-569-0220

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

The Baptism of Repentance and Purification in the Holy Spirit

“Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ.” Amen.



MONDAY, December 11 - 7:00 P.M.

† Marcelle Mansour

† All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, December 12 - 8:30 A.M.

† Antonio & Costabile Di Scola

† Lawrence & Eliza D'Silva

WEDNESDAY, December 13 - 7:00 P.M.

† Matteo Lombardi

THURSDAY, December 14 - 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For Married Couples and those preparing for Marriage

FRIDAY, December 15 - 7:00 P.M.

† Peter & Josephine Malarczuk

† Maria Lombardi

† Desmond & Margaret Somers

SATURDAY, December 16 - 5:00 P.M.

† Gloria Guertin

† Mario Moniz

† Lira Mascarenhas

SUNDAY, December 17th

Third Sunday of Advent

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.**”



POINSETTIA PICK-UP

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the 2023 Knights of Columbus Poinsettia Drive. **The poinsettias will be available for pick up after all Masses the weekend of December 9th and 10th in the parish hall.**

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2024 will be available at the back of the church on **December 9th** after all masses church. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on the first 4 envelopes you use in JANUARY 2024.** Just as a reminder we cannot issue tax receipts without this information.

CHARITABLE DONATION TAX RECEIPTS



2023 is coming to a close. All donations you wish to include for your 2023 Charitable Donation Tax Receipt must be received at the parish office by no later than **Wednesday December 27th**. Thank you for all your generous support.

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)



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.



Archdiocesan Survey

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting Catholics throughout the Archdiocese to share their key priorities with him to help inform and guide the development of an updated Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Toronto. To take part in the consultation, please visit the following link: www.archtoronto.org/consultation

The deadline for completion of this survey is December 15, 2023. Your input is invaluable!

2023 PARISH SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

 UPDATE – PARISH GOAL: \$154,700

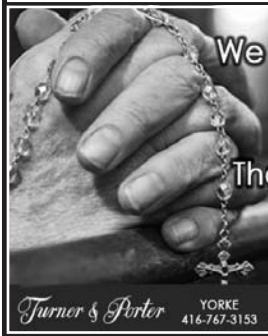
We have now entered the final month of the 2023 ShareLife Parish Campaign. To date, **St. Francis of Assisi parishioners have contributed \$140, 611.95**, which is 91% of our parish goal. Thank you for your tremendous generosity at a time when so many are having trouble making ends meet. If you are still able to contribute to this year's campaign, please do so by the end of the calendar year. A donor in the Archdiocese has agreed to match all monetary donations up to \$500,000 contributed by December 31, 2023.

Since April 2022, there has been a 38% increase in food bank usage throughout Ontario. One in 10 people in the GTA are now turning to a food bank for food assistance. ShareLife has recognized this need and has recently allocated \$500,000 (in addition to \$120,000 previously allocated) to support food and meal programs in our parishes and agencies. Seventeen programs associated with our parishes have received funds from ShareLife, and another twelve organizations serving or distributing food also received funds. The provision of food is one way ShareLife is making an impact.

When we consider refugees arriving in Canada being helped to settle, find employment, and register children for school, families receiving counselling through a Catholic Family Services agency, or persons dealing with addiction receiving help from St. Michael's Homes or Good Shepherd Ministries, we know our contributions to ShareLife are truly making a difference.

In the gospel for the Solemnity of Christ the King, Jesus gave an eternal reward to those who saw that he was hungry and gave him food, thirsty and gave him drink, a stranger and took him in, naked and gave him clothes, sick and visited him, and in prison and went to him. Our support for ShareLife shows that we recognize the presence of Christ in our suffering brothers and sisters, and we want to help them any way we can. Thank you for doing your part to live the gospel message!

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