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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
Men of St Francis (Kurtis Chong) 647-378-3537
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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2024

The Lord Jesus Can Make Me Clean

“Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion.” Amen.



MONDAY, February 12 - 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intentions Available

TUESDAY, February 13 - 8:30 A.M.

S.I. Bruno Pietrantonio

S.I. Giauthaman Senthilkumaran

WEDNESDAY, February 14—8:30A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intentions Available

THURSDAY, February 15 – 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, February 16 – 7:00 P.M.

† Matteo Lombardi

† John Bonnici

† Joaquin & Amalia Deposo

SATURDAY, February 17 - 5:00 P.M.

† Mary Fitzgerald Forsyth

SUNDAY, February 18 -

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO SHARELIFE

Archbishop Francis Leo joins Fr. Damian in thanking you for supporting the ShareLife. Your participation in the 2023 ShareLife Campaign was truly extraordinary, achieving a record-breaking \$14.2 million raised. **The parish community of St. Francis of Assisi, in Mississauga, contributed \$156,112.95** Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

Ash Wednesday is February 14th

There will be two Masses,
8:30 am and 7:00 pm. at

St. Francis of Assisi

Church. Ashes will be

blessed and applied to the forehead of participants during each of these Masses.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We invite all children in JK to Grade 3 to join us on Sundays during the 10AM Mass. Mark your calendar for Children's Liturgy Sundays set for:

**February 18th,
March 3rd & 17th**



2024 CHURCH GARDENS

In the outdoors, our good patron St. Francis of Assisi praised God and worked.

So many of us would like that **peace and closeness to our Creator** that can be found in nature. Our gardens are the perfect place to be close to the earth, to enjoy exercise and labour, and to be part of a team. Please join us on Saturday mornings, April to October. **For details, call Dolores at 905-822-5297.**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE



Here is the lowdown on this craic-filled celebration!

WHEN: Saturday March 16

TICKETS: \$80.00 each, cash or cheque (Payable to St. Francis of Assisi). On sale after all masses starting the weekend of February 17 and 18

WHERE: Le Treport Banquet Hall

TIME: Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

There will be a DJ playing a mix of contemporary and Irish/ Celtic tunes and door prizes to win. Don't let this shindig pass you by! Come for the laughs, the camaraderie!

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PRO-LIFE PRESENTATION

On Thursday, February 15, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a presentation in the Parish Hall entitled, "Effective

Responses to Challenging Questions on Abortion." This presentation will be delivered by Right to Life Mississauga & Area, the grass-roots educational arm of the pro-life movement in Mississauga and Brampton. The subject of abortion is a sensitive, deeply personal and often divisive issue, and our increasingly secular society has adopted a stance that goes against authentic Catholic moral teaching. Yet, many of us may have our own doubts, or feel ill-equipped to offer a reasoned defence of our beliefs when challenging questions arise in discussions with our families and friends, or in the media.

This presentation, which is also appropriate for high school youth, will equip those in attendance with the basic knowledge and skills to respond to tough questions with empathy and confidence.

To register, please contact the parish office at 905-822-8132, or email menofstfrancismi@gmail.com and include "Pro-Life Presentation" in the subject line. REGISTRATION IS FREE. We encourage everyone to come with an open heart and an open mind, and invite a friend to join you.



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

SAVE-THE-DATE on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Ms. Arlene will be organizing a bus to/from Toronto. More Details & Registration to follow. For details, please visit: www.ljhr.ca

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council 8668 would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all parishioners who supported their annual Food Drive for the local food bank in Erin Mills, Eden Food for Change. St. Francis of Assisi parishioners donated **500 LBS of food and \$371.00 in cash/cheques.** Thank You again for your generosity.

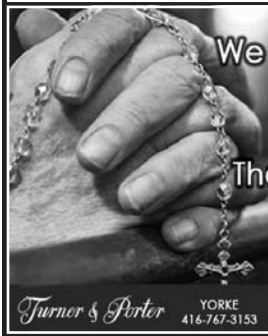
COME & SEE – DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT – MARCH 15 – 17, 2024 AT ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine Seminary on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Please note that registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

NEW PASTORAL LETTER ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA FROM THE CCCB

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media entitled "**Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious.**" The release of the letter on January 24, 2024, was timed to coincide with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who invoked as a patron saint of writers, publishers and those working in the field of communications. The Pastoral Letter, which may be of particular interest to those working in youth/young adult ministry, is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the CCCB website.

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