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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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Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) 416-804-3457
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SCHOOLS

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

Destroy This Temple, and in Three Days I Will Raise It Up

"Lord Jesus Christ, you open wide the door of your Father's house and you bid us to enter confidently that we may worship in spirit and truth. Help me to draw near to your throne of mercy with gratitude and joy." Amen.



LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR 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 this weekend March 2nd & 3rd.

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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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:

March 3rd & 17th and April 7th & 21st



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

† Jrena Cebularz
S.I. Bob Ewasyn

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

† Jacquelyn Maher
† Robin D'Souza

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

† Jerry & Jo Guild
† Noemia De Melo
† Lemuel Best

THURSDAY, March 7 - 8:30 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, March 8 - 7:00 P.M.

† Peter Hai Tran

SATURDAY, March 8 - 5:00 P.M.

† Cynthia Lashley
† Claudette Chichester
S.I. Juanita Watson

SUNDAY, March 3 -

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2024 STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THE FRIDAYS IN LENT



March 1 - The Way of the Cross by Pope Francis

March 8 - A Family-Centered Way of the Cross

March 15 - St. Patrick's Way of the Cross

March 22 - Mary's Way of the Cross

March 29(7pm)-Everyone's Way of the Cross
GOOD FRIDAY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2024 LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Tuesday March 19th

2 Priests present

9:30am – 11:30am & 2:30pm -

4:30pm

Wednesday March 20th

4 Priests present

After 7pm Mass (7:45pm to 9pm or as long as
necessary)



LENTEN PARISH MISSION – MARCH 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 2024

“LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS” –

Facilitated by His Grace, Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop Emeritus of Ottawa – Cornwall. Archbishop Prendergast will introduce the Lenten Mission and preach at all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd. On each of the mission evenings, Monday March 4th through Wednesday March 6th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 6:00pm – 6:45pm. Mass will begin at 7pm, and the “Mission Talk” will take the form of an extended homily during Mass.

March 4 - Risks to Eternal Life

March 5 - Engaged with Jesus

March 6 - Looking Ahead

There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after the Wednesday evening Mass to bring our Lenten Mission to a close.

THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT IN THE RCIA

The Season of Lent corresponds to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment in the RCIA process. This is a special time of reflection and spiritual preparation for those preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. On the first Sunday of Lent, those preparing for Baptism celebrated the **Rite of Election** during a special Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri at Merciful Redeemer Parish. On the same weekend, at the 5pm Mass here at SFA Church, our baptized candidates journeying to full communion participated in the **Rite of Calling to Lenten Renewal**.

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment

focuses on three Scripture passages from the Gospel of John which awaken us to the three principal themes of Easter: water, light and new life. These Scripture Passages are: the meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42); the healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41); and the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44).

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the “elect” preparing for baptism participate in special rituals called “**scrutinies.**” These are rites for self-searching and repentance which are intended to complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ.

During the scrutinies, the elect are instructed about the mystery of sin, and they are reminded that the grace of baptism will fill them with the power of Jesus Christ, who is LIVING WATER, the LIGHT OF THE WORLD and the RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. At each scrutiny, **the members of the initiating community** are invited to PRAY for the elect as they continue their journey to Baptism.

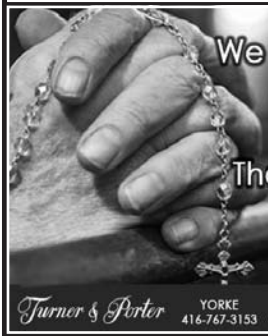
2024 SCRUTINIES FOR ADULTS PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Saturday, March 2, **5:00pm Mass** – First Scrutiny (Water)

Sunday, March 10, **10am Mass** – Second Scrutiny (Light)

Sunday, March 17, **12pm Mass** – Third Scrutiny (New Life)

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