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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

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 22, 2024

### Who Is the Greatest in God's Kingdom?

*Lord Jesus, by your cross you have redeemed the world and revealed your glory and triumph over sin and death. May I never fail to see your glory and victory in the cross. Help me to conform my life to your will and to follow in your way of holiness.*



### SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation online is now open. Please visit our Parish website:

[Stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org](http://Stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org)

### LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Life Chain, is a one – hour vigil and witnessing for the pre-born and vulnerable is scheduled across Canada on Respect Life Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

From 2PM – 3PM along the south side of Dundas St. near Woodchester Mall. Please come & join us to support this important cause! For more information, please visit the Right to Life Mississauga & Area website or call 647-990-2656



- The Men of St Francis: Every Saturday 8AM - 9:30AM, in the Community Room.
- Prayer Group Tuesdays at 7PM, in the Community Room.
- The Legion of Mary, Wednesdays 5PM – 6:30PM in the Community Room.
- Monday October 7, at 7:00 PM – Living Rosary

#### **IN the Church:**

- Divine Mercy Chaplet Fridays at 3PM.
- Holy Hour every Friday at 6PM.
- Confession on Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45PM and every 2nd & 4th Friday at 6:15PM - 6:45PM, (during the Holy Hour)
- Youth Choir practice every Saturday at 4PM

#### **MONDAY, Sept 23- 7 PM**

† Lydia Nunez  
S.I. Thanksgiving Mass (Noah & Lucy)  
S.I. Mike Holl

#### **TUESDAY, Sept 24- 8:30 AM**

Mass Intentions Available

#### **WEDNESDAY, Sept 25 – 7:00 PM**

† Rutilna Goes  
S.I. Ruth Apperley

#### **THURSDAY, Sept 26 - 8:30 AM**

S.I. In Reparation for sins committed against The Most Holy Eucharist.

#### **FRIDAY, Sept 27– 7:00 PM**

† Angela Camilleri  
† Lira Mascarenhas

#### **SATURDAY, Sept 28 - 5:00 PM**

† David Travasso  
† Gail Pereira  
S.I. Thanksgiving Mass for SFA Parishioners

#### **SUNDAY, Sept 29 – 8:30 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM**

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



The answer will be found next week on the parish website:

**Which Sacraments can you receive only once in your lifetime?**

## PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

During the month of September, our Parish Hall will be undergoing a physical improvement. Ministry coordinators have been notified to make alternate arrangements for groups which normally meet in the hall. We hope the work will be completed by early October. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The following Ministries will be postponed to a later date depending on completion of the Parish Hall: **Children's Liturgy & Bridge Club**



- **The 9-Day Novena begins September 25th to October 3rd**, at the end of each mass, leading up to the Feast Day of our Patron Saint Francis of Assisi
- **Thursday October 3, 7PM – 9PM, Transitus of St. Francis (Prayers and Eucharistic Holy Hour)**
- **Friday October 4th Feast Mass of Saint Francis of Assisi** at 7PM. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Organized by the Social Committee
- **Blessing of the Animals** Father Damian will bless the animals on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11AM outside near the statue of St. Francis.

## The National Catholic Broadcasting Council will be filming a video at our church to help people promote the Daily TV Mass APP.

The filming crew will be here on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9am (just after the morning Mass) for one hour. You are invited to be part of the video as a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi, no acting experience required. If interested in participating, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in church lobby. All participants will receive a complimentary Prayer Intentions Calendar for the upcoming liturgical year. Thank you for your support.

## The 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024

The theme selected by His Holiness Pope Francis for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "God Walks with His People."

**This occasion will be commemorated with a Mass on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Catherine of Siena Parish, located at 2340 Hurontario St. in Mississauga.**

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside and deliver the homily. All are warmly invited to attend.

## Needs of the Church in Canada Special Collection, Sept. 28-29

Each year, with the generosity of the Catholic faithful from coast to coast, the bishops of Canada continue to address pastoral and ethical issues; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogues; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; social justice issues; relations with Indigenous peoples; responsible ministry; and the development of a culture of life and family. The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on Sept. 28 and 29, 2024. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support this Collection. Your continued support is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in advancing the CCCB's mission. Your generosity not only sustains its efforts, but also fosters a spirit of unity and faith across our communities.

## In Theatres Now: The Forge

The Archdiocese of Toronto has been contacted by Sony Films who have released a new Hollywood film called "The Forge" which is in theatres now. The film is about a 19-year-old seeking direction in life and realizes that he needs to discover how God might have a greater purpose for his life. The movie was written and produced by popular American Christian filmmakers the Kendrick Brothers. We have had the opportunity to screen the movie and can assure you that it has strong positive messages of faith, prayer, discipleship and responsibility. A good movie for all, but especially relatable to families with teens and/or young adults. The film's trailer can be found here: <https://api.community.getplaiced.com/c/4ce5b5550e>

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