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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

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Look up, Your Redemption Is Drawing Near

“Lord Jesus, may I never lose sight of the signs of your presence in my life and the signs of your action in the world today. Free me from spiritual dullness, indifference, and every distraction that would keep me from you. May I never tire of listening to your word, seeking you in prayer, and longing for your return in glory.”



ADVENT CELEBRATION FOR YOUTH

Families with children of all ages are invited to take part in our “**Advent Wonderland**” on Sunday

December 8th 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. Each child is asked to bring one non-perishable food item for our local Food Bank, “**Eden Food for Change.**”



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The 2nd Collection is for the Christmas collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which will take place Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2024. **Please make cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul.** Special donation envelopes are in your offertory envelope boxes. Also collection envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity to families in need at Christmas.

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 18th** 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)

MONDAY, Dec. 2nd - 7:00 PM

† Maria Xavier
† Esteban Moreno
S.I. Maria Rendon

TUESDAY, Dec. 3rd - 8:30 AM

In honour of St. Anthony

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4th - 7:00 PM

In honour of Mother Mary
S.I. Franca Petrilli
S.I. Maria Rendon

THURSDAY, Dec 5th - 8:30 AM

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

FRIDAY, Dec 6th - 7:00 PM

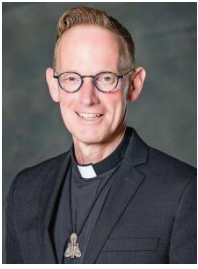
† Purissima Melchiorre
† Angela & Joseph Camilleri
† Bernadette Keefe

SATURDAY, Dec 7th - 5:00 PM

† Wilfred Mendoza
† Rita Dos Ramos
† Catherine Pagan

SUNDAY, Dec 8 - 8:30 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM

Second Sunday of Advent



Parish Advent Mission

Theme: A Shoot Shall Sprout (Isaiah 11:1)

You are invited to join the Parish Advent Mission. Come along. Disconnect from the hustle and bustle of the season. Let us prepare ourselves for the season of

Christmas. Bring a friend or meet new people while you dive deeper in your faith!

Date: December 14 – 18, 2024

Celebrant: Rev. Allan MacDonald, CC
(*Companions of the Cross from Ottawa.*)

Where: St. Christopher's R.C. Church,
1171 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga

*For more information please contact
St. Christopher's at 905-822-1171



Your gift will double in value!

From November 1st until year-end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services, your YES extends God's love to those struggling with mental health challenges, offering the lifeline they need to find hope. **ShareLife is also committing \$750,000 to address the hunger crisis in the GTA.**

Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be unable to get the help they need.

Our goal this year is **\$158,500.00**. To date we have achieved **\$138,401.30**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI TRIVIA

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

Why does the Priest wear purple for Masses in Advent?



St. Francis of Assisi's 3rd Annual Pasta Night

dinner on Saturday night was another sold-out event and a huge success! We had fabulous food supplied by **La Felicita Catering** and desserts from **Longo's**. We are very grateful for the delicious buns donated **Truscott Bakery** and the fantastic red wine compliments of **Tre Amici Imports** (arranged by Carmen Pulis).

We had lots of giveaways! We had door prizes and a draw, collecting \$760, with half going to the Parish Hall renovations and half divided and given away to three lucky winners. Congratulations to all our door prize and draw winners, and thank you to the many individuals and businesses who donated to our prize table, including **Gary Betts, Joe DeCosta, Chantilly Lace Salon, Little Saigon 88 Vietnamese Restaurant, Springbank Nursery, Tim Horton's Woodchester, Charity Cansfield, Teresa Brown, Tessie Angulo, Jackie Pappas, Merly Talag and Nick & Kathy Valant.**

We are also grateful to Franca Petrilli & Joe Prencipe for leading us in the Tarantella Italian dance, for added fun and entertainment.

As with any event like this, we want to thank all the volunteers who helped with the set-up, the event itself and the fun part, cleaning up and putting everything away for all their invaluable help. We can always count on our parishioners and the incredible people of these organizations to step up and help when there is work to do! And they do it with grace and good humour. Last but not least, thank you, Father Damian, for his *joie de vivre* and for leading us with joy, wisdom and passion for all that is Godly and wholesome.

Thank you all & God Bless.
See you next year!

~ The St. Francis Social Committee



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