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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

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

He Who Is Mightier Than I Is Coming

“Lord Jesus, 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 the light of Christ.”



MONDAY, Dec. 16 - 7:00 PM † Peter & Josephine Malarczuk
TUESDAY, Dec. 17 - 8:30 AM Mass Intentions Available
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18 - 7:00 PM Mass Intentions Available
THURSDAY, Dec 19 - 8:30 AM S.I. For healing and reconciliation for those in troubled marriages and families
FRIDAY, Dec 20 - 7:00 PM S.I. Bob Ewasyn S.I. Pasco Family S.I. Danilo & Rebecca Mingi
SATURDAY, Dec 21 - 5:00 PM S.I. Lourdes Valentin S.I. Bob & Gail Ewasyn S.I. Carmen Pulis
SUNDAY, Dec 22 - 8:30 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Fourth Sunday of Advent

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).

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2025 are available at the back of the church after all masses. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on the envelopes you use in the month of JANUARY 2025.** Just as a reminder we cannot issue tax receipts without this information.



2024 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

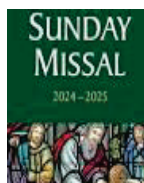
2024 is coming to a close. All donations you wish to include for your 2024 Tax Receipt must be received no later than **December 31, 2024.** Thank you for your continued generous support.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

What is the Catholic symbol for Christmas?



Sunday Missals 2024-2025

Purchase your 2024-2025 Sunday Missals for \$7.00 each in the Parish office.



MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE 2024 CHRISTMAS SEASON

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24 – 5pm, 8pm and 11pm **(No 8:30am Mass)**

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25 - 8:30am, 10am and 12pm **(No 7pm Mass)**

Feast of Saint Stephen – Thursday, December 26 – 10am

Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Friday, December 27 – Holy Hour – 6pm and Mass – 7pm

Holy Innocents - Saturday, December 28 – 10am

Feast of the Holy Family – December 28 and 29
Saturday Confessions – 4pm, Vigil Mass – 5pm
Sunday Mass - 8:30am, 10am and 12pm.

Sunday, December 29 – 5pm - **Special Mass at St. Michael’s Cathedral to open the Jubilee Year. All are Welcome!**

Monday, December 30 – 7pm Mass
Tuesday, December 31 – 8:30am Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31 – 5pm

Wednesday, January 1 – 10am and 12pm **(No 8:30am & 7pm Mass)**

Thursday, January 2 – Regular Mass schedule resumes.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4 – 5pm, Confessions – 4pm
Sunday, January 5 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm



We have now entered the final month of the 2024 ShareLife Parish Campaign.

To date, **St. Francis of Assisi parishioners have contributed \$146,085.50** which is 92.2% 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. Until December 31, 2024, your contribution to our parish’s ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported agencies, 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.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank you for your donations for their

Christmas Collection for those in need. With your generosity, St. Francis of Assisi raised over \$9,000.00.

We are currently looking for Volunteers! Please contact the Parish office at 905-822-8132. All are welcome!

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