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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

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025

## Baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire

*“Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and with the fire of your love and goodness. May I always find joy and delight in seeking to please you in doing your will just as you have delighted in the joy of pleasing your Father and doing his will.” Amen.*



### 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.

If you would prefer to make your regular offerings through **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**, kindly complete a PAG Form, which are available at the back of the Church with the envelopes, and return to the Office. Please note you still need a box of envelopes for the other Special Collections.

### HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after all Masses, on the weekends of **Jan**

**18/19 & Jan 25/26, 2025.** Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the



Knights at **Eden Food for Change**, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.



### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

*What is the highest rank ordained ministry in the Catholic Church?*

### MONDAY, Jan. 13 - 7:00PM

† Phyllis Horbatiuk

### TUESDAY, Jan. 14 - 8:30AM

S.I. Ben Dowling

### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15 - 7PM

S.I. Emmanuel & Brenda Efealukwu

### THURSDAY, Jan 16 - 8:30 AM

S.I. For healing and reconciliation for those in troubled marriages and divided families

### FRIDAY, Jan. 17 - 7:00 PM

† Kay Hamill

### SATURDAY, Jan 18 - 5:00PM

† Albert Casuga

† Christopher Litster

† Ettore Dell'Anno

### SUNDAY, Jan 19 - 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2025

January 18 to 25, 2025, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU).

This year, we commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, offering a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate our shared faith as expressed in the Creed established during that council.

**This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is based on a passage from the Gospel of John: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26).**

Prayers and reflections have been drafted by the Monastic Community of Bose in northern Italy and prepared by an international team selected by the Vatican and the World Council of Churches. Drawing on these global resources, the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism, in collaboration with the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches, have organized an ecumenical prayer service to celebrate the WPCU.

### Christian Unity Prayer Service 2025

**Date: Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, 4 p.m. EST**

**Venue: North City Church (Toronto District Christian High School, Highway 7/Kipling Ave.)  
377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge, ON L4L 2V7**

All are invited to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church.

## MEN OF INTEGRITY CONFERENCE

Family Foundations Institute is sponsoring their "Men of Faith" Conference titled **Men of Integrity: Stand Firm in the Faith (1 Corinthians 16:13).**

The Conference takes place Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 8am to 3:30pm, at Christ the King Parish, 3674 Lake Shore Blvd West, in Etobicoke.

The featured speaker is Jim O'Day, Executive Director of *Integrity Restored*. The cost is \$30 per person (\$20 student rate), but prices increase after January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Register online at [FAMFI.CA/MOF-TO](http://FAMFI.CA/MOF-TO)



## THE JUBILEE 2025 LOGO

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. The cross is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Peregrinantes in Spem ("Pilgrims in Hope), represented in green letters.

## THE CANADIAN JUBILEE 2025 BANNER

The scene features a path journeying through rolling hills and farmers' fields, water, mountains, bright sun and sunrise, and birds. The use of colour and the abstract style were designed to complement the official Jubilee 2025 logo.

As a whole, the image on the banner reflects "pilgrimage," depicting the following themes to which the Papal Bull, *Spes Non Confundit* also refers:

- contemplating the beauty of creation,
- sharing the goods of the earth,
- cycles of growth and new life.

**The vibrant colours and the radiant sun are meant to evoke feelings of hope and joy. They symbolize the hope of each new day and our ultimate hope of eternal life with Christ.**

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