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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

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

## Do Good to Those Who Hate You

*“Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart free with your merciful love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone.” Amen.*



On Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> **The Men of St. Francis** will be hosting a Pancake Brunch at St. Francis of Assisi Church after the 12pm Mass. Breakfast will include Pancakes, bacon & your choice

of beverage which includes water, juice, coffee or tea.

**Tickets will be sold after mass this weekend February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

There is limited seating, so don't miss out, and buy your tickets early! See you there!

**Tickets are \$5 per person.**

## ShareLife

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO SHARELIFE**

Archbishop Francis Leo joins Fr. Damian in thanking you for supporting the ShareLife Parish Campaign. Participation in the 2024 ShareLife Campaign was truly extraordinary, achieving a record-breaking \$14.4 million raised. **The Parish community of St. Francis of Assisi, in Mississauga, contributed \$163,905.40, which again exceeded our Parish goal**

**Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!**

### **MONDAY, Feb. 24 - 7:00PM**

† Elma Alvares

### **TUESDAY, Feb. 25 – 8:30AM**

† Lemuel Best

† Shawn D'Silva

### **WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26 - 7PM**

S.I. Maureen Morrissey

### **THURSDAY, Feb. 27 – 8:30AM**

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

### **FRIDAY, Feb. 28 – 7:00 PM**

S.I. Richard Padilla

### **SATURDAY, Mar. 1 – 5:00PM**

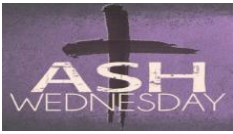
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### **SUNDAY, Mar 2 – 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup> .

There will be two Masses, **8:30 am and 7:00 pm.** at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Ashes will be blessed and applied to the forehead of participants during each of these Masses.



### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts for 2024 are being processed. Parishioners will receive their Tax Receipts by mail on or

before Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> , 2025. Thank you for your generosity!

### Unidentified 2024 Offertory Envelopes

#32, #105, #115, #170, #176, #194, #247, #424, #473, #507, #529.

If any of these envelopes belong to you, please contact the Parish office ASAP. We cannot issue Tax Receipts without a name and address. Thank you!

### Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2025

The Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites high school students (aged 13 to 19 years) in the Catholic School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the **Youth Interfaith Video Contest** sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, Salt + Light Media and the Mary Ward Centre. **This year the theme of the contest is: *Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity.*** In an age of division, the contest calls on high school students in the Archdiocese of Toronto to explore how love, compassion and interfaith dialogue can bridge gaps, foster understanding and promote unity. The contest began Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025, and closes Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Students are encouraged to create a three-minute video that captures this year's theme.

Please adhere to the guidelines provided on our website and submit your entries via the submission form at <https://bit.ly/DFVCSubmission>.

For further information, please contact us at [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527.

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a **Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary Friday, March 14 at 6:30pm until Sunday, March 16 2pm.** This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at the Seminary.

Registration can be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). For more information, please email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### Catholic Charities Scholarships and Community Service Awards

Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for their full array of Scholarships and nominations for our Community Service Awards. With five available scholarships, focusing on various areas of study and a diverse field of candidates, they are excited to support the future leaders of social services within our community.

You can recognize the remarkable individuals that are actively contributing and impacting our communities with their acts of service by nominating them for one of the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. Link to the online nomination form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/K5wzr51h4Z>

More details on all the scholarships and awards, including the eligibility criteria, can be found on their website: [www.ccat.ca/scholarships](http://www.ccat.ca/scholarships) Follow them on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X for testimonials from some of the past recipients.

**Submission deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30, 2025.**

**CONTACT: [kquan@ccat.ca](mailto:kquan@ccat.ca) or 416-934-3401 ext. 41**



### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Last week's answer:

**The 3 pillars of Lent are**

**Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving.**

Answer will be in Next Week's Bulletin:

**What year was Fr. Damian Ordained?**



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