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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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

Do You Not See the Log in Your Own Eye?

“O Father, give us the humility which realizes its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognizes its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke. Help us always to praise rather than to criticize, to sympathize rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. This we ask for your name's sake.” Amen.



Ash Wednesday is March 5th.

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.

2025 STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THE FRIDAYS DURING LENT (Immediately after the 7Pm Mass)



March 7 - The Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori

March 14 - St. Patrick's Way of the Cross

March 21 - Stations of the Cross for Peace

March 28 - The Way of the Cross by Pope Francis

April 4 - A Family-Centred Way of the Cross

April 11 - Mary's Way of the Cross

Good Friday(7PM)

April 18 - Everyone's Way of the Cross

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2025 LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday April 9th

2 Priests present

9:30am – 11:30am &

2:30pm -4:30pm

4 Priests present

After 7pm Mass (7:45pm to 9pm)



MONDAY, Mar. 3 - 7:00PM

† Irena Cebularz

† Edgardo Angulo

TUESDAY, Mar. 4 – 8:30AM

† Leandro & Filomena Valenton

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 5 - 7PM

Ash Wednesday – No Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, Mar. 6 – 8:30AM

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

FRIDAY, Mar. 7 – 7:00 PM

† Joseph & Angela Camilleri

† Terence Keefe

† Mario Billones

SATURDAY, Mar. 8 – 5:00PM

† Purissima Melchiorre

S.I. Giuseppe Melchiorre

S.I. Anna Maria Piraino

SUNDAY, Mar 9 – 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM

First Sunday of Lent



On Friday, March 14th, at the end of the March Break, **Fr. Allan MacDonald**, from the **Companions of the Cross in Ottawa**, will lead us in a

Lenten Evening of Reflection. Fr. Allan will preside at the 7pm Mass and preach on Romans 5:5, "Hope does not disappoint," a message connected to the theme of the Jubilee Year. Fr. Allan is always entertaining and inspiring. Please join us!

THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT IN THE RCIA

The Season of Lent corresponds to the **Period of Purification and Enlightenment** in the RCIA process. This is a *special time of reflection and spiritual preparation* for those preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. On the first Sunday of Lent, those preparing for Baptism will celebrate the **Rite of Election** during a special Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri at Merciful Redeemer Parish. On the same weekend, at the 5pm Mass here at SFA Church, our baptized candidates journeying to full communion will participate in the **Rite of Calling to Lenten Renewal.**

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment highlights on three Scripture passages from the Gospel of John which awaken us to the three principal themes of Easter: water, light and new life. These Scripture Passages are: the meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42); the healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41); and the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44).

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the "elect" preparing for baptism participate in special rituals called "**scrutinies.**" These are rites for self-searching and repentance which are intended to complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ.

During the scrutinies, the elect are reminded that the grace of baptism will fill them with the power of Jesus Christ, who is **LIVING WATER, the LIGHT OF THE WORLD and the RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.** At each scrutiny, **the members of the initiating community** are invited to **PRAY** for the elect as they continue their journey to Baptism.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of March 15-16, we will welcome our special guest **Jonelly from Sebastien Cardinal's** team, representing "**Handicraft Holy Land Christians**", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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Last week's answer:

The Year 1995.

Answer will be in Next Week's Bulletin:

What word is never said or sung during "Lent".

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.

For more information, please email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

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