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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

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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 Lent

March 9, 2025

Jesus Fasted Forty Days and Was Tempted by the Devil

“Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it.” Amen.



A Note of Congratulations

Congratulations to Arlene Morgan on receiving her 10 Year Service Award marking her completion of 10 years of ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto! Arlene attended a special Mass celebrated by Cardinal Leo in the Chapel at St. Augustine's Seminary, in Scarborough, on Thursday, February 20th. Following the Mass, Cardinal Leo presented certificates and pins to Archdiocese of Toronto employees celebrating 10, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service. We at St. Francis of Assisi Parish are very grateful for Arlene's always friendly demeanour, dedication and hard work as Lay Pastoral Assistant. Fr. Damian thanks the parish staff, deacons, parishioners and volunteers for all that they do to keep our parish running smoothly.

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



MONDAY, Mar. 10 - 7:00PM

† Eithne(Etna) Kinsella

† George Biss

S.I. Bryan Efealukwu

TUESDAY, Mar. 11 - 8:30AM

† Shawn D'Silva

† Gaetano Filippo

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 12 - 7PM

† Fr. David Barnes

† Strs. Agnes, Stella & Margaret Bellefontaine

S.I. Mr. & Mrs. Lojares

THURSDAY, Mar. 13 - 8:30AM

S.I. Married couples and those preparing for marriage

FRIDAY, Mar. 14 - 7:00 PM

† Giulia, Francesco & Carmelo Carpino

† Carmela & Salvatore Chianello

S.I. Lavinia Miller

SATURDAY, Mar. 15 - 5:00PM

† Leon Aureus Jr.

† Andrew & Kazimiera Patrzalek

† Mark Jaklic

SUNDAY, Mar 16 - 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM

Second Sunday of Lent



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Last week's answer:

Alleluia.

Answer will be in Next Week's Bulletin:

On what Sunday during Lent does the Priest bless palms?



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!



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2025 LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

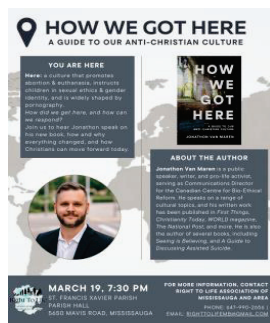


Wednesday April 9th
2 Priests present
 9:30am – 11:30am & 2:30pm - 4:30pm
4 Priests present
 After 7pm Mass (7:45pm to 9pm)

“How We Got Here”
Book Talk

Join Right-to-Life Mississauga and Area in welcoming renowned author and speaker Jonathon Van Maren, as he delivers a talk on his latest book, “How We Got Here: Guide to our Anti-Christian Culture.” Jonathon’s fascinating book takes an in-depth look at the current moral culture, the events and people who shaped it, the heroes who pushed back, and how we can help to turn the tide. This is a free event, and copies of Jonathon’s book will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.

When: Wednesday, March 19
Where: St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga.
Time: 7:30 pm



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Prayer for the Health of Pope Francis (suggested by Cardinal Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto)

O merciful and loving God, fountain of all grace and source of eternal healing, be with our Holy Father as he faces this battle with illness. Surround him, O Lord, with boundless compassion and strengthen his spirit so that he may regain the health needed to continue to lead your flock with a father’s heart. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Monday, March 17 at 10 a.m. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live



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. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.**

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