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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  
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Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

## SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
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# Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

## Unless You Repent You Will Perish

*"Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you that I may grow in righteousness and holiness. May I not squander the grace of the present moment to say "yes" to you and to your will and plan for my life." Amen.*



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

† Rita Dos Ramos

† Neil Sweeney

S.I. Joshua Charles & Family

### **TUESDAY, Mar. 25 - 8:30AM**

**(Solemnity of the Annunciation)**

† Lira Mascarenhas

† Stan Clark

† James Patrick Ludwick

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

† Pierre-Paul Menard

† Giovanni Sebastino

† Carla Marchiori

### **THURSDAY, Mar. 27 - 8:30AM**

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

### **FRIDAY, Mar. 28 - 7:00 PM**

† Souls in Purgatory

S.I. Chryscienko & Zeleznitzky Family

S.I. Lavina Miller

### **SATURDAY, Mar. 29 - 5:00PM**

† Maureen Quigg

† Paul Szabo

† Jackie Le Blanc

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

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



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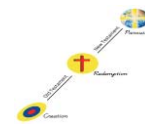
There will be a box at the back of the church to drop off your donations **on the weekends of March 29/30 and April 5/6**. Thank you for your donations!!

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Members of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry invite you to join a Lenten Retreat.

"From Creation to Parousia: Let us Journey Together as Pilgrims of Hope."

**On Thursday April 3, from 7 to 9 PM in the Parish Hall.**



Together, we will explore the history of the Kingdom of God and be reminded of God's great love for us.

We will reflect on the Life and Ministry of Jesus and how we are called to become more like Him as Pilgrims of Hope.

It is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith through this engaging session and fellowship.

Please join us, bring your family and friends of all ages. No registration required.

If you would like more information please contact Anna, Donald or Teresa [usingsfa.atrrium@gmail.com](mailto:usingsfa.atrrium@gmail.com)

**SHARELIFE 1<sup>st</sup> Collection Date:**

Weekend of March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2025 LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS



**Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**2 Priests present**

9:30am – 11:30am & 2:30pm -4:30pm

**4 Priests present**

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

## THE RCIA SCRUTINIES

On the **third, fourth** and **fifth** Sundays of Lent, those preparing for baptism at Easter are invited to participate in special rituals called “scrutinies.” This does not mean that the pastor or the parishioners scrutinize the elect. The scrutinies are rites of **self-searching and repentance** in which the elect ask the Lord to help them **uncover and heal** all that is weak, defective or sinful in their hearts and to **bring out and strengthen** all that is upright, strong and good.

In the scrutinies, the elect are instructed about the mystery of sin and reminded that the grace of baptism fills us with the power of Christ the Redeemer, who is **LIVING WATER**, the **LIGHT OF THE WORLD** and the **RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE**.

The scrutinies are intended to complete the conversion of the elect and to deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and carry out their decision to love God above all else. At each scrutiny, the members of the initiating community are invited to **pray for the elect** as they continue their journey to Baptism.

**2025 SCRUTINIES FOR JONAH LESSARD who hopes to be baptized at the next Easter Vigil:**

Saturday, March 22, **5:00pm** Mass

**First Scrutiny (Water)**

Sunday, March 30, **10am** Mass

**Second Scrutiny (Light)**

Sunday, April 6, **12pm** Mass

**Third Scrutiny (New Life)**



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Last week's answer:**

**Reflection, Repentance & Reconciliation.**

**Answer will be in Next Week's Bulletin:**

**What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?**



## **CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION 2025.**

Cardinal Leo has requested that clergy and laity in the Archdiocese of Toronto join him in a Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord, which is celebrated on Tuesday, March 25th, in 2025.**

In this way, our Catholic archdiocesan family can gather in deep communion with one another as members of the Body of Christ in a beautiful act of ecclesial and personal faith.



As our Blessed Mother was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation, the consecration proposed by Cardinal Leo allows for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we strive to be pilgrims of hope during this Jubilee Year. In his Bull of Indiction for the 2025 Jubilee, **Spes non Confundit**, 24, Pope Francis

wrote: “Hope finds its supreme witness in the Mother of God. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life.” Even at the foot of the cross, overwhelmed with grief, Mary renewed her “fiat”, never abandoning her hope and trust in God. As our spiritual Mother, the Mother of God comes to our aid during the challenges of our lives to sustain us and encourage us to persevere in hope and trust.

The Office of Formation for Discipleship at the Archdiocese of Toronto has developed resources to help us cultivate a better understanding of Catholic tradition of Marian consecrations. Some of these resources include: a **Marian Triduum** (three-day preparation before the Consecration); a **Ritual of Consecration**; a **list of FAQs and answers**. These items have been posted on our parish website and may be reproduced for your convenience.

Individuals, couples and families are encouraged to take part in the three-day preparation ritual at home on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday immediately before the Solemnity. Fr. Damian will lead the “Prayer of Consecration” at the end of the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, March 25th, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, with as many people as possible in attendance. Those who are unable to attend this Mass may offer the Marian consecration at home or at work, uniting their personal prayer to the communal consecration taking place in our church and other parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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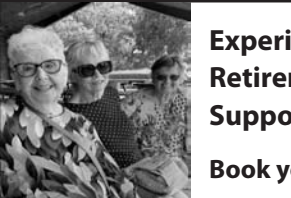
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