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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 (Peter Eng)	416-986-0608
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
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - sfa.atrium@gmail.com	

SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi	905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland	905-820-5115
Christ the King	905-569-0220

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

They Shall Obtain Joy and Gladness

"Lord Jesus, strengthen my trust in your word and my hope in the saving power of your kingdom. Free me from everything that would hold me back from pursuing your kingdom and your will for my life." Amen.



MONDAY, December 15 – 7:00PM

† Peter & Josephine Malarczuk
† Desmond & Margaret Somers
S.I. Rocca & Gabriel Mansour

TUESDAY, December 16 – 7:00PM

† Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
† Robert Gordon
† Silver & Juliana Paz

WEDNESDAY, December 17– 7:00PM

† Mike Saavedra
† Christine Boyle
S.I. Don Wolf

THURSDAY, December 18 – 8:30AM

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

FRIDAY, December 19 – 7:00PM

† Ann Cosgrove

SATURDAY, December 20 – 5:00PM

† Doris Almeida
† Olga, Tony & Don Werbowski
† Alex Churchman

SUNDAY, December 21– 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- **The Men of St Francis:** Every Saturday 8am -10:00AM, in the Parish Hall
- **The Legion of Mary:** Every Wednesday 5pm – 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall.
- **Bridge Club:** Every Monday, 1pm –3:30pm.
- **Senior Ladies of St. Francis:** Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1pm – 4pm – **Resumes January 13, 2026.**
- **IN the Church:**
- **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Every Friday at 3PM
- **Holy Hour:** Every Friday at 6PM.
- **Confession:** Every 2nd & 4th Friday at 6:15PM -6:45PM and Saturdays 4PM – 4:45PM.
- **Youth Choir Practice:** Every Saturday at 4PM



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PICK-UP

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the 2025 Knights of Columbus Poinsettia Fundraiser. **The poinsettias will be available for pick up after all Masses this weekend in the Parish Hall.**

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2026 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 2026.** Just as a reminder we cannot issue tax receipts without this information.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday December 18th, 2025, from 12pm to 3pm.



2025 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

2025 is coming to a close. All donations you wish to include for your 2025 Tax Receipt must be received no later than **December 31, 2025**. Thank you for your continued generous support.



Purchase a Copy of Fr. Allan MacDonald's New Book

Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC will be with us on **Monday, December 15th** to **celebrate & preach at the**

7pm Mass.

After Mass, he will be selling and signing copies of his new book, Sipping on the Sabbath - Sunday Homilies, Year A (Vol. 1).

You can purchase your copy via Tap, Cash or Cheque made payable to, "The Companions of the Cross".



We have now entered the final month of the 2025 ShareLife Parish

Campaign. To date, **St. Francis of Assisi parishioners have contributed \$153,546.36**

which is 92.8% of our parish goal. Thank you for your tremendous generosity at a time when so many are having trouble making ends meet. If you are still able to contribute to this year's campaign, please do so by the end of the calendar year. Until December 31, 2025, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported agencies, your YES extends God's love to those struggling with mental health challenges, offering the lifeline they need to find hope.

Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be unable to get the help they need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. **Thank you for your generosity.**



ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is the best way to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. Please take advantage of the opportunities available on Wednesday December 17th at 9:30 am – 11:30 am (2 Priests), 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm (2 Priests) and 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm (4 Priests) after the regular 7pm mass



MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE 2025 CHRISTMAS SEASON NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24 – 4pm, 8pm and 10pm.

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm Masses.

Feast of Saint Stephen – Friday, December 26 – 10am Mass, **Holy Hour Cancelled, NO 7pm Mass**

Feast of the Holy Family – Saturday, December 27 – 4pm Confessions, 5pm Mass

Sunday, December 28 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm Masses.

The Nativity of the Lord – Monday, December 29, 7pm Mass.

Tuesday, December 30 – 8:30am Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31 – 5:00pm Mass, **NO 7pm Mass**

Thursday, January 1 – 10:00am & 12pm Mass, **NO 8:30am Mass**

Friday, January 2 – 6pm Confessions, 7pm Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3 – Confessions – 4pm, 5pm Mass

Sunday, January 4 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm Masses

WOMEN AT THE WELL RETREAT



On Saturday January 3, 2026, St. Francis of Assisi Church will be hosting a Women's Retreat, Strengthening Women on Their

Journey, facilitated by Elizabeth Pietrantonio. Join us for a day of reflection, prayer and conversation as we enter the new year. Together, we'll discover how we can support each other and walk in faith on the new road on which God is calling us. For more information and to register, please contact the Parish Office at 905-822-8132.

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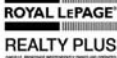
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