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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
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday during Mass
Rosary	Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM
Divine Mercy	Friday at 3:00 PM

PARISH LIFE

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

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Jesus Fasted 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.



MONDAY, February 23 - 7:00PM

† Nicholas D'Silva
S.I. Sofia & Family

TUESDAY, February 24 - 8:30AM

† Robert Gordon
† Elma Alvares

WEDNESDAY, February 25 - 7:00PM

† Bill Leblanc
S.I. Rocca & Gabriel Mansour

THURSDAY, February 26 - 8:30AM

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

FRIDAY, February 27 - 7:00PM

Mass Intentions Available

SATURDAY, February 28 - 5:00PM

† Mario Billones
† Gloria Guertin
S.I. Peter Ewasyn

SUNDAY, March 1, - 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM

Second Sunday of Lent

- **Bridge Club:** Every Monday, 1pm –3:30pm
- **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.
- **Ladies 55+ of St. Francis:** Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1pm – 4pm.

IN the Church:

- **Millions of Monicas:** Every 1st Wednesday of the month after the 7pm mass.
- **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Every Friday at 3PM
- **Holy Hour:** Every Friday at 6PM.
- **Confession:** Every 2nd & 4th Friday at 6:15PM -6:45PM and every Saturday, 4PM – 4:45PM.



THE WINNER IS.....

Family Gift Basket –
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#282947(Stephanie)

Grandparent's Gift Basket –

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PICK UP YOUR PRIZE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

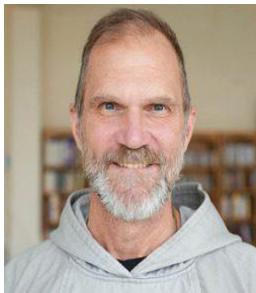
QUEEN OF APOSTLES LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT

When: Saturday February 28th, 2026

Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm Lunch will be served

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga)

Cost: \$45.00 (includes coffee/tea & muffin and a hot lunch) Cash, Cheque, Visa or Master Card accepted. For more information please contact: office@qoa.ca or 905-278-5229



LENTEN PARISH MISSION – MARCH 23rd, 24th & 25th.

Facilitator: Fr. John Anthony

Boughton, CFR

Confessions: 6:00pm to 6:45pm

Mass/Mission Talk: 7:00pm

There will be a reception in the
Parish Hall after the Wednesday
evening Mass to bring our Lenten Mission to a close.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2026 LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Thursday March 26th

2 Priests present

9:30am – 11:30am & 2:30pm -4:30pm

Monday March 30th

8:00pm – 9:30pm

2026 STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THE FRIDAYS DURING LENT

**(Immediately after the
7Pm Mass)**



**February 20 - The Way of the Cross by
St. Alphonsus Liguori**

February 27 - Stations of the Cross For Peace

March 6 - The Way of the Cross by Pope Francis

**March 13 - The Way of the Cross according to the
method of St. Francis of Assisi**

March 20 - A Family-Centred Way of the Cross

March 27 – Mary's Way of the Cross

April 3 – Everyone's Way of the Cross

Good Friday (7PM)



WHEN: AUGUST 17TH , 2026 to AUGUST 21ST

TIME: 9AM to 3PM

WHERE: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST , VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT stfrancisofassisi@archtoronto.org**

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 celebrate the **Rite of Election** during a special Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri, this year at Guardian Angels Parish, in Brampton. On the same weekend, at the 5pm Mass here at St. Francis of Assisi Church, our baptized candidates journeying to full communion participate in the **Rite of Calling to Lenten Renewal**.

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment focuses 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 (1) the meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42); (2) the healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41); and (3) 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 of self-searching and repentance which are intended to help the elect complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ.

During the scrutinies, the elect are instructed about the mystery of sin and they 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.

2026 SCRUTINIES FOR ADULTS PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Saturday, March 7, 5:00pm Mass –

First Scrutiny (Water)

Sunday, March 15, 10am Mass –

Second Scrutiny (Light)

Sunday, March 22, 12pm Mass –

Third Scrutiny (New Life)

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