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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

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 Lent

March 8, 2026

A Spring of Water Welling up to Eternal Life

"Lord Jesus, my soul thirsts for you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in doing your will." Amen.



MONDAY, March 9 – 7:00PM

S.I. Sofia & Family
S.I. Eymard Angulo

TUESDAY, March 10 – 8:30AM

† Audrey Pinto
† Robert Gordon
S.I. Bryan Efealukwe

WEDNESDAY, March 11 – 7:00PM

† John Pinheiro
† Alberto Pinheiro
† Anna Freundorfer

THURSDAY, March 12 – 8:30AM

S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage.

FRIDAY, March 13 – 7:00PM

† Joaquin, Amalia & Natividad Deposo

SATURDAY, March 14 – 5:00PM

† Custodio Xavier Dias
† Peter Hai Tran
† Peter Teddy Nguyen

SUNDAY, March 15, – 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM

Fourth 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.



WHEN: AUGUST 17TH to AUGUST 21ST

TIME: 9AM to 3PM

WHERE: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO

REGISTER VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.stfrancisofassisiMI@archtoronto.org

**2026 STATIONS OF THE
CROSS ON THE FRIDAYS
DURING LENT**



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

**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)



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2026
LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

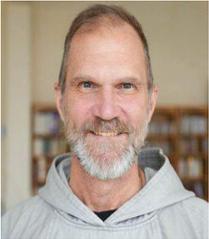
Thursday March 26th

2 Priests present

9:30am – 11:30am & 2:30pm -4:30pm

Monday March 30th

8:00pm – 9:30pm



**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.

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- Letter of Direction

For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.or

**THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION &
ENLIGHTENMENT IN THE RCIA**

The Season of Lent. RCIA participants preparing for initiation at Easter reflect 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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