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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 held on the 4th Sunday of 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: 7:30 PM
(or by appointment)

MASS

Sunday Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM
Children's Liturgy at: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM Mass

Weekday Eucharist
Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:00 AM

* Morning Prayer / Evening Prayer
(One half hour before Mass)

DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Fridays (excluding holidays) 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Holy Hour
Fridays (excluding holidays) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mondays 6:30 PM

Divine Mercy
Fridays (excluding holidays) 3:00 PM

PARISH LIFE

Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 PM)	905-822-8132
Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua)	416-804-3457
Social Committee	905-822-8132
Ministry of Consolation & Hope	905-822-8132 ext. 3
RCIA	905-822-8132 ext. 4
St. Vincent de Paul	905-822-8132 ext. 5
J.O.Y. Social Club	joysocialclub@st-ignatius-loyola.com
Youth Group	905-822-8132 ext. 6
Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
Charismatic Prayer Group	905-822-8132 Ext. 3
(Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)	

SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi	905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland	905-820-5115
Christ the King	905-569-0220
Iona Catholic Secondary	905-823-0136

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 17, 2016

"My sheep hear my voice"



How secure is your faith and trust in God? Jesus speaks of the tremendous trust he has in God his Father and the tremendous trust we ought to have in him because he is our good shepherd (John 10:11). What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. That is why shepherds had to literally live with their sheep so they could lead them out to good pasture for grazing during the day and bring them to a safe place at night for rest and shelter. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

God used the image of a shepherd to describe his covenant relationship and care for his chosen people who were called by his name (Psalm 80:1 and 100:3). God called David, who shepherded his father's flock in his youth, to be the anointed king and shepherd for his people Israel (Ezekiel 37:24). Jesus, God's anointed Messiah and King, born from the tribe of David, called himself the Good Shepherd of the people whom his Father had entrusted to his care (John 10:29).

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers (disciples) who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39, John 4:14). If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day?

The Lord opens our ears to hear his word

The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, but especially through his word in the Sacred Scriptures. He will open the Scriptures for us if we approach his word with reverence and faith (John 24:32). How can we grow in listening to the voice of our Lord and Shepherd? If we ask he will open our ears to hear him speak to our hearts and minds. *"Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward" (Isaiah 50:4-5).*

And if we hunger for his word, he will give us understanding, wisdom, and guidance for our lives. *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path... I rejoice at your word like one who finds great treasure" (Psalm 119:105, 162).*

The Lord Jesus wants to draw each of us close to himself. He wants us to be united with him and the Father. That is why he teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven and to ask for his kingdom to reign in our lives (Matthew 6:9-10). The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts and homes (Revelation 2:20) and waits for our response. Will you answer his call and welcome his presence with you?

"Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please pray for the boys and girls in our parish schools who will be receiving Jesus for the first time.

St. Margaret of Scotland – Sunday, April 17th

Christ the King & Other Schools – Sunday, April 24th



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember in your prayers the young people of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that these Masses will be regular daily Masses and no intentions will be accepted. The Intention will be for our Confirmandi.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 18

+ Neil Shevlen

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Intention Available

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

+ Ruvin Ginendlin

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

+ Roger Otway

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Vigil Mass for 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5:00 P.M.

+ Fred Cabri

+ De Gouveia Family

+ Fernando Cabral

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 - 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. + Catalina Santiago

9:30 a.m. + Guiseppe Mastantunono

11:00 a.m. + Lionel De Souza

+ Liboria Salvaggio

12:30 p.m. S.I. Parish Community



"The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Regardless of their religious beliefs or personal background, ShareLife agencies meet people where they are, treating them with the dignity and respect we all deserve." —

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday – April 17, 2016

Thank you for your generosity. You can work wonders!



COME INTO THE GARDEN.....

You are invited to join our Garden Committee members in their work on Saturday mornings. No previous garden work experience is required; other members will be happy to share their expertise. All are welcome and students may earn their volunteer hours by working with us. If you love your Church and enjoy nature, this is the activity for you. Should you wish to work at a time other than Saturday mornings, we can accommodate your schedule.

Contact: **Dolores Wielgus 905-822-5297**



**Knights of Columbus –
Our Lady of Peace Council
Dinner Dance – Saturday, April 30th**

Shake off the winter blues at our Spring Dinner Dance at St. Ignatius Loyola Church parish hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per couple, \$40 single, \$260 for table of 8. Proceeds to St. Francis ShareLife Campaign. Tickets available in the Parish Office.

**"The Shroud of Turin" Presentation
Saturday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**



To celebrate Easter and Our Lord's Resurrection, there will be an hour long presentation on Saturday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish hall, on the Shroud of Turin. Included will be a short talk, by Andrew Turnbull, connecting this astounding relic to our faith and a video presentation on the science behind the Shroud. A 1/4 scale replica of the shroud will be on hand as well as other visual aids for exploration. All are welcome!

**Women's ACTS RETREATS
May 12 – 15, 2016**

Spaces are still available for the Women's ACTS Retreat May 12-15. Register at the Parish Office or call Queen of Apostles at 905.278.5229.

Bring Life To Ottawa.... For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to work to protect our fellow humans from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, please join us for a day trip to our Nation's Capital by coach on **Thursday, May 12, 2016** to attend the annual **March for Life event**. A coach will leave from St Francis of Assisi at 6:30 a.m. right after the 6 am Mass. Cost is \$50. Contact John Killackey at 905-820-9232 for more information.



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Did you know that Ethiopia is going through its worst drought in 50 years? Join us on April 28th at St. Joan of Arc Church at 7 p.m. (1701 Bloor St West just east of the Keele Subway) for An Evening in Ethiopia. Members of Development and Peace who travelled to Ethiopia this past summer will share their experiences. Come hear first-hand how Development and Peace is making a difference in helping communities in Ethiopia overcome the many challenges they face. Light refreshments will be served and fair trade products will be available for sale. There is no charge for this event.

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