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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 (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)	905-822-8132 Ext. 3

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2016

"Love one another as I have loved you?"



How does God reveal his glory to us? During his last supper with his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. The cross of Jesus reveals the tremendous love and mercy of God the Father and his beloved Son for the human race. John the Evangelist writes, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The true nature of love

There is no greater glory and honor that one can offer than the willing sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. This is the true nature of love - the total self-giving and free offering of one's life for the good of another. A mother who loves her child will do everything in her power to nurture, protect, and save the life of the child. A soldier devoted to his country's welfare, will endure any hardship and suffering and willingly sacrifice his own life to defend his people. God the Father showed the unfathomable depth of his love and mercy by willingly offering his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. To ransom a slave God gave his only Son. That slave is you and me and the whole human race which is bound in sin and death and separation from God.

The love of Christ conquers all

The Father has glorified his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, by raising him from the dead. And the Lord shares his glory with us and with all who believe in him as their Lord and Savior. Augustine of Hippo wrote, God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. God's love is direct, personal, and wholly oriented to our good welfare and happiness. What can hold us back from loving the One who suffered and died for us and who offers us abundant joy and happiness with him forever? Nothing can separate us from that love except our own stubborn pride, envy, and self-deception. Satan rebelled out of pride and envy - he wanted to be God's rival. Adam disobeyed because he listened to Satan's lie and deceptive promise to glory apart from God. We sin because we love ourselves more than we love God and our neighbor. Only the cross can break the curse of sin and bring full restoration of body, mind, and soul.

We are called to love as Christ loves us

We were made for glory - the glory which comes from God and which lasts forever. That glory can only be obtained in the cross of Jesus Christ. And the price for that glory is the total offering of our lives for the One who loved us first and who died on the cross to save us from everlasting death and destruction. God offers us the free gift of faith which enables us to believe in his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who frees us from slavery to sin so we can live as sons and daughters of God. The distinctive mark of the followers of Jesus is love - a love not bound by fear, greed, or selfishness - but a love full of compassion, mercy, kindness, and goodness.

The distinctive mark of every disciple and follower of Jesus Christ is love - a love that is ready to forgive and forget past injuries, to heal and restore rather than inflict revenge and injury. The cross of Jesus is the only way to pardon, peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

"Lord Jesus, your love knows no bounds and surpasses everything I could desire and long for. Fill me with the fire of your love and with the joy of your Holy Spirit that I may freely serve my neighbor with loving-kindness, tenderhearted mercy, and generous care for their well-being."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



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

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 25

INTENTION AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

+ Ruvin Ginendlin

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

+ Josephine McKinney

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

+ Bronx Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

+ Eelyne Norton

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Vigil Mass for 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, MAY 1 - 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

9:30 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

11:00 a.m. + John Henderson

+ Kathleen Duquesnay

12:30 p.m. + Manuel Ferreira

+ Virginia Martins

+ Gertie Borromeo



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.

Women's ACTS RETREATS May 12th – 15th

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.



Working wonders for our new arrivals in Canada...

"As an Iraqi Christian, the Office for Refugees (ORAT) has provided me with the opportunity to meet other people who have experienced the same thing that I have. We are able to help support each other in this new journey to Canada and without ORAT, I do not know where I would be today. It is possible I would still be in Jordan, afraid for my life, unable to practice my religion, and under threat of deportation. The work that ORAT did truly gave me hope and a chance at life free from persecution and fear. ORAT has also invited me to volunteer with them, and I am even able to sponsor a new person or family to come to Canada with their help." —Sara, a Christian refugee from Iraq.

Since 2009, ShareLife-supported ORAT has sponsored over 2,500 families to be resettled in the GTA.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016

Please give generously. 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**



CARMEL HEIGHTS Saturday, May 7th

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In the Garage and
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Help support Knights of Columbus activities in your community (and get something nice for your yard too). Order your ****SPRING PLANT BASKETS** (10" & 12" sizes - \$20.00 & \$25.00) **

after all Masses April 23/24 & April 30 & May 1. Need further information? **Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.**



BUNDLE UP SUNDAY



On the weekend of **May 8th**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

April is Autism Awareness Month.... We recognize the importance of accommodation for individuals with autism, who bring rich gifts and contributions to our parish communities. <https://www.autismspeaks.org>.

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