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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 3, 2016

"Unless I see - I will not believe"



Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

"Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection."



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

Please join us at 3:00 p.m. as we sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by the Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament until 4:00 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

St. Francis of Assisi School – Sunday, April 10th

St. Margaret of Scotland – Sunday, April 17th

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 4

+ Luiza Maria Dias

S.I. Fr. Joseph Grima

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

+ Fred Cabri

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

+ Concesa Chu

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Vigil Mass for 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5:00 P.M.

+ Jim Fleming

+ Fred Cabri

+ Jim McCarthy

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 - 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

9:30 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

11:00 a.m. + Fred Cabri

+ Robert Sandford

12:30 p.m. + Nick Pizzitelli

REMINDER - MASS INTENTIONS....

You are most welcome to come to the office to book Mass Intentions, the cost of which are as follows:

Announced Masses - \$20 per intention for a specific date and time

Unannounced Masses - \$10 - Mass will be offered; date and time will not be given.

Your kind attention to this is greatly appreciated.



Working wonders in our community...

Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with the Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched program St Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's Homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support.

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders!



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

Shake off the winter blues at the first Spring Dinner Dance at St. Ignatius Loyola Church Parish Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per couple, \$40 single, \$260 for table of 8. Proceeds to local charities. Tickets are being sold in the vestibule this weekend!

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told"

A DVD series on Divine Mercy

Beginning Thursday, March 31, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Group will be presenting a DVD series on Divine Mercy – *'The Second Greatest Story Ever Told'* - narrated by Fr. Michael Gaitley. This series will be inspirational for us, as we journey together in "The Year of Mercy". The series will run every Thursday for 10 weeks, beginning Thursday, March 31st, from 7:30p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

All are welcome!

2016 ACTS RETREATS

St. Francis of Assisi is this year's parish for the upcoming 3-day retreats at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

A – Adoration – God's Call, your acceptance and answer

C – Community – love and caring for each other

T – Theology – "studying" through scripture and our faith

S – Service – to God and his people

Come to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your Faith and to apply it to your daily life.

Women: May 12–15 and October 27–30

Men: May 26–29 and November 10–13

Priority registration until **April 12, 2016**. Register at the Parish Office or call Queen of Apostles at 905.278.5229



"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!

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