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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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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

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
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544
Charismatic Prayer Group 905-822-8132 Ext. 3
(Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

SCHOOLS

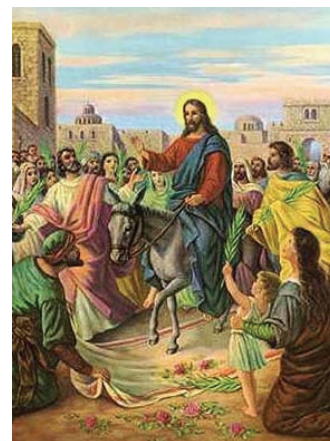
St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 9, 2017

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey. The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.



Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4). Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

"Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of Glory!"

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 13 - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday April 14 - Passion of the Lord at Noon and 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil April 15 - The Vigil Mass will begin at 8:00 p.m. (Please note that this Mass is 2+ hours in length.)

Easter Sunday April 16 - Resurrection of the Lord 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday April 14, 2017**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

"As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population." - Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please call the Office at 905-822-8132.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 10 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Fr. Michael Ross SDB

TUESDAY, APRIL 11 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Maria Gilda Dimaano

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13 – 7:00 P.M.

In reparation for offences committed against
The Most Holy Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Passion of the Lord at Noon and 3:00 with
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 – EASTER VIGIL MASS

S.I. Cassandra Sawatzky

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

9:30 A.M. + Siegmund Grohotolski

+ Scarlett Johnston

11:00 A.M. + Martina Hatch

+ Mario Pellegrino

12:30 P.M. + Marie Gilda Dimaano

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FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th to the 59th birthday to limit their amount of food and drink. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals with no solid foods in between. The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from meat.



Living the Gospel by supporting the deaf community...

“Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counselor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, “I'm grateful to ShareLife – supported Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me.” Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017

Please give generously.

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object feel a direct referral is akin to being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more about this issue, and to send an electronic letter to our MPP Charles Sousa - csousa.mpp@liberal.ola.org about this important matter. If you prefer to mail a letter to Mr. Sousa send it to 120 Lakeshore Road W., Mississauga Ont. L5H 1E8

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 11, 2017** 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 a.m. Mass. Cost is \$40. Contact John Killackey at 905-820-9232 for more information.

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Upcoming A.C.T.S. Retreats at Queen of Apostles - Women's Retreat - May 4 - 7. Call Giulia Spadafora: 416-705-3153. Men's Retreat - June 8 - 11. Call 1-905-327-1425. For more info visit: www.actscanada.org.

PLEASE JOIN US

The St. Francis of Assisi Garden Committee is returning to work to beautify our church gardens after the long winter. We meet on Saturday mornings, but work is also available during the week. You need not make a commitment for the full season; one session or several will be a help. Students who need volunteer hours are very welcome. We begin in early April. Please contact Dolores at 905-822-5297.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS IN A FAITH CONTEXT

On Monday May 15 the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute presents: A Catholic response to euthanasia and physician-assisted death. Keynote address from Cardinal Gerhard Muller, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (Vatican). Event takes place at St. Michael's Cathedral with evening prayer at 7:00 followed by the keynote address at 7:30. For more information go to www.ccbi-utoronto.ca

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