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#### **Pastoral Staff**

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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)

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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

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

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

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Holv Hour

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

Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

6:30 PM Mondays

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. 3 905-822-8132 ext. 4 RCIA 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.)

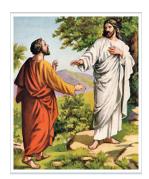
#### **SCHOOLS**

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183 St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115 Christ the King 905-569-0220

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2017

## "He strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one"



When the disciples heard Jesus say "Do not tell anyone what you know", they must have been surprised. Over and over again, they saw Jesus teach and perform aweinspiring miracles. Over and over again, they saw crowds of people hanging on his every word.

Surely the people already knew that Jesus was a great teacher, a prophet and a miracle worker. Now that he had plainly told his apostles who he was, it only made sense that they would tell everyone else the good news. But Jesus told them to remain quiet. So once again we are confronted with an awkward truth: when it comes to Jesus we have to learn how to think differently about almost everything.

Jesus sounded his warning because he knew that the people would want to make him their king. In fact, John's Gospel tells us that this is exactly what happened after the multiplication of the loaves. But John also tells us that Jesus was quick to withdraw to the mountains because he knew that an earthly kingship was not what his Father wanted for him (6:15)

Of course Jesus is our King. But his kingdom is not based on miracles, parables or the homage of excited crowds. He didn't "earn" his crown by performing signs and wonders and by speaking prophetic words. No, that happened only when he died on a cross. It was his death, not his miracles, that brought life to the world.

Jesus didn't want anything to get in the way of his mission, not even the admiration of the very people he had come to save. He knew he had come to offer a humble sacrifice, not to stage a political revolution and he was determined to stay faithful to that calling.

May we all pray for the humility and the resolve to be like Jesus. May nothing distract us from the call to "be merciful" as our heavenly Father is merciful (Luke 6:36).

"Lord, I want to be like you. Give me a heart of humility and loving service."

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## ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE, MIDLAND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

All are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins for an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our archdiocese. The gathering will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and will include the Rosary, Mass with Cardinal Collins and personal time to visit the shrine grounds. Visit <a href="www.archtoronto.org/175">www.archtoronto.org/175</a> for more information.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

PLEASE NOTE THAT EFFECTIVE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 THE REVISED SUNDAY SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON

Mass will still be celebrated Saturday's at 5:00 p.m.



### MONDAY, AUGUST 28 - 7:00 P.M.

*Intention Available* 

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 – 8:00 A.M.** 

Intention Available

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Eileen Drapeau

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 - 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 7:00 P.M

S.I. Hatch Family

#### <u>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – 5:00 P.M.</u>

+ Kam Kai-Hong

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3- 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 A.M. Intention Available
9:30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community
11:00 A.M. Intention Available
12:30 P.M. Intention Available



#### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4, 2017. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will

take place on Saturday, October 7 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the church parking lot. There will be a BBQ to follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



#### AID TO WOMEN

Aid to Women is grateful for the generosity of our Parishioners in supporting their Baby Bottles for Life campaign. Our parish raised

\$5088 which will be used to help provide emotional, spiritual and financial support to mothers in need.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

You are invited to the **Life Chain** on Sunday, October 1<sup>nd</sup> from 2 – 3 pm. We will gather for an hour of prayerful, peaceful, silent witness that challenges our society with the truth that: "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"



#### THANK YOU FROM FR. BERNARD

I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers of our Gardening Committee. Their time and considerable talents have created such beauty for our community to enjoy. Thank you.

..... Fr. Bernard

# ARCHDIOCESAN REGIONAL CELEBRATION MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH

As we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, extends an invitation for all to join him for Mass and a reception to commemorate this historic milestone. The Western Pastoral Region celebration will take place at Merciful Redeemer Parish, 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga on Tuesday September 12 at 7:00 p.m.



If you believe that you are being called to become Catholic, please join us for evenings of Catholic teaching and spiritual

formation which are designed to lead to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. This process will begin at the end of September to welcome inquirers. Come and join us, and grow in your love and knowledge of God and of the Catholic Church. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number. **SPONSORS** are also needed and if you are willing to share your faith and spend time with these inquirers please leave your name and telephone number at the parish office and we will contact you.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2017 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a brighter future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity.

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