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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: 5:00 PM, 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
Club 55 club55@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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 2015

"Out of the heart come evil thoughts"

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

Allow God's word to shape your heart and intentions

Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions.

Allow God's word to change your way of thinking

Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them.

Uproot wrong thoughts and attitudes before they grow

Where does evil spring from and what's the solution for eliminating it from our lives? Jesus deals with this issue in response to the religious leaders' concern with ritual defilement - making oneself unfit to offer acceptable sacrifice and worship to God. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people. Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness

Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God through his Word and Spirit first brings to light our sinful condition that we may recognize sin for what it is and call upon God's mercy and pardon. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to change and transform your heart?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours - on fire with love and holiness. Strengthen my will that I may always choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil."

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

Parents of children in Grade 2 and up who would like to have their children prepared for these sacraments must attend **one** of the following meetings: Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. or Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents and young people in Grade 8 and up who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend **one** of the following meetings: Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. or Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. All meetings will be held in the parish hall.

Grade 7 students will receive information about the Sacrament of Confirmation in January 2016.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 AT 7:00 P.M.

- + Terry Molloy
- + Marinella DeAppollonia

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 AT 8:00 A.M.

St. Gregory the Great

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

- + Holy Souls
- S.I. For Priests, living and deceased
- S.I. The Hatch Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: 23RD Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Community
- 9:30 a.m. **INTENTION AVAILABLE**
- 11:00 a.m. + Jose Mendoza
- 12:30 p.m. + Nick Pizzitelli

Please call the parish office, 905-822-8132, Ext. 3, to arrange a Mass Intention.



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.

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FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday, September 4, is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 a.m. continuing with adoration until 7:00 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by more adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the church.



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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word will resume shortly and we would like you to note that we will only be running the program at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass each weekend. Please watch the bulletin for the starting date.

Marion Yee, our Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator has now retired and we wish to thank her most sincerely for all the love, energy and expertise that she provided for this program and the young children of our parish for so many years.

We are happy to announce that Sandra Blocki is taking over as Co-Ordinator this Fall and we welcome her to this important ministry to the young children of our parish.

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OPENING SCHOOL MASSES

St. Francis of Assisi School

Thursday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

St. Margaret of Scotland School

Monday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Christ the King School

Thursday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

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SAVE THE DATE - BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4th, 2015. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the church parking lot. There will be a barbecue to follow.



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