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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 (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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

December 11, 2016

Pope Francis – Mercy from the Manger – Reflections for Advent OF CELEBRATION AND EVANGELIZATION

How beautiful it is when people select their words and actions with care, in the effort to avoid misunderstandings, to heal wounded memories and to build peace and harmony. 50th World Communications Day, January 24, 2016.

Jesus, you always spoke so carefully and thoughtfully as you carried the Father's message in the world. Certainly, you rebuked and corrected when necessary, but you never scoffed at or denigrated those who wanted to draw close to you but were having trouble understanding. You saw beyond the façade and into the souls of people like the woman at the well. Even to those who tortured and mocked you at the end of your earthly life, you responded with compassion and mercy. May I do the same with everyone – friend, foe or unknown – I encounter today. AMEN.

All the love God has in himself, all the beauty God has in himself, all the truth God has in himself, he entrusts to the family. A family is truly a family when it is capable of opening its arms to receive all that love. Prayer Vigil for the Festival of Families, September 26, 2015.

Family. Lord, what a beautiful and yet difficult word. How good of you to give us the example of the holy family, people who loved and cared for us, for each other and for their friends and neighbours. Sometimes it is hard to open my arms to all that others want to give me: all that love, all that charity, all that mercy. It is easier to give, give, give than to receive gifts that I may never fully repay. Stay in my heart, Lord, as I strive to accept with humility and gratitude. AMEN.

Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. Misericordiae Vultus.

Lord, thank you for delighting in me. Even when I don't feel like I'm worth much, your outpouring of love and mercy inspires me to do a little better the next time. I'm not perfect, Lord, and never will be. But with your mercy and guidance, I am on a path of continuous conversion. Help me to remember that you are working in the same way in the lives of others, even when the moments are not readily apparent to me. AMEN.

ADVENT WREATH:



Third Sunday of Advent

Two Purple Candles
and One Pink

Prayer: God, the Father of Light, bless this Advent Candle. This is a time for caring, and sharing, a time for smiling and singing, a time for rejoicing in life itself! Let us open our hearts fully to others. Let our faces radiate the joy of Your coming so that everyone we meet will know of You and the gift of life You bring. Jesus, our Lord we rejoice in Your coming. AMEN.



RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Please remember to pray for the young people of our parish who will be receiving God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time

St. Margaret of
Scotland School –
December 10th

Christ the King
School – December 17th.



Emily Nail-Dary,

Youth Coordinator,
has been away on
maternity leave and has decided
that she will not be returning to
St. Francis. Thank you Emily for
all that you have done for the
youth in the Parish. We will miss
you. God's blessings on you and
your family.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
would like to thank you so very
much for your generosity to the
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last weekend for those in need at
Christmas.

Mass for the Intentions Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Geraldine Hayes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

VIGIL MASS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 5:00 P.M.

+ Clara Marsalado

+ Rizal Uy Tan

+ Naisoy Uy Tan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

9:30 a.m. + Giuseppe Mastantuono

+ Desmond Somers

11:00 a.m. + Mary Wittine

+ Munir Khalid

12:30 p.m. S.I. Parish Community

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION UPDATE.....

Baptized Catholics in Grade Seven and up are invited to consider receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament completes one's Christian initiation, empowers him/her to witness to Jesus Christ, and presumes a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, kindly attend ONE of the following meetings with your parent(s): **SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 at 10 a.m.** OR **SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 at 10 a.m.**

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

1. **PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**
2. \$20 for the Confirmation resource fee
3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:
 - a. Confirmed Catholic
 - b. 16 years of age or older
 - c. Practising Catholic
 - d. Not be the parent of the Candidate

Each meeting will be held in St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

These are the only 2 registration sessions being held for Confirmation in January 2017. If you miss these sessions, you are most welcome to register for Confirmation in 2018.



Thanks to all who were able to support the 2016 **Knights of Columbus** Poinsettias fundraiser. And do not forget to pick up your poinsettia orders on the weekend of December 17 and 18.



Thank you for supporting the **Right to Life** Christmas Card sale, proceeds of which assist the Mississauga area.



~ ~ ~ 2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES ~ ~ ~

Offertory envelope boxes for 2017 are now available at the back of the church. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS** on the first 4 envelopes you use in January 2017. Thank you.

~ ~ ~ PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING ~ ~ ~

If you would like to make your regular offerings through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), kindly complete a PAG Form, which are available at the back of the Church with the envelopes, and return to the Office. Please note you still need a box of envelopes for the other Special Collections. As always, we thank you for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

6:00 p.m. (Children's Christmas Pageant),
8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

****December 30 – 7:00 p.m.****

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1, 2017 – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



PARKING REGULATIONS – CHRISTMAS SEASON

During the Christmas Season, the church typically experiences an increase in attendance. Parishioners are reminded to observe all parking regulations when attending St. Francis of Assisi Church. The parish will not be responsible for any tickets received for parking violations.



Becoming Experts in Humanity January 7, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto

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