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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
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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

December 13, 2015

"What should we do?"



Immediately preceding this passage, Luke tells us that the word of God had come upon John the Baptist in the desert. John then began to proclaim the coming of the Lord: all flesh would at last see the salvation of God. John also proclaimed the necessity of turning from evil in repentance in order to prepare for the Lord's coming.

The crowds ask, "What should we do?" John replies that whoever has two cloaks or food should share with the person who has none. Tax collectors should not collect more than what is prescribed. Soldiers should not practice extortion or falsely accuse anyone, and they should be satisfied with their wages. The people are filled with expectation, wondering whether John might be the Messiah. John responds that one mightier than he will come, and will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John warns that when the Messiah comes, he will gather the wheat into his barn, and burn the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Life Implications

We will celebrate with gratitude the Lord's coming among us in the past on Christmas. Advent, however, is a time to affirm our faith that the Lord's coming is also a present and future reality for which we must prepare. We too ask, "What should we do?" The ordinary-ness of John's reply to our question is surprising: share what you have with those who have nothing; do your job without cheating or telling lies; be satisfied with what you earn.

There is also a surprising ordinary-ness about the Lord's coming -- the divine presence does not force itself upon us with bells and whistles. When Jesus did come as Messiah, most people did not recognize him because he did not meet their expectations. Would God allow the Messiah to be defeated and disgraced by dying on a cross like a criminal? Advent thus is also a season to ask for the grace to be freed from false expectations about the Lord's coming into our lives.

Perhaps the most ordinary and most surprising way of all that the Lord comes to us is in the reality of the Present Moment. Each moment becomes a sacrament of divine presence if we say in faith, "It is the Lord." It is thus possible to bless the Lord at all times because every moment without exception is a grace of divine, self-giving love to us. The Lord is with us even in those tragic moments beyond understanding that seem to be without meaning. Life either has no meaning at all, or has total meaning because the Lord is present in all its moments.

Saint Paul tells us the wonderful life-implications of trust in the Lord's presence at every moment in all the circumstance of our lives: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks...Have no anxiety at all...Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:16-18 and Phil 4:6-7).

Fr. Campion P. Gavalier, OSB

ADVENT WREATH: Third Sunday of Advent. Light the first and second purple candles (repeat first and second week's prayers). Light the pink candle. Prayer: O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of Heaven open at your command, come and show us the way to salvation.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24:

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

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25:

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

Feast of the Holy Family, December 26 & 27:

Sat. at 5:00 p.m., Sun. at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (Holy day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and Friday, January 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M. St. John of the Cross

INTENTION AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 8:00 A.M.

+ Tina Luciano

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M. Confirmation

S.I. For our Confirmandi

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

S.I. For the Parish Community

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20: 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

9:30 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

11:00 a.m. + Lionel De Souza

12:30 p.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

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

"PROJECT HOPE"

To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You may also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." - Thomas Cardinal Collins. From **December 13 to 19, 2015**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. Confessions at our parish will be available on **Monday, December 14th** from **5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** and **7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

The Holy Doors of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Toronto open this **Sunday, December 13, 2015**.

Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy. Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

Designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy: St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street, Toronto; St. Patrick's Parish, 131 McCaul St., Toronto; **MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH, 2775 ERIN CENTRE BLVD., ISSISSAUGA;** St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 940 North Park Dr., Bramalea; St. Patrick's Parish, 11873 The Gore Rd., Brampton; St. Theresa's Parish, 2559 Kingston Rd., Scarborough; The Martyrs' Shrine, 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland; Marylake Shrine, 13760 Keele St., King City; St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (Chapel Doors), 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga.

For more information, please check the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org

CONFIRMATION MASSES

Please note that on Wednesday, December 16, our daily Mass at 7:00 p.m. will be celebrated as a Confirmation Mass.

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Mark your calendars: Beginning Thursday, January 28, 2016, our St. Francis of Assisi Charismatic Prayer Group will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar. The Seminar will run for 6 weeks. Watch the bulletin for more information.

"I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME"

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has published a *Pastoral Letter on Welcoming Refugees*. You will find this document to be of great interest, so you are encouraged download a hard copy from www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Pastoral_Letter_Refugees.pdf Or you may contact Ann in the Parish Office. 905-822-8132, Ext. 3.

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