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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
J.O.Y. Social Club	club55@st-ignatius-loyola.com
Youth Group	905-822-8132 ext. 6
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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2016



"Jesus transfigured in glory"

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God (Genesis 15:18). Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2).

The Lord Jesus reveals his glory in fulfilling his Father's will

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white (Mark 9:2,3). When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (see Exodus 34:29). Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). In the Gospel account Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles - Peter, James, and John. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The Father glorified his son because he obeyed. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8).

The Lord wants to share his glory with each of us

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessings of my Father's kingdom - your name will be written in heaven. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us, if we will follow in his footsteps. Origen (185-254 AD), an early church bible scholar and writer, shows us how the transfiguration can change our lives: "When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

Stay awake spiritually - Don't miss God's glory and action

Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

*"Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your presence in my life, and to your life-giving word that nourishes me daily.
Let me see your glory."*

PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2016

DAILY MASS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday at 8 a.m.

ROSARY: Mondays at 6:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: Sung on Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: 2nd and 4th Friday of every month following the 7:00 p.m. Mass and Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Monday, March 14th from 7:30 p.m.

Please see the posters on the bulletin board at the back of the church for other Lenten activities that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

+ Giuseppe Mastantuono

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

+ Sonia Lim

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Vigil Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

5:00 P.M.

+ Justina Clave

+ John Daley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3rd Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

9:30 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

11:00 a.m. James & Amelia Forsyth

12:30 p.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

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

SPECIAL EVENINGS FOR MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

Dynamic Women of Faith are holding a Conference on Saturday, March 19th - Limited Seating – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Registration \$60.

A “*Calling All Girls*” event will be held on Friday, March 18th – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Markland Wood Golf Club. Registration \$27.

Register at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

SOLEL CONGREGATION

2399 Folkway Drive, Mississauga

“INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOUR” SERVICE

Friday, March 4, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

All congregants are warmly invited to a very special Sabbath Service, followed by a get-together over coffee and desserts. Kindly R.S.V.P. by calling 905.820.5915 if you plan to attend.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Spiritual Works of Mercy

3. Admonish sinners

“If your brother sins [against you], go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.” – Matthew 18:15-17. Also known as “fraternal correction,” admonishing sinners should never be done as a judgement, but as a service of truth and love, addressing the sinner not as an enemy, but a brother.

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Spiritual Direction

For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, please check the Archdiocese of Toronto website:

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Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday

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MEN’S LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT

Saturday, February 27, 2016

9:30a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

At Queen of Apostles renewal Centre, Mississauga. Deacon Doctor Greg DeMarchi will preach on “God’s mercy as an entrance to prayer and spiritual life”. Coffee cart with muffin on arrival and full hot meal at lunch is included. To register, please call 905-278-5229.

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