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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
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 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 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 IN LENT

February 28, 2016



“Unless you repent you will perish”

What causes suffering or affliction and what does God want to teach us through it? The people of Israel suffered greatly under the oppressive rule of Egypt for more than 400 years. Did they suffer unjustly or was God angry with them? God was faithful to his people Israel even in the midst of their affliction and ill treatment by their Egyptian taskmaster. God in his mercy did not forget them nor forsake them. Throughout their long history of exile and suffering God made them strong and they grew in number. God listened to their plea for mercy and freedom. And God raised up a savior for them, called Moses, whom he taught and tested in the wilderness until he was ready to hear and obey God's call.

Jesus addresses the issue of suffering and sin

Jesus on a number of occasions warned the people turn away from sin before it was too late to repent and receive God's mercy and pardon. Luke recounts two current disasters which Jesus addressed with the people. The first incident occurred in the temple at Jerusalem. Pilate, who was the Roman governor of Jerusalem at the time, ordered his troops to slaughter a group of Galileans who had come up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice in the Temple. We do not know what these Galileans did to incite Pilate's wrath, nor why Pilate chose to attack them in the holiest of places for the Jews, in their temple at Jerusalem. For the Jews, this was political barbarity and sacrilege at its worst!

The second incident which Jesus addressed was a natural disaster, a tower in Jerusalem which unexpectedly collapsed, killing 18 people. The Jews often associated such calamities and disasters as a consequence of sin. Scripture does warn that sin can result in calamity! Though the righteous fall seven times, and rise again; the wicked are overthrown by calamity (Proverbs 24:16).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is right now!

The real danger and calamity which Jesus points out is that an unexpected disaster or a sudden death does not give us time to repent of our sins and to prepare ourselves to meet the Judge of heaven and earth. The Book of Job reminds us that misfortune and calamity can befall both the righteous and the unrighteous alike. Jesus gives a clear warning - take responsibility for your actions and moral choices and put sin to death today before it can destroy your heart, mind, soul, and body as well. Unrepentant sin is like a cancer which corrupts us from within. If it is not eliminated through repentance - asking God for forgiveness and for his healing grace - it leads to a spiritual death which is far worse than physical destruction.

Why God judges

Why does God judge his people? He judges to purify and cleanse us of all sin that we might grow in his holiness and righteousness. And he disciplines us for our own good, to inspire a godly fear and reverence for him and his word. God is patient, but for those who persistently and stubbornly rebel against him and refuse to repent and change their course, there is the consequence that they will lose both their soul and body to hell. Are God's judgments unjust or unloving? When God's judgments are revealed in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness (Isaiah 26:9). To pronounce God's judgment on sin is much less harsh than what will happen if those who sin are not warned to repent and turn back to God.

Don't tolerate sin

God, in his mercy, gives us time to get right with him, but that time is now. We must not assume that there is no hurry. A sudden and unexpected death leaves one no time to prepare to settle one's accounts when he or she must stand before the Lord on the day of judgment. Jesus warns us that we must be ready at all times. Tolerating sinful habits and excusing unrepentant sin and wrongdoing will result in bad fruit, painful discipline, and spiritual disease that leads to death and destruction. The Lord in his mercy gives us both grace (his gracious help and healing) and time to turn away from sin, but that time is right now. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by and our time is up. Do you hunger for the Lord's righteousness (moral goodness) and holiness?

"Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you that I may grow in righteousness and holiness. May I not squander the grace of the present moment to say "yes" to you and to your will and plan for my life."

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.

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 29

INTENTION AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

+ Concesa Chu

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

S.I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Vigil Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

5:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

3rd Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. *INTENTION AVAILABLE*

9:30 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

11:00 a.m. *INTENTION AVAILABLE*

12:30 p.m. + Anne Marie Shepley

+ June Lenahan

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

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



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



Development and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

Did you donate to help Haiti after the 2010 Earthquake? Ever wonder how Haiti is doing today? Come meet our guest Ary Regis here from Haiti. Mr. Regis is the Executive Director of SAKS, which promotes development through community radio. He will speak Wed. March 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Archdiocese, 1155 Yonge Street. This is a free event. Development and Peace is the arm of Sharelife that reaches out to the poor beyond our borders.

For more information contact: Luke Stocking, lstocking@devp.org or 416-922-1592 x225. Hope to see you there!



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
Spiritual Works of Mercy

4. Bear wrongs patiently



“He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.” (Pv 16:32).

To patiently endure in a free and loving way a relationship with someone who is annoying, unfriendly, boring, sluggish, uncouth, is in line with the love of enemy. It is also an art when this attitude encourages reflection on oneself to discover within us that which is also annoying and unbearable.

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Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

2016 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION CLOSED

Thank you to all those parents who registered their children for Confirmation on Saturday, February 6 and 13. Registration is now closed. Parents who did not do so are welcome to register their children in the fall.

J.O.Y SOCIAL CLUB

Come and Enjoy a Hearty Irish Beef & Vegetable Stew at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Thursday, March 17th in the Parish Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola Church. Doors Open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wear something Green. Cost: \$15 per person. Sign-Up Deadline: **March 13th**.

For more details go to <http://www.st-ignatius-loyola.com/joy.htm>.

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