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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

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416-733-8544

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2017

"Catching people for God's kingdom"

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear His word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless pressed upon Jesus for his word of command: *At your word I will let down the nets.* When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through us for His glory. God expects from us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in His works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at 24, wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we will have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood." When God's word is spoken His kingdom is revealed and His power is released. When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made "a new creation" in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). God chooses ordinary people like you and me as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom.

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak and witness the joy of the gospel. Paul the Apostle says: "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15). Do you witness to those around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbours, co-workers and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2016 and advise you that income tax receipts will be issued mid-February 2017. In order to receive an income tax receipt for contributions to the Church, we strongly suggest you take a box of Offertory Envelopes each year. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering the Bereavement Ministry Training for those who are beginning or currently ministering to the bereaved in a Parish setting. This training will provide participants with the tools and information needed to be a compassionate presence to the bereaved. This training will be held at Saviour of the World Chinese Church, Mississauga on Saturdays February 11, 18 and 25, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For further information and registration forms please visit www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops or call (416) 934-3400 ext. 523.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the Parish from January 30 to February 7 inclusive. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated during this time. The Saturday/Sunday Masses the weekend of February 04/05 will be celebrated by visiting priests



DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please call the Office at 905-822-8132.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – 7:00 P.M.

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – 8:00 A.M.

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Clorinda Araujo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – VIGIL MASS

5:00 P.M.

+ Abel Pires

+ Assunta Renzullo-Ross

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

9:30 A.M.

S.I. Parish Community

11:00 A.M.

Intention Available

12:30 P.M.

Intention Available

St. Augustine's Lay Spiritual Formation Program Presents...Catholic Leadership: Lead like Jesus

On Saturday, February 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Dr. Linda Dayler will focus on building Catholic identity through leadership. It will focus on the leadership skills and on different leadership models in parishes, community and organizations. The plan is to understand leadership in practical terms and through this experience to be able to build leaders in your own situation. The program is open to all parishioners by registering online: www.staugstines.on.ca. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch and Mass. St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto is located at 2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough. Phone: 416-261-7207 ext. 235.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools is seeking volunteers who have great devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of 8 days in the year. Training and screening will be provided. If you are interested please contact the Parish office.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Thanks to all of you who registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation on January 14th and 21st. Confirmation Registration for 2017 is now closed. If you missed these sessions you are most welcome to register in 2018.

Marriage Weekend

Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto has designated February 12 as Marriage Sunday. In an open letter to married couples throughout the Archdiocese, Archbishop Thomas Collins assures married couples of his prayers and gratitude for those who nurture and strengthen the bond of matrimony. The Archbishop also prays and extends loving support to those who have lost a spouse or experienced a broken relationship. There are copies of this letter at the back of the church. For more information go to www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

REFUGEE FAMILY NEWS

Our family is happy that the January 16th interview was a success. In addition, they received their medicals on January 19th. This is great progress. The Canadian embassy advised them to expect a wait of 4 to 6 months while the security checks are in progress. Please continue to pray for their safe and timely arrival in our parish. ---St. Francis of Assisi Refugee Committee

Senior Men's High School Retreat, February 11, 2017 at Blessed Sacrament Parish

The Office of Vocations is hosting a high school retreat for men in Grades 11 and 12 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Toronto on Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help young men cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with the Lord. Priests and seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Opportunities for Mass, Adoration, confession and socializing. For more information please call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally Saturday, March 4 – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Metro Toronto Convention Centre 255 Front St. W., Toronto

Join us for the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada! Hear inspired testimonies and talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. There will be a Eucharistic Adoration procession and Holy Mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will also be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks, inspirational skits, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass with Bishop Scott.

www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy program is looking for new volunteers to lead the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday programs. Training is provided, and the time commitment is approximately 1 hour per month. If you are interested in learning more about working with the kids in our parish (ages 4 through 8) please call the Parish office at 905-822-8132

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