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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 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2017

"I urge that you be united"

At the last supper, Jesus prayed that his people would be united (John 17:21). He also prayed that the mark of his disciples would be their love for one another (13:34-35). And in today's second reading, Paul makes a plea for unity in the Corinthian Church.

What will be the single most compelling thing that will move people to believe in Jesus? Our unity. Our love for each other.

We were not in Corinth two thousand years ago. We were not in South Africa one hundred years ago when Mahatma Gandhi said "I like you Christ; it's you Christians I don't like. You Christians are so unlike your Christ." Still what they saw exists today. There is far too much division in our Church and our homes.

Imagine how brightly the church would shine if every family were to dedicate themselves to unity. Imagine how attractive the Church would be if we put aside legalism and made it our highest priority to love each other as brothers and sisters. Imagine how magnetic the church would be if we put aside judgements and looked upon each other as children of God who are trying their best to live out the command to love God and each other.

Unity doesn't mean agreeing on every issue. It means honouring and respecting everyone – including those we disagree with. That's because, as the Catechism teaches, the dignity of every human person doesn't depend on whether we like other. It depends on the fact that we have all been created in the image and likeness of God (CCC 1700-1701).

Of course, the idea of unity in our parishes can sound nearly impossible. But that's not a problem for God; nothing is impossible with him. So take St. Paul's word today, and make them your own. Make it your goal to be in unity with everyone, especially within your family.

"Come, Lord and heal all divisions. Make our Churches and families beacons of your love".

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OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES 2017

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2016 and advise you that income tax receipts will be issued in 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. Offertory Envelopes for 2017 are located at the back of the Church. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please note that we will no longer accept requests for Mass intentions over the phone. Kindly come to the parish office during office hours to book a Mass Intention. Thank you.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Every Thursday, starting
February 23, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi
Charismatic Prayer Group
Details to follow. All are
welcome.



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, JANUARY 23 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Margaret Pividor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 – VIGIL MASS

5:00 P.M. + Margaret Tuffin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

9:30 A.M. + Dennis Baldin

11:00 A.M. + Danielle Schmalz

12:30 P.M. + Filippo Trigiani

Helping Our Neighbours in Need

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 21/22. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.



Registration Dates for Kindergarten

January 24 - 27, 2017 - 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

January 24, 2017* - 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

*Snow Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

If your child was born in 2012 or 2013, he or she can start Kindergarten in September 2017.



**Special Mass for World Day for Consecrated Life
St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto
Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m.**

On Thursday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.



**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



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