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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 IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2016



"Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit"

Luke tells us that Jesus was about 30 years of age when he began his public ministry (Luke 3:23). Right after Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22), he spent 40 days in the wilderness to devote himself to prayer and fasting (Luke 4:1-13). At the end of this period of spiritual preparation and testing, Luke tells us that Jesus "returned in the power of the Spirit to his own land of Galilee" (Luke 4:14). Jesus chose to begin his public ministry in Galilee first, rather than in Jerusalem, the holy city and temple of God. This was in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 9:1,2.

Luke tells us that Jesus chose to publicly announce his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people there were familiar with Jesus since it was his custom to regularly attend the weekly Sabbath service. Jesus was also known by many in Nazareth as a "carpenter" (Mark 6:3) and "son of Joseph" (Luke 4:21). When the president of the synagogue called on Jesus to read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus chose to read Isaiah's description (verses 1-2 of chapter 61) of what the Messiah would do when he came to restore God's kingdom for the people of Israel.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Isaiah 61:1-2).

Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would be sent by God and anointed in the power of the Holy Spirit to preach "good news" and bring healing, blessing, and freedom to all who were oppressed (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus awakened their hope in God's promises when he announced that this word was now being fulfilled in his very own person. Luke tells us that the people of Nazareth spoke well of him and received his "gracious word" with amazement and wonder. But they also openly questioned how the "son of Joseph" would fulfill this Messianic mission (Luke 4:21). Jesus challenged them to believe the word God had spoken through the prophets and the word he now speaks in God's name through the power of the Holy Spirit?

"Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit you bring us truth, freedom, and abundant life. Fill me with the joy of the Gospel and inflame my heart with a burning love for you and a deep thirst for your word."

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

**Every Thursday, starting
January 28, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.**

St. Francis of Assisi
Charismatic Prayer Group

Registration forms still available at the back of the Church. All are welcome.



MEN'S DAY OF RETREAT

Saturday, February 27th at 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

The theme for the retreat day is "God's mercy as an entrance to prayer and the spiritual life," preached by Deacon Dr. Greg DeMarchi. This day includes a coffee cart with muffins on arrival as well as a hot lunch in the beautiful dining room.

Address: 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga
Phone: 905.278.5229

THEOLOGY ON TAP WEST: MENTAL ILLNESS

Monday, February 8 at 7:00 pm
Boston Pizza

50 Courtneypark Dr. E., Mississauga

Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth and the local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest Denis Costello, executive director of Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Munchies provided. Cash bar. Come and bring a friend.

Contact: Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt
Phone: 416.467.2645
WEB: www.faithconnections.ca

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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

+ Tom Murphy

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

INTENTION AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

+ Filippo Trigiani

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. + Danielle Schmalz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 :

4TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

9:30 a.m. + Giuseppe Mastantuono

11:00 a.m. Parish Community

12:30 p.m. + Toni, John & Nancy Habraken

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR CANDIDATES IN GRADE 7 & UP

You are invited to consider whether you would like to receive the fullness of initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. To learn more about the preparation process, I invite you and your parents to attend one of the following information meetings:

Saturday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. OR

Saturday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m.

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

1. **PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**
2. \$25 for the Confirmation resource fee
3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:
 - a. Confirmed Catholic
 - b. 16 years of age or older
 - c. Practising Catholic
 - d. Not be the parent of the Candidate

Each meeting will be held in St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

EXCITING NEWS!

JANUARY 23/24, Club 55 Executive will be announcing details about the makeover of Club 55 after all Masses in the St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Hall. Come and be a part of this new community by signing up for free 2016 Membership.

The **Winterlude Social** will take place on Sunday, February 7th from 2 - 6 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person. Tickets on sale at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Office. Details on bulletin board. Deadline: January 31, 2016



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY Corporal Works of Mercy

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. 'Matthew 25: 35-40.

6. Ransom the captive (Visit the imprisoned)

"I was in prison and you came to me" (Mt 25:36). We are called to closeness with those in prison, primarily through our prayers: "remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them" (Heb 13:3).



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Follow this series on the Corporal Works of Mercy in our subsequent bulletins.

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

HOLY HOUR WITH MUSIC LED BY THE SISTERS OF LIFE

Thursday, February 11th

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Holy Hour (*Confession available*)

8 p.m. – 9 p.m. Social

St. Joseph's Parish

5440 Durie Road, Streetsville

For more information: 416.463.2722 / sistersoflife.org

"It is such a folly to pass one's time fretting, instead of resting quietly on the heart of Jesus."

Saint Therese of Lisieux

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