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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

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| 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

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| 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 |

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2016

"Jesus' power to heal and cleanse"



Do you believe that God wants to act with power in your life today? Power to set you free from sin and hurtful desires, fear and oppression. Throughout the Scriptures we see God performing mighty acts to save his people from death and destruction - from Noah's ark that spared his family from the flood of wickedness that had spread across the land to Moses and the Israelites who crossed through the parting waters of the Red Sea as they fled the armies of Pharaoh their slave Master and oppressor.

Throughout the Gospel accounts Jesus praised individuals who put their faith in God as they remembered the great and wonderful deeds he had performed time and again. Jesus even praised outsiders - non-Jews and pagans from other lands who had heard about the mighty deeds of the God of Israel. One example Jesus mentioned was Naaman the pagan army commander from Syria who was afflicted with leprosy - a debilitating skin disease that slowly ate away the flesh (2 Kings 5:1-15). Naaman's slave-girl was a young Jewish woman who had faith in God and compassion for Naaman her master. She urged him to seek healing from Elisha, the great prophet of Israel. When Naaman went to the land of Israel to seek a cure for his leprosy, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman was indignant at first, but then repented and followed the prophet's instructions. In doing so he was immediately restored in body and spirit.

Confronting the sin of indifference and unbelief

When Jesus first proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom to his own townspeople at Nazareth (Luke 4:23-27), he did not hesitate to confront them with their sin of indifference and unbelief. He startled his listeners in the synagogue at Nazareth with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God could receive honor among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented Gentiles (non-Jews) who had shown more faith in God than the "chosen ones" of Israel. Some who despised the Gentiles (non-Jews) even spoke of them as "fuel for the fires of hell." Jesus' praise for "outsiders" offended the ears of his own people because they were blind-sighted to God's merciful plan of redemption for all the nations. The word of rebuke spoken by Jesus was met with indignation and hostility. The Nazarenes forcibly threw him out of their town and would have done him physical harm had he not stopped them.

We all stand in need of God's grace and merciful help every day and every moment of our lives. Scripture tells us that "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God gives grace to the humble who seek him with expectant faith and with a repentant heart that wants to be made whole and clean again.

The Lord Jesus will set us free from every sinful habit and every harmful way of relating to our neighbor, if we allow him to cleanse and heal us. If we want to walk in freedom and grow in love and holiness, then we must humbly renounce our sinful ways and submit to Christ's instruction and healing discipline in our lives. Scripture tells us that the Lord disciplines us for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). Do you want the Lord Jesus to set you free and make you whole again? Ask him to show you the way to walk in his healing love and truth.

"Lord Jesus, teach me to love your ways that I may be quick to renounce sin and willfulness in my life. Make me whole and clean again that I may delight to do your will."

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.

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Phone: 905.278.5229

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

J.O.Y. SOCIAL CLUB

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

INTENTION AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

INTENTION AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Vigil Mass for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Souls in Purgatory

9:30 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

11:00 a.m. + William Rowe

+ Maria & Czelaw Novak

12:30 p.m. S.I. Parish Community

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).



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.

7. Bury the dead

In Judaism, it was a pious practice to bury the dead, as being deprived of burial was seen as a horrible evil (Ps 79:3). The Book of Tobit speak of this practice (1:16 and 12:12)

Lived out in the Archdiocese of Toronto: Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services of the Archdiocese of Toronto
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

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2016



In 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday at the parish level on the weekend of February 6/7. Cardinal Collins has also announced a special Archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Kim Parish in North York. His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th or 50+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2016 to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a local lay movement, is helping to co-ordinate the gathering. Loved ones and family members of those honoured are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honoured couples, pre-registration is required. Visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to find more information about Marriage Sunday and our Archdiocesan celebration. Questions can be directed to Dane & Anne MacCarthy at 416-964-8694.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday, February 5, 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.



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