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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 (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)	905-822-8132 Ext. 3

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

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2017

"They fell down and worshiped Jesus"



If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to

pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

John Chrysostom (347-407), in his homily on this passage from Matthew 2, explains the significance of the star of Bethlehem:

"Note how fitting was the order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to "go before them," drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger."
[The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7:3]

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet."

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.

DON'T FORGET

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

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR REFUGEE FAMILY

After waiting for more than a year, our family had a call from the Canadian Embassy in Jordan to inform them of their interview date on January 16. This is a first step, and if the interview is successful, they will receive their medicals. All being well, travel arrangements should be made soon afterward. They are excited about this long-awaited development, as we are. The interview process is difficult as well as crucial. Please pray that the Holy Spirit sustain and guide them.

St. Francis of Assisi Refugee Committee

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Ernesto Marchiori

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 – VIGIL MASS

5:00 P.M. + Derek Hasilo

S.I. Louise Killackey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M. *Intention Available*

9:30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community Mass

11:00 A.M. *Intention Available*

12:30 P.M. *Intention Available*

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS..... Pope Francis has some ideas for you.....

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION REMINDER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 at 10 a.m.

OR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 at 10 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

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

1. PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Please provide the full name and complete address of the Church where you were baptized, especially if you were baptized overseas. If there is a fax number, please include it. This information can be **PRINTED** on the reverse side of the Baptism Certificate

2. \$20 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

These are the only 2 registration sessions being held for Confirmation in January 2017. If you miss these sessions, you are most welcome to register for Confirmation in 2018



Helping Our Neighbours In Need

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 14/15 and 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.



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