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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)

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 |
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| Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) | 416-804-3457 |
| Social Committee | 905-822-8132 |
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| (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.) | |

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 19, 2016

"Who do you say that Jesus is?"



Who is Jesus for you - and what difference does he make in your life? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the "Christ of God" - "the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that

Jesus was the Anointed One, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36). The word for "Christ" in Greek is a translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah" - both words literally mean the Anointed One.

Jesus begins to explain the mission he was sent to accomplish

Why did Jesus command his disciples to be silent about his identity as the anointed Son of God? They were, after all, appointed to proclaim the good news to everyone. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it. Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD), an early church father, explains the reason for this silence:

There were things yet unfulfilled which must also be included in their preaching about him. They must also proclaim the cross, the passion, and the death in the flesh. They must preach the resurrection of the dead, that great and truly glorious sign by which testimony is borne him that the Emmanuel is truly God and by nature the Son of God the Father. He utterly abolished death and wiped out destruction. He robbed hell, and overthrew the tyranny of the enemy. He took away the sin of the world, opened the gates above to the dwellers upon earth, and united earth to heaven. These things proved him to be, as I said, in truth God. He commanded them, therefore, to guard the mystery by a seasonable silence until the whole plan of the dispensation should arrive at a suitable conclusion. (Commentary on Luke, Homily 49)

God's Anointed Son must suffer and die to atone for our sins

Jesus told his disciples that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption might be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard this word. How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55:8). It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us eternal life and freedom from the slavery of sin and from the oppression of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of humankind.

We, too, have a share in the mission and victory of Jesus Christ

If we want to share in the victory of the Lord Jesus, then we must also take up our cross and follow where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? When my will crosses (does not align) with God's will, then his will must be done. To know Jesus Christ is to know the power of his victory on the cross where he defeated sin and conquered death through his resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the gifts and strength we need to live as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit gives us faith to know the Lord Jesus personally as our Redeemer, and the power to live the gospel faithfully, and the courage to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the Gospel. Who do you say that Jesus is?

"Lord Jesus, I believe and I profess that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Take my life, my will, and all that I have, that I may be wholly yours now and forever."

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND PARISHIONERS



I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who give of their time, talents and energy to serve our Parish Community. I am especially grateful for the amazing generosity of all of our parishioners. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Fr. Bernard



MONDAY, JUNE 20 - 7:00 P.M.

Alfonso Frasson

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 - 8:00 A.M.

Eamonn Kinsella

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 – 8:00 A.M.

Fr. Joseph Grima

Yvonne Carmela Vella

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Vigil Mass for 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5:00 P.M.

Kerry & Janet English

Tom & Dean McMillen

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m. Intention Available

9:30 a.m. Yvonne Carmela Vella **11:00 a.m.** S.I. **Parish Community**

12:30 p.m. + De Souza & Noronha Families

Holly Crisante

WRAPPING UP FOR THE SUMMER..... **BULLETINS**

Please note that the church bulletin will not be published during July and August. Keep checking the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church for all the Parish news.

Liturgical Publications will be setting up advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2016 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905.624.4422.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please note that Weekly Mass Intentions will be posted on the bulletin board. Kindly come to the Parish Office if you would like to book a Mass Intention.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

During the summer months of July and August, we will not have all day Adoration on First Fridays. The Holy Hour after Friday evening Mass will allow time for Eucharistic Adoration.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

The Children's Liturgy Program wraps up for the summer on Sunday, June 26. Thank you for entrusting your children to us this past school year, we have enjoyed sharing God's Word with them. The program restarts Sunday, September 18th.

Together we are working wonders...

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2016 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a brighter future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity.

We have reached 77.5% of our goal. If you would like to make a donation to Sharelife, the campaign continues until July 31st. Thank you to all who have supported this important appeal.

Together we can work wonders!!

Young adults are invited to... **Audrey Assad: Live Concert in Toronto!**

Thursday, June 23 - 7:30p.m.

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Contact: Office of Catholic Youth: 416-463-2722

Email: youth@ocytoronto.org Web: www.ocytoronto.org



If you believe that you are being called to become Catholic, please join us for evenings Become a Catholic of Catholic teaching and spiritual formation

which are designed to lead to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. This process will begin at the end of September to welcome inquirers. interested, please call the Parish Office 905.822.8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU.....

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thank

those who contributed to Marygrove Camp. Through your generous donations, we raised \$2,000 to send girls on an 8-day camping experience.

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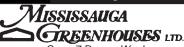
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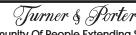
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