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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
J.O.Y. Social Club	joysocialclub@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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 26, 2016

"No one who looks back?"

Are you surprised to see two of Jesus' disciples praying for the destruction of a Samaritan village? The Jews and Samaritans had been divided for centuries. Jewish pilgrims who passed through Samaritan territory were often treated badly and even assaulted. Jesus did the unthinkable for a Jew. He not only decided to travel through Samaritan territory at personal risk, but he also asked for hospitality in one of their villages!



Jesus faced rejection and abuse in order to reconcile us with God and one another

Jesus' offer of friendship was rebuffed. Is there any wonder that the disciples were indignant and felt justified in wanting to see retribution done to this village? Wouldn't you respond the same way? Jesus, however, rebukes his disciples for their lack of toleration. Jesus had "set his face toward Jerusalem" to die on a cross that Jew, Samaritan and Gentile might be reconciled with God and be united as one people in Christ.

Jesus seeks our highest good - friend and enemy alike

Tolerance is a much needed virtue today. But aren't we often tolerant for the wrong thing or for the wrong motive? Christian love seeks the highest good of both one's neighbor and one's enemy. When Abraham Lincoln was criticized for his courtesy and tolerance towards his enemies during the American Civil War, he responded: "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" How do you treat those who cross you and cause you trouble? Do you seek their good rather than their harm?

Jesus explains the cost of following as his disciple

When the Lord calls us to follow him he gives us the grace to put aside everything that might keep us from doing his will. Loyalty to Jesus requires sacrifice, letting go of my will for God's will. A would-be disciple responded by saying, I must first go and bury my father, that is, go back home and take care of him until he died. Jesus certainly did not mean that we should refuse to care for others, especially our parents in their old age. His startling statement, however, made clear that God must always be first in our lives. If we love him above all, then everything else will fall into its proper place and time.

Jesus surprised his disciples by telling that they must not look back but keep their focus on the goal set for their lives - full happiness and union with God. A plowman who looked back caused his furrow to be crooked. Likewise, if we keep looking back to what we left behind, our path in following God will likely go off course and we'll miss what God has for us. When the going is rough or the way ahead looks uncertain, we are tempted to look back to the "good old days" or to look for "greener turf". Are you resolved to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and to "stay the course" in following him to the end?

"Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess you have given me. I surrender it all to you to be disposed of according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace - with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more."

(Prayer of Ignatius Loyola, 1491-1556)

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

Mass for the Intentions Week

MONDAY, JUNE 27 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Anthony Succour Fernandes

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. Debbie D'Souza

+ Vicki Caetano

FRIDAY, JULY 1 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Vigil Mass for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, JULY 3 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

9:30 a.m. *Intention Available*

11:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

12:30 p.m. *Intention Available*

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 the 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS.....

Welcome to our Parish family! Kindly take a moment to register by completing a registration form found in the vestibule of the Church. You can drop off the completed form at the Office or place it in the collection basket.

When using Offering Envelopes, kindly write **your name, full address and telephone number** on the first three offering envelopes.

EXISTING PARISHIONERS.....

If there is a change in status i.e. new address, telephone number, an addition to the family, etc. kindly complete a registration form so that our records can be updated.



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 **\$104,182**, which is **83.35%** of our goal of \$125,000. 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!!



Catholic, please join us for evenings 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. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office 905.822.8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.

THANK YOU,



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The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thank those who contributed to Marygrove Camp. Through your generous donations, we have now raised \$2,300 to send girls on an 8-day camping experience.

We also wish to thank those whose contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes, at the doors of the Church, have made it possible to continue to assist the less fortunate.

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