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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 once a 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 the gift at home, in hospital or a nursing home, please call the parish office at any time.

### 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: 5:00 PM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM Mass*

*Weekday Eucharist*  
Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM  
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:00 AM  
Saturdays 9:00 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 (excluding holidays) 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  
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# SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

June 7, 2015

**"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many"**

Why did Jesus offer himself as "food and drink" to his disciples? Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced earlier at Capernaum - giving his disciples his body and his blood (John 6:51-58). Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom.

This is the most significant meal of Jesus and the most important occasion of his breaking of bread. In this meal Jesus identifies the bread as his body and the cup as his blood. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, invites us to take his life into the very center of our being (John 6:53). That life which he offers is the very life of God himself. Jesus' death on the cross, his gift of his body and blood in the Supper, and his promise to dine again with his disciples when the kingdom of God comes in all its fullness are inseparably linked.

Jesus instructed his disciples to "do this in remembrance of me". These words establish every Lord's Supper or Eucharist as a "remembrance" of Jesus' atoning death, his resurrection, and his promise to return again. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). Our celebration of the Lord's Supper anticipates the final day when the Lord Jesus will feast anew with his disciples in the heavenly marriage feast of the Lamb and his Bride. Do you know the joy of the drinking Christ's cup and tasting the bread of his Table in sincerity?

The unleavened bread at Passover and the miraculous manna in the desert are the pledge of God's faithfulness to his promises. The "cup of blessing" at the end of the Jewish Passover meal points to the messianic expectation of the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Jesus gave a new and definitive meaning to the blessing of the bread and the cup when he instituted the "Lord's Supper" or "Eucharist". He speaks of the presence of his body and blood in this new meal. When at the Last Supper Jesus described his blood "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28), he was explaining his coming crucifixion as a sacrifice for sins. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal lamb. That is why John the Baptist called him the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father. He "offered himself without blemish to God" (Hebrews 9:14) and "gave himself as a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). This meal was a memorial of his death and resurrection.

When we receive from the Lord's Table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20, 2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ.

*"Lord Jesus, you nourish and sustain us with your very own presence and life. You are the "Bread of Life" and the "Cup of Salvation". May I always hunger for you and be satisfied in you alone."*



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## **THE PARISH GARDENS**

We are pleased to announce that on **Saturday, June 20th, 10 AM TO 4 PM**, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will open its gardens to the 50th Anniversary Cloverleaf Garden Tour. Tour Headquarters will also be located on our property. Parishioners are always welcome to view the gardens, and especially on that day, when we are celebrating their beauty. For further information, please see the bulletin board in the church lobby.

The St. Francis of Assisi Garden Committee

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, JUNE 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

**S.I. Sarah Overment**

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 AT 8:00 A.M.

+ **Raymond McShane**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

+ **Michael Overment**

**S.I. Special Intention**

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 AT 8:00 A.M.

**INTENTION AVAILABLE**

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

+ **June Bowman**

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 AT 9:00 A.M.

**INTENTION AVAILABLE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

+ **Tom Quigg**

SUNDAY JUNE 14: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **INTENTION AVAILABLE**

9:30 a.m. + **Yvonne Carmela Vella**

11:00 a.m. **INTENTION AVAILABLE**

12:30 p.m. **S.I. For the Parish Community**

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



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—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto **Thank You for Your Generosity**  
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## **SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Our parish picnic is coming soon.  
Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m.  
At Huron Park!!**



**Be prepared for a family fun afternoon  
and don't forget to bring the sunscreen!**

## **PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER?**

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is **highly recommended** you contact the pastor as soon as possible. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

## **CLUB 55 NEWS**

**Club 55** is planning a Grand River Cruise, Caledonia, on Thursday, June 25th - 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost per person: Members: \$110 Non-Members: \$115. Register in St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Office. **Deadline: June 8th. No Refunds.**



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #8668 ONLINE GARAGE SALE**

For information on great deals please log on to <http://www.kofc8668.org/>. Also check the bulletin board at the church entrance. For more details – contact Gerry Gonsalves - 647 972 6664 or Augustine Mathias – 647 528 9747"

## **"CRADLE OF HOPE"**

### **CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE**

**JUNE 19, 20 & 21, 2015**

**Montecassino Banquet Hall, Downsview**

**Please see the poster on the notice board at the  
back of the church for all the details**

## **"COME & SEE" RETREAT**

"The love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartedly. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call. **JUNE 12-14, 2015 St. Augustine's Seminary**  
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