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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

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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

7:00 PM Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:00 AM

* Morning Prayer / Evening Prayer (One half hour before Mass)

DEVOTIONS

Holv Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

6:30 PM Mondays

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. 3 905-822-8132 ext. 4 RCIA 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 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2017

"Jesus fasted and was tempted by the devil"



Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you? After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea – a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water.

Why did Jesus choose such a barren, lonely place for an intense and long period of sustained prayer and fasting? Matthew, Mark and Luke will tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness": (Mark 1:12). What compelled

Jesus to seek solitude away from his family and friends for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his mission? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word *tempt* in English usually means to entice someone to do what is wrong or forbidden. The scriptural word used here also means *test* in the sense of proving and purifying someone to see if they are ready for the task at hand. We test flight pilots to see if they are fit to fly under all conditions, including times of adverse turbulence, storms, and poor visibility. In like manner God tests his people to see if they are ready to follow and serve him without reservation or compromise.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday - Passion of the Lord at Noon and 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil - The Vigil Mass will begin at 8:00 p.m. (Please note that this Mass is 2+ hours in length.)

Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Reconciliation service with individual confessions on Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation is also available at:

St. Joseph's Parish - Tues. March 28 at 7-9 p.m.

Merciful Redeemer - Wed. March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

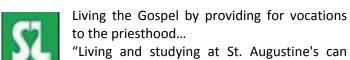
St. Ignatius Loyola - Thur. March 30 at 9:30-11:30 a.m., 4-6 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.

St. John of the Cross - Mon. April 3 at 7-9 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier - Thur. April 6 at 7 p.m.

DON'T FORGET

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



bring untold blessings into the lives of those entering ministry," shares Matt McCarthy, a current Seminarian. Matt's interest in sports and his desire to enter the priesthood and minister to those in his community, gives him an opportunity to serve the Church in a unique way. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St. Augustine's and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 70 seminarians in their formation studies.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Fr. Fred Mazzarella will continue his mission this coming week developing his themes as follows: **Monday** 7:00 p.m. Mass – The Family **Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Mass – Love and Marriage **Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. Mass – Faith and Gratitude

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. This is followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Holy Hour at 7:30 p.m.



MONDAY, MARCH 13 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MARCH 14-8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 - 7:00 P.M.

- + Custodio Xavier Dias
- + Scarlett Johnson

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 - 8:00 A.M.

S.I. In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Dany Quijalvo

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 - VIGIL MASS

5:00 P.M.

S.I. Damian D'Souza

+ Wladyslaw Sadowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 A.M.

+ Dany Quijalvo

9:30 A.M.

S.I. Parish Community

11:00 A.M.

+ Sofia Santos & Elvira Ditrani

+ Benita & Angelo Ang Co

12:30 P.M.

Intention Available

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object feel a direct referral is akin to being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more about this issue, and to send an electronic letter to our MPP Charles Sousa - csousa.mpp@liberal.ola.org about this important matter. If you prefer to mail a letter to Mr. Sousa (mailing address 120 Lakeshore Road West, Mississauga Ontario L58 1E8)

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Women's Lenten Retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre on March 31 - April 2. The theme is: "The Call to Peace" and will be preached by the Centre team. For further info or to register, please call 905-278-5229.

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference And Calling all Girls

Dynamic Women of Faith is holding two events. The first is *Catholic Women's Conference* which is on March 25, 2017. There will be a number of speakers and His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the opening Mass. The second is *Calling All Girls* on March 24, 2017. This is an evening of short, high powered talks for mothers and daughters. For further information on these events go to www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

LENTEN RETREAT DAY

"Spiritual Warfare in Christian Life"

On March 25 St. Augustine's Seminary presents a Lenten Retreat "Spiritual Warfare in Christian Life" by Rev. Charles Anang, Director of Spiritual Formation. As we begin our Lenten journey, Fr. Charles Anang will introduce the reality of spiritual warfare, a reality that Jesus experienced in the desert. This will be treated in three aspects: Daily Warfare, Ignatian Tools, and Key Dispositions to Maintain. Includes Mass in the seminary chapel. For information call 416-261-7207 x235 email: ioft@sastoronto.org

COME & SEE WEEKEND March 17-19, St. Augustine Seminary 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come and See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ, leading to better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For information call 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

March 17-19 is a weekend of discovery for a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend for couples to spend together. It allows couples time to take a fresh look at their marriage and to re-discover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples to communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. For more information contact Gerard & Marge at 905-792-1925 or go to www.wwme.org

LECTIO DIVINA WITH CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS

Lectio Divina means "divine or sacred reading" and is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians in which they listen attentively and prayerfully read the word of God. One Sunday each month all are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. A schedule can be found at archtoronto.org/lectio.

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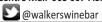
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