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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

March 20, 2016

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem:

"The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4).

Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

"Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of glory!"

Assisted Suicide - Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! CanadiansforConscience.ca

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca and support the Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1, 2016.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Adoration until midnight in the parish hall

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016

Veneration of the Cross at 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016

(No Morning Mass)

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11 a.m.

Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. *(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

Masses at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions  for the Week



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
Spiritual Works of Mercy

MONDAY, MARCH 21

- + Sinclair Valladares
- + Philomena Joanes

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

- + Robert Sandford
- + Gladys Craig

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

- + Carmela, Salvatore, & Rita Chianelli

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 – HOLY THURSDAY

NO MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 – GOOD FRIDAY

NO MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 – EASTER VIGIL - 8:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 - EASTER SUNDAY

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| 8:00 a.m. | Intention Available |
| 9:30 a.m. | + Deogracia Pereira |
| | S.I. Rodrigues Family |
| 11:00 a.m. | + Jean K. Forsyth |
| | + Naomi Bain & Souls in Purgatory |
| 12:30 p.m. | + Doina Savu |
| | + Vicki Caetano |

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

7. Pray for the living and the dead

Pray for the living and the dead “Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him... Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ.” - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2560 and 2564.

Lived out in the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Religious orders present in the Archdiocese of Toronto
Remembrance Masses, Catholic Cemeteries and
Funeral Services

For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy,
please check the Archdiocese of Toronto website:
www.archtoronto.org

**Holy Land Commissariat in Canada Pontifical
Collection of Good Friday For the benefit
of the Holy Land**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

*“He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with
cheerfulness” Rm 12, 8*



Working wonders in our families...

“The impact that Silent Voice has had on my life as a former camper has given me the opportunity to meet many deaf and hard of hearing children from different backgrounds. Silent Voice has helped me discover who I am in my life and has given me purpose and future goals. As an adult, I want to help other deaf children and youth who are going through difficult times in life. I want to show them that they are not alone and provide them with support and a role model that is really needed in their lives. Thank you, ShareLife!” —Suma, former camper and Silent Voice day program counselor.

Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice’s Sign Language Summer Camps.

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders!



**Knights of Columbus –
Our Lady of Peace Council**

Dinner/Dance – Saturday, April 30th – 6:30 p.m.

at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Hall

Tickets: Couple \$70; Single: \$40 or Table of 8 - \$260

Details on bulletin board.

2016 ACTS RETREATS

St. Francis of Assisi is this year’s parish for the upcoming
3-day retreats at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,
Mississauga.

- A – Adoration** – God’s Call, your acceptance and answer
- C – Community** – love and caring for each other
- T – Theology** – “studying” through scripture and our faith
- S – Service** – to God and his people

Come to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen
your Faith and to apply it to your daily life.

Women: May 12–15 and October 27–30

Men: May 16–29 and November 10–13

Priority registration until **April 12, 2016**. Register at the
Parish Office or call Queen of Apostles at 905.278.5229

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