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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)

OFFICE HOURS

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

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

DEVOTIONS

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
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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 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.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Please mark your calendars! Fr. Fred Mazzeola will preach at all Masses on the second Sunday of Lent. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday he will continue developing his Mission 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.

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.



"Living the Gospel by providing for those in need"

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel," in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 41st anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season! —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2016 and advise you that income tax receipts are available in the basement of the church.

DON'T FORGET

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

Mass for the Intentions the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 6 – 7:00 P.M.

- + Keith Verissimo
- + Victor Mejia

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 – 8:00 A.M.

- + Dominic Pizzi
- + Leandro Valenton

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 – 8:00 A.M.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 – VIGIL MASS

- 5:00 P.M.** + Jose Cota
+ Meliton Delos Santos Sr.
+ Angela Peters

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00 A.M.** + Victor D'Souza
9:30 A.M. *Intention Available*
11:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community
12:30 P.M. *Intention Available*

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RETREAT DAY FOR MINISTERS OF CARE

Finding Jesus in Those Who Suffer

On Saturday March 25, 2017, the 10th Annual Retreat Day for Ministers of Care will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 101 Malta Ave, Brampton. Contemplate the face of Jesus in those who suffer. Time for personal reflection, group sharing, fellowship and Mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins. This retreat is intended for new or experienced ministers of care seeking ongoing formation in caring ministry. Pre-registration and payment required by March 20, 2017. For more information contact Sally Amaral, Office of Formation and Discipleship 416-721-3741 or email at samaral@archtoronto.org.

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"

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., Scarbrough**

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

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

A retreat for women will be held at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga on the weekend of March 31-April 2. The theme will be *The Call to Peace* and will be preached by the centre team. For further information or to register, please call 905-278-5229.

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 for Lectio Divina at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7:00 p.m. followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30-8:15 p.m. A schedule can be found at archtoronto.org/lectio.

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