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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2016

"My peace I give to you"

Do you know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself (Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus' last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit.



God unites us to himself in a bond of love and peace

Saint Augustine says the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love. God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us in love for love - to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and to love him in return.

How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

The true nature of peace

Do you know the peace which surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the peace which conquers our fears and anxieties. Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less.

How can we attain the peace which the Lord Jesus offers his followers? Through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, the Lord Jesus shows us how to yield our passions of anger, fear, and pride to him so we can receive his gift of peace. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and strengthens us with his gifts and supernatural virtues which enable us to live as wise and holy disciples of Christ.

"Lord Jesus, in love you created me and you drew me to yourself. May I never lose sight of you nor forget your steadfast love and faithfulness. And may I daily dwell upon your word and give you praise in the sanctuary of my heart, You who are my All."

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Please remember in your prayers the young people of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that these Masses will be regular daily Masses and no intentions will be accepted. The Intention will be for our Confirmandi.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Friday, May 6, is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 a.m. continuing with adoration until 7 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. followed by more adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the church.

Bring Life To Ottawa. For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to work to protect our fellow humans from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, please join us for a day trip to our Nation's Capital by coach on **Thursday, May 12, 2016** to attend the annual **March for Life event**. A coach will leave from St Francis of Assisi at 6:30 a.m. right after the 6 a.m. Mass. Cost is \$50. Contact John Killackey at 905-820-9232 for more information.

Women's ACTS RETREATS

May 12 – 15, 2016

Powerful new retreat experience based on adoration, community, theology, service. Women ministering to women. To register or for more information please call Queen of Apostles - 905-278-5229.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 2 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Pavlina Mindova

TUESDAY, MAY 3 - 8:00 A.M.

+ Blanca, Jose & Alexandra Bryne

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 - 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Confirmandi

THURSDAY, MAY 5 - 8 A.M.

+ Ruvín Ginedlin

FRIDAY, MAY 6 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Ana Coreta & Manuel Tingzon

+ Hatch Family

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Vigil Mass for 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5:00 P.M.

+ Maria & Renaud Da Gama Rose

+ Irene Lee

+ Kam-Fong Shun Tin

SUNDAY, MAY 8 - 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

9:30 a.m. + Siulan Wan & Kwong Yu

11:00 a.m. + Margaret O'Donoghue

12:30 p.m. + Edward Uba

+ Nick Pizzitelli

S.I. For an end to Abortion

COME INTO THE GARDEN



You are invited to join our Garden Committee members in their work on Saturday mornings. No previous garden work experience is required; other members will be happy to share their expertise. All are welcome and students may earn their volunteer hours by working with us. If you love your church and enjoy nature, this is the activity for you. Should you wish to work at a time other than Saturday mornings, we can accommodate your schedule.

Contact: **Dolores Wielgus 905-822-5297**

JOY Social Club..... Join us on a **Holy Door Pilgrimage** to Merciful Redeemer Parish on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016**. Meet at St. Ignatius Loyola Church at 10:30 a.m. Walk to Merciful Redeemer, pass through the Holy Door and attend Mass at noon with Fr. Tim Hanley who will be concelebrating. **FREE**. Details on bulletin board. Sign-up in the Parish Office.

CARMEL HEIGHTS

Saturday, May 7, 2016

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In the Garage and in our Home.

Generously Support Us!



SPRING PLANT BASKETS

Help support Knights of Columbus activities in your community (and get something nice for your yard too). Order your ****SPRING PLANT BASKETS (10" & 12" sizes - \$20.00 & \$25.00)****



After Masses April 30 & May 1. Need further information? **Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.**

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide - It's Time To Act!

On April 14, 2016, the federal government introduced Bill C-14 - legislation that, if passed, will amend the criminal code to make euthanasia/assisted suicide legal in Canada. Thousands of Canadians have contacted their elected officials, respectfully expressing their concerns. We still need your help. Visit CanadiansforConscience.ca to urge elected representatives to protect health care workers and institutions from having to provide or refer for euthanasia/assisted suicide. We are also asking Members of Parliament to expand palliative care & support for the vulnerable. Thank you for your ongoing support!



"Baby Bottles for Life" Fundraising Campaign May 7th & May 8th

Aid to Women is a Christian, volunteer-based, charity offering pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women in crisis, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. In addition to providing counselling, we provide material, emotional, spiritual and financial support for these mothers in need.

Representatives from *Aid to Women* will be at the back of the church after Mass next weekend handing out their baby bottles that contain more information about the campaign. You are asked to return the bottles to the parish with your donation on **May 28 or 29th**. 100% of the donations received go directly to Aid to Women's life affirming work.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY



On the weekend of May 8th, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

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