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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  
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
Christ the King 905-569-0220  
Iona Catholic Secondary 905-823-0136

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2015

## "I have called you friends"

What is the greatest act of love which one can give for the sake of another? Jesus defines friendship - the mutual bond of trust and affection which people choose to have for one another - as the willingness to give totally of oneself - even to the point of laying down one's life for a friend. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying.

Scripture tells us that *God is love* (1 John 4:8) - and everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In this great exchange - the Father giving up his Son to death on the cross in order to give us abundant everlasting life and adopting us as his beloved sons and daughters in Christ (Romans 8:14-17).

Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment - a new way of loving and serving one another. Jesus' love was wholly directed toward the good of others

Jesus calls his disciples his friends. Jesus not only showed his disciples that he personally cared for them and sought their welfare. He personally enjoyed their company and wanted to be with them. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them - even his inmost heart and thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus personally is to know God and the love and friendship he offers to each one of us.

The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. *He loved his own to the end* (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave the best he had and all that he had. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father.

The Lord Jesus gives his followers a new commandment - a new way of love that goes beyond giving only what is required or what we think others might deserve. What is the essence of Jesus' new commandment of love? It is a love to the death - a purifying love that overcomes selfishness, fear, and pride. It is a total giving of oneself for the sake of others - a selfless and self-giving love that is oriented towards putting the welfare of others ahead of myself.

The Lord Jesus tells us that he is our friend and he loves us whole-heartedly and unconditionally. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. If we open our hearts to his love and obey his command to love our neighbor, then we will bear much fruit in our lives, fruit that will last for eternity. Do you wish to be fruitful and to abound in the love of God?

*"Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Prayer of Ignatius Loyola)*

## **AID TO WOMEN "BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN BEGINS**

*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 counseling, we provide material, emotional, spiritual and financial support for these mothers in need.

Representatives from *Aid to Women* and will be at the back of the church after all Masses **this 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 the weekend of **(Father's Day!) June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**. 100% of the donations received go directly to *Aid to Women's* life affirming work.



## **BRINGING LIFE TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL**

For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to do something to protect our unborn at risk of abortion, please join us for a day trip to our Nation's Capital by coach on Thursday, May 14, 2015 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 am Mass. Cost is

**\$50. Contact John Killackey at 905-820-9232.**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, MAY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.**

***INTENTION AVAILABLE***

**TUESDAY, MAY 12 AT 8:00 A.M.**

***INTENTION AVAILABLE***

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CONFIRMATION MASS – NO OTHER INTENTIONS**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14 AT 8:00 A.M.**

***INTENTION AVAILABLE***

**FRIDAY, MAY 15 AT 7:00 P.M.**

+ **Mary Jane Spizzirri**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16 AT 9:00 A.M.**

***INTENTION AVAILABLE***

**SATURDAY, MAY 16 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord**

***INTENTION AVAILABLE***

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, Ascension of the Lord**

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

9:30 a.m. **+ Dennis Baldin**

11:00 a.m. **S.I. Parish Community**

12:30 p.m. ***INTENTION AVAILABLE***

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

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**



Please remember in your prayers the young people of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 13, 20 & 27, at 7:00 p.m. Please note that these Masses will not be regular daily Masses and no intentions will be accepted. The Intention will be for our Confirmation Candidates.

## **"TOTUS TUUS" SUMMER CAMP IS COMING TO MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH!**

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 19-24 at Merciful Redeemer Parish. For more information visit the website: [www.totustuutoronto.ca](http://www.totustuutoronto.ca) and contact Lisa D'Souza if you are interested in registering at 905-812-0030 Ext. 7; [ym@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:ym@mercifulredeemer.org) <http://www.mercifulredeemeryouth.com/>

## **SPRING MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

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## **WORKING WONDERS FOR THE ELDERLY...**

Retired long-term and recently experiencing the passing of his wife, Jamie has adjusted his life again by moving to Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage. As CAH is the only French-speaking retirement home in Toronto, Jamie is drawn by the camaraderie of other French-speaking friends. He may be alone at this time in his final senior years, but the activities and friendship there give Jamie the love and support he needs to live happily as he freely shares his life stories with those around him. Last year ShareLife-supported agencies provided outreach programs that met the needs of over 2,200 seniors. **Thank you for your generosity. To date our parish has collected \$102,464.48. Our goal is \$125,000.**

**Together we can work wonders!**



## **BUNDLE UP SUNDAY**

On the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup> the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothing and leather shoes. Thank you as always for your generosity.

## **SAVE THE DATE!!**

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

## **NEWS FROM THE SISTERS OF LIFE**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? Hope and healing are possible and God's mercy endures forever. ***The Sisters of Life will be hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for Women in Toronto on Saturday May 30, 2015.*** For confidential registration please call the Sisters of Life at 845-357-0258 or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For additional info, visit: <http://www.sistersoflife.org/days-of-prayer-healing-testimonies-faqs>

The Sisters of Life will have a special ***Mass for those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One through abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or tragedy on Sunday, May 31, 2015.*** 2 pm Holy Hour (confessions available), 3 pm Mass for Trinity Sunday, St. Peter's Church, 830 Bathurst Street (Bathurst Subway). For more information: [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org) or 416-463-2772.

## **MARRIAGE AND ANNULMENT**

On Mon. May 11, 2015 at 7 p.m., Fr. Brian Clough, Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Toronto will give a talk on the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage and annulment. The talk will take place at the Catholic Pastoral Centre - 1155 Yonge St. 4th Floor (Adjacent to the Summerhill TTC Subway Station; also free underground parking available). For inquiries, please call Catholic Family Services of Toronto 416-921-1163, x2227 or x2235.

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