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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.)

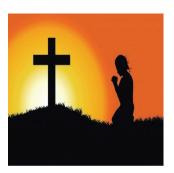
SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183 St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115 Christ the King 905-569-0220

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017

"Lord, show us the Father"



Do you allow any troubles to rob you of God's gift of peace? As much as we try to avoid it, we inevitably encounter challenges and trials that can shake our confidence and our trust in God. Jesus knew that his disciples would be put to the test when their Master was taken from them during his suffering and passion – his arrest, trial ad rejection by the leaders of his own people, and crucifixion by the Romans. Jesus encouraged his disciples to put their faith and hope in "God the Father and also in himself".

When adversity or trouble comes your way does it make you lose hope or give into fear and despair, or does it press you closer to the Lord Jesus and to the strength and help he offers you? When the people of Israel became discouraged and grew weary during their 40 years

in the wilderness, the Lord assured them that he would personally bring them safely into the promised land. "It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

This land of promise was a sign that prefigured and pointed to the true heavenly homeland which God offers to all who accept his gift of salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus, through his victory on the cross and his resurrection, has opened the way for each one of us to live in peace and friendship with our heavenly Father. One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the living God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our Father. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as *our Father*. To see Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Father, is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly for our good. Jesus also promises that God the Father will hear our prayers when we pray in his name. That is why Jesus taught his followers to pray with confidence, *Our Father who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread* (Matthew 6:9). Do you pray to your Father in heaven with joy and confidence in his love and care for you?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Weekday Mass Attendees:
Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the
Parish from Monday May 15 to Thursday May 18
inclusive at a mandatory priests retreat. Weekday
Masses will not be celebrated on those days.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY



On the weekend of **May 20**th, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING FLOWER SALE

Thanks to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus Spring Flower sale! Your orders will be available for pick-up after all masses next weekend, **May 13/14**. The proceeds from the sale go towards funding Knights of Columbus Y.E.S. program – support for Young Families, the Elderly and Students in our community.

SECOND ANNUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

"At His service, At His feet, In His name". Join us for a day of reflection on what it means to know, love, and serve Jesus. We are all called to experience a unique relationship with our Lord. Come for a day of reflection, prayer, and mass. Bring a friend! The retreat is being held at St. Augustine's Seminary June 3rd from 9:30-2:30. Cost is \$50.00. For more information call 416-261-7207 ext. 235 or email ioft@sastoronto.org



MONDAY, MAY 15 - 7:00 P.M.

No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 16 - 8:00 A.M.

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 – 7:00 P.M.

No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 18 - 8:00 A.M.

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 19 - 7:00 P.M

+ Tom & Dean McMillen

SATURDAY, MAY 20 - 5:00 P.M.

- + Gerry Mayo
- + Humberto De Canhas

SUNDAY, MAY 21 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00 A.M.

S.I. Parish Community

9:30 A.M.

+ Joseph Nguyen Thau

+ Wayne Wood

S.I. William & Stephanie Kovalchuk

11:00 A.M.

+ Carl Shaw

12:30 P.M.

+ Elizabeth Mathew

+ Avengrie Mathew

+ Joseph Mathew

MAGNIFICAT RETREAT

Join us for a Magnificat Retreat for women and men. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will be leading a retreat on Journey of Self-discovery and Healing. The day will include holy Mass, praise & worship, sacrament of reconciliation and hot lunch. The retreat is at St. Benedict Parish, 2194 Kipling Ave., Toronto. Cost is \$40. Tickets will only be sold online and will not be sold at the door. Contact Inez at 416-745-4268.



BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

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 each mass the weekend of May 13th and 14th, 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 June 10th & 11th, 2017. 100% of the donations received go directly to Aid to Women's life affirming work.



Living the Gospel by welcoming refugee families to Canada...

Julie and her younger sister arrived in Canada through the help of the Office for

Refugees to meet a resettlement group that welcomed them with a home and open arms. As orphans from a Refugee Camp in Ghana, they now have a safe place to call home in a country where their lives are not threatened. Julie is interested in studying and becoming a nurse in the maternity ward. She feels it is a passion she wants to pursue after watching her mother become ill and pass away after her sister's birth. They now have hope for a better future and are no longer alone because of the work done through ShareLife-supported Office for Refugees. Last year, the ShareLife-supported Office For Refugees assisted 6,000 people with their resettlement needs.

Next ShareLife Sunday is June 4, 2017 Please give generously.

CRADLE OF HOPE - GOLDEN JUBILEE CONFERENCE

Attwell Center, 272 Attwell Dr., Toronto The weekend of June 24/25 the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council of Toronto presents Cradle of Hope–Golden Jubilee Conference. Speakers include Cardinal Collins and four others. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist daily, praise and worship, rosary, adoration, Mass. Contact Pauline Susanto at 647-669-7524 or Mary Cruz Guzman at 647-887-5517. Meals available for purchase and free parking available.

CRADLE OF HOPE 2017 FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Attwell Center, 272 Attwell Dr., Toronto The weekend of June 24/25 children and youth are invited to join in to listen to God's Word, prayer, fun games, make friends, crafts, praise and worship. Limited space, so please sign up! For Children's Ministries please contact Sandra Brum at sandraserrabrum@gmail.com. For youth contact Pauline Susanto & Susie Pereira info@ccrctor.com.

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Parish of St Thomas More 263 Roncesvalles Ave., Toronto

Following the 12:30 Divine Worship sung Mass, noted author and historian, Dr. Ian Gentles, will address contemporary life issues in Canada. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

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