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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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 17, 2015

"The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven"

Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthly ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the Gospel - the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel?

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

"Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death."

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.

You are asked to return the bottles to the parish with your donation on the weekend of **(Father's Day!) June 20th and 21st**. 100% of the donations received go directly to Aid to Women's life affirming work.



DO YOU NEED TO REST YOUR BURDEN? WE CAN HELP.

Call **416-629-8264** or e-mail projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion: **May 22-24, 2015. Project Rachel** — private and confidential.

"The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want." Psalm 23

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Please remember in your prayers the young people of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 AT 7:00 P.M.

CONFIRMATION MASS – NO OTHER INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, MAY 21 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, MAY 23 AT 9:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, MAY 23 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for Pentecost Sunday

+ Rolando Papa

SUNDAY, MAY 24, Pentecost Sunday

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

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

11:00 a.m. **+ Conchita Talag De Santos**

+ Audrey St. Onge

S.I. Brian Duquesnay

12:30 p.m. **+ Edel Quinn**

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

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

VOCATION SEEDS

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**
email : vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

"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 and contact Lisa D'Souza if you are interested in registering at 905-812-0030 Ext. 7; ym@mercifulredeemer.org
<http://www.mercifulredeemeryouth.com/>

SPRING MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

MAY 28-MAY 31, 2015

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WORKING WONDERS FOR OUR NEW ARRIVALS IN CANADA...

Within one year of arriving in Canada, large numbers of immigrants who had no prior mental health problems experience mental health challenges that often impede their ability to settle in Canada. In addition, there are few culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services. Last year, ShareLife agencies helped to meet this challenge by providing advocacy programs for more than 40,000 immigrants and refugees in the GTA.



**Thank you for your generosity.
Together we can work wonders!**

CLUB 55 NEWS

Mark your calendars.... Club 55 is planning a Pasta Dinner/Movie Night on June 3rd - Dinner 6:30 p.m. Movie at 7:30 p.m. Details posted on bulletin Board. Register in St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Office. **Deadline: May 27th.**


Club 55 is planning a Grand River Cruise, Caledonia, on Thursday, June 25th - Leaving 8:30 a.m. Returning approx. 6:00 p.m. Cost per person: Members: \$110 Non-Members: \$115 includes luxury coach, shopping at Craft Shop, entertainment featuring "The Blazing Fiddlers", 3 hour river cruise, lunch and one-hour tour of Six Nations Reserve. Register in St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Office. **Deadline: June 8th. No Refunds.**

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. 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 or 416-463-2772.

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