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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)

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
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# THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) SUNDAY

May 29, 2016

# "All ate and were satisfied"



Do you hunger for God and for the abundant life he offers you through Jesus Christ? Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. What is the significance of this miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna (bread) in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. When the people complained to Moses that they would die of hunger in the barren wilderness, God told Moses that he would "rain bread from heaven" for them to eat (Exodus 16:4, 11-12). The miraculous provision of bread foreshadows the true heavenly bread which Jesus offers his followers who believe in him. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the "bread of life" (John 6:35) and the "true bread of heaven" that sustains us now and for all eternity (John 6:58).

# A sign of God's great generosity and goodness towards us

Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is a sign of God's generous care and provision for his people. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those in need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who lack what they need?

# Jesus feeds us with the true bread of heaven

Jesus' feeding of the five thousand points to the superabundance of the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered as a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Creator who made the earth fruitful to nourish and strengthen all his creatures. Melchizedek is an important Old Testament figure because he was both a priest and a king who offered a sacrifice of bread and wine to God on behalf of Abraham and his future offspring (Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1-4). His offering prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our great high priest and king who gave a new and distinctive meaning to the blessing of the bread and the cup of wine when he instituted the "Lord's Supper" or "Eucharist" on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross (Hebrews 7:26; 9:11; 10:12).

# Jesus poured out his blood for us

At Jesus' last supper meal, after he had poured the final blessing cup of wine and had given thanks to his Father in heaven, he gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:27-28). Jesus did this as a memorial of his death, which would take place the next day on the cross of Calvary, and his resurrection which occurred on the third day Easter morning. The shedding of Jesus' blood on the cross fulfilled once and for all the old covenant sacrifice of the paschal lamb at Passover time (Hebrews 10:11-14; 1 Corinthians 5:7: 1 Peter 1:18-19). That is why John the Baptist had prophetically called Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

# "The food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ"

When we receive from the Lord's Table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward.

When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

"Lord Jesus, you nourish and sustain us with your very own presence and life. You are the "Bread of Life" and the "Cup of Salvation". May I always hunger for you and be satisfied in you alone."

A new Beloved Sick List will be started on June 1st. If you would like to put your loved one on the list, please call the Parish Office – 905.822.8132.



# MONDAY, MAY 30 - 7:00 P.M.

Masahiro Nemoto Family

TUESDAY, MAY 31 - 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2 – 8:00 A.M.** 

Intention Available

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 - 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4** 

Vigil Mass for 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 – 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Thank you to **Christ the King Catholic School Community** for making a difference. They raised \$930 towards ShareLife.

Today is ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

## JOY Social Club.....

**Boat Cruise** aboard the RMS SEGWUM on Lakes Joseph and Rousseau, lunch at Sherwood Inn Resort, Port Carling and visit the Muskoka Boat and Heritage Museum. **Thursday, July 28th,** departing 8:30 a.m. returning 6:00 p.m. Cost \$125 per person. Deadline **June 26th.** No refunds for this event.

Details on bulletin board. Sign-up in the Parish Office.

# FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS June 3 - Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus June 4 - Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Friday, June 3, is the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and well as 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.

# **SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The following 2016 Offering Envelope Numbers have not been identified: **286**, **320**, **362**, **367**, **491**, **494**, **633**, **and 660**. If one of these numbers belongs to you, please contact the Parish Office.

Kindly **DO NOT USE 2015** Offering Envelopes as this could impact your 2016 Tax Receipt. 2016 Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Kindly **PRINT** your name and address on the first four offering envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity to the Parish and your assistance in these matters.

# The Knights of Columbus — Council 8668 — Our Lady of Peace

The Dinner/Dance Committee wishes to thank all our parishioners who supported our Charity Fund Raiser. We also wish to thank our Pastors, Fr. Tim Hanley and Fr. Bernard Vellozo for gracing our event by their presence. Thanks for a successful fund raiser – God Bless.

The Knights will be selling raffle tickets in support of the **Arthritis Society and Special Olympics** at the end of all Masses the weekend of June 4 & 5 and 11 & 12. For \$5.00 a ticket you will be eligible to win many prizes, while supporting two very worthwhile and important causes.

# LEGION OF MARY PATRICIANS' MEETING Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

The 2nd Patricians' Meeting in 2016 by the Legion of Mary: The 5th Commandment - "Thou shalt not kill."

Are we really clear about the 5th commandment? Or do we have questions regarding this commandment especially when the current issues of abortion and euthanasia are mentioned? Can one really say he/she does not kill or will not kill?

Let's bring all our questions or comments to the Patricians' meeting, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, to be held on **Monday, May 30th** at 7:30 p.m. after the Novena Mass All parishioners and friends are welcome. Hot beverage and light refreshments will be served. Let's continue our discussions about our faith.

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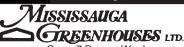
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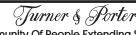
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