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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2016

“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 earthy

ministry.

The Risen Lord is with us always to the end of time

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven 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 from on high on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22, 4:1,18). 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.

The Risen Lord empowers us to carry on his work

Why did the Risen Lord ascend into heaven? The Father raised the glorified body of his Son and enthroned him in glory at his right hand in heaven. The Lord Jesus in his glorified body now reigns as Lord over the heavens and the earth - over all that he has created. The Risen Lord reigns from the throne in heaven as our Merciful Redeemer and Gracious King. He intercedes for us and he empowers us through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus gives us new life in his Spirit and he strengthens us in faith, hope and love so we can serve him and carry on his work as citizens of his kingdom here on earth.

You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth

Jesus' last words to his disciples point to the key mission and task he has entrusted to his followers on earth - to be his witnesses and ambassadors to the ends of the earth so that all peoples, tribes, and nations may hear the good news that Jesus Christ has come to set us free from sin, Satan, and death and has won for us a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness that will last forever.

How can we be effective witnesses for Christ? Jesus told his disciples, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you - and you shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus gives his followers the same power he received when the Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him at the beginning of his mission (John 1:32-33). The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of sin, guilt, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform your life?

“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.”

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



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

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 9 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MAY 10 - 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 - 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Confirmandi

THURSDAY, MAY 12 - 8 A.M.

+ Scarlett Johnston

FRIDAY, MAY 13 - 7:00 P.M.

+ Estrella Mangaron

+ Maria Lombardi

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Vigil Mass for 8th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5:00 P.M.

+ Rumro Cea

+ Giulia Pizzitelli

+ Edward Uba

SUNDAY, MAY 15 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

9:30 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

11:00 a.m. + Edward Uba

+ Oskar Stubits

12:30 p.m. + Stan Clark

+ Jose & Lourdes Jayme

+ Rosario Magtoto



Working wonders for the elderly...

Elva is a client in her late 70's who spent her life overcoming the challenges of Spine Bifida.

Despite her physical disabilities, Elva travelled the world as a music teacher and pianist for the National Ballet in Canada. Wheelchair-bound for the last 25 years, Elva gradually found herself less able to continue playing the piano and doing the things she enjoyed. Last year, the Society of Sharing matched Elva with a friendly visitor, Adam a young university student, with whom she can converse with as though there were no age difference. Adam is seen as an encouraging and familiar friend and someone to share ideas with as well as assist her with her cell phone, computer and printer. With his help, Elva is able to go to out to the movies or see local sights. Because of Adam, Elva's world has opened up and she is now reconnected to her community and able to share her incredible gifts of wit, intelligence, and positive attitude, giving her a renewed sense of meaning and purpose. This year, our support for ShareLife will help to expand this volunteer model into the Peel Region to assist seniors in this area. Last year ShareLife-supported agencies provided outreach programs that met the needs of over 2,200 seniors. This year, with your support, we can do more to help the elderly within our archdiocese.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders!



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**



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

Representatives from *Aid to Women* are at the back of the church after Mass this weekend handing out their baby bottles that contain 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.



TODAY IS BUNDLE SUNDAY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul container is in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

JOY Social Club.....

Join us on a **Holy Door Pilgrimage** to Merciful Redeemer Parish on **Wednesday, May 11th**. FREE.

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.

☀☀ *Happy Mother's Day!* ☀☀

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