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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  
 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

# THIRTYFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 1, 2015

## "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven"

What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true *happiness*, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word *beatitude* literally means "happiness" or "blessedness".

### *God gives us everything that leads to true happiness*

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8; 1 John 2:1), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal.

Jesus' tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart. Teresa of Avila's (1515-1582) prayer book contained a bookmark on which she wrote: *Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass - God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.*

Is God enough for you? God offers us the greatest good possible - abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God forever. Do you seek the *highest good*, the total good, which is above all else?

### *The beatitudes are a sign of contradiction to the world's way of happiness*

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression.

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: *"No one can live without joy. That is why a person deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures."* Do you know the happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

*"Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting peace and happiness. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will."*

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Please note that Fr. Bernard will be attending a Symposium for Priests from November 9 – 13, and therefore Holy Mass will not be celebrated here at St. Francis of Assisi on these days.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION & HOPE**

We are looking for new members to join our **Ministry of Consolation & Hope**. Members of this Ministry provide support to those who are experiencing grief, assisting with their spiritual needs and by providing practical assistance to the family. Training is provided by the Archdiocese of Toronto and starts in November. If you feel that you have a heart for those who are grieving or you would like more information, please contact Ann at the parish office as soon as possible. (905-822-8132, Ext. 3) Thank you.



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Registration for the First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is now closed. If you were unable to attend one of the scheduled meetings, you are invited to apply again in September 2016.**

## **LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW BY THE LEGION OF MARY**

Let's embrace Fall and the coming Winter! The book offerings at the Legion of Mary's book barrow will help you go through those long cold days and nights. You're invited to the Book Barrow weekend on Nov 7 & 8. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served on Sunday, Nov. 8th.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:00 P.M.

- + Deceased Johnson Family
- + Deceased Di-Trani Family
- + Deceased Wykes Family

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 8:00 A.M.

- + Pastor, Ernesto & Mon Miranda

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

### FIRST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 7:00 P.M.

- + Michael Kole
- + Saverio & Angelina Carreon
- S.I. Hatch Family

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 5:00 P.M.

#### Vigil Mass for 32<sup>ND</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

INTENTION AVAILABLE

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 25: 32<sup>ND</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

9:30 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

11:00 a.m. + Neil Shevlen + Grace Miranda

S.I. Matteo Lombardi

12:30 p.m. S.I. Parish Community

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

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed for the church gardens. We meet Saturday mornings, but there is work that can be done to suit your schedule. All are welcome: men, women and students. For students, this is a good way to meet volunteer hour's requirements for school. Call Dolores Wielgus at 905-822-5297.

### "COME & SEE" WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 6 - 8, 2015

This "Come and See" Weekend is for men, 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, November 6 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, November 8 at 1:30 p.m. This offers a way for men discerning a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. For more information please call 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### "PROJECT HOPE"

This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or call (416) 934-3411. You may also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.

### NOVEMBER: Month of the Holy Souls



+ All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

+ The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

+ All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the following cemeteries: Assumption, Christ the King, Holy Cross, Queen of Heaven and Resurrection. The Mass will be in Italian and English at Queen of Heaven and Holy Cross cemeteries.

### PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER?

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is highly recommended you contact the pastor as soon as possible. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBERS

Please note that we are unable to identify the users of the following offertory envelopes. **520, 571, 573, 613, 704 & 719**. If one of these numbers belong to you, please call the parish bookkeeper at 905-822-8132, Ext. 7 as we will be unable to issue tax receipts to the owners of these numbers.

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday, November 6, is 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 MISSALS FOR 2015/16

Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year which starts on the weekend of November 29 are on sale at the back of the church at a cost of \$5 each. Please try to have the correct change. ☺ Thank you so much.

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 AM

An estate planning kit and DVD will be provided at no cost. Location: Assumption Cemetery (6933 Tomken Road, Mississauga) Refreshments will be provided. RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries, 416.733-8544 ext. 2023 or [fjannetta@cc-fs](mailto:fjannetta@cc-fs)



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