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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.)

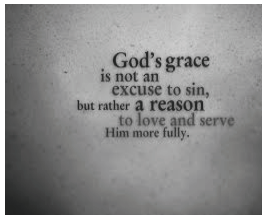
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St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
 St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115
 Christ the King 905-569-0220
 Iona Catholic Secondary 905-823-0136

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13, 2016

"Take heed that you are not led astray"



How would you respond if someone prophesied that your home, land, or place of worship would be destroyed? Jesus foretold many signs that would shake peoples and nations. The signs which God uses are meant to point us to a higher spiritual truth and reality of his kingdom which does not perish or fade away, but endures for all eternity. God works through many events and signs to purify and renew us in hope and to help us set our hearts more firmly on him and him alone.

We need to recognize the signs of God's judgment, mercy, and grace to save us

Sometimes we don't recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of the age in which we live, until something "shakes us up" to the reality of this present condition. God reminds us that a future judgment and outcome awaits every individual who has lived on this earth. The reward for doing what is right and pleasing to God and the penalty for sinful rebellion and rejection of God are not always experienced in this present life - but they are sure to come in the day of final judgment.

The Lord Jesus tells us that there will be trials, suffering, and persecution in this present age until he comes again at the end of the world. God intends our anticipation of his final judgment to be a powerful deterrent to unfaithfulness and wrongdoing. God extends grace and mercy to all who will heed his call and his warning. Do not pass up, even for one day, God's invitation of grace and mercy to seek first his kingdom of righteousness and peace. This day may be your only chance before that final day comes.

Satan destroys and kills - God restores and gives life

The real enemy of the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - is Satan (also called Lucifer), the powerful leader of the fallen angels who rebelled against God and who were cast out of heaven. Satan opposes God and all who follow his rule of peace and righteousness (moral goodness) on the earth. Satan not only opposes God's rule, he seeks to destroy all who would obey God. Satan will use any means possible to turn people away from God. He tempts people through envy, deception, hatred, and fear to provoke hostility towards those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is Jesus' response to hostility and persecution? Love, forbearance, and forgiveness. Only love - the love which is rooted in God's great compassion and faithfulness - can overcome prejudice, hatred, and envy. God's love purifies our heart and mind of all that would divide and tear people apart. Knowing God as our compassionate Father and loving God's word of truth and righteousness (moral goodness) is essential for overcoming evil. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear those who would oppose us or treat us harshly for following the Lord Jesus. He promises to give us supernatural strength, wisdom, and courage as we take a stand for our faith and witness to the truth and love of Christ.

Endurance never gives up hope in God

Endurance is linked with godly hope - the supernatural assurance that we will see God face to face and inherit all the promises he has made. Jesus is our supreme model and pioneer who endured the cross for our sake (Hebrews 12:2). *"God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8). Jesus willingly shed his blood for us - to win for us pardon and peace with God. Our joy and privilege is to take up our cross each day to follow the Lord Jesus.

We do not need to fear our adversaries

What will attract others to the truth and power of the Gospel? When they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries. God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Are you ready to lay down your life for Christ and to bear witness to the joy and freedom of the Gospel?

"Lord Jesus Christ, by your atoning death on the cross you have redeemed the world. Fill me with joyful hope, courage, and boldness to witness the truth of your love for sinners and your victory over the powers of sin, Satan, and death."



The Shepherds' Trust
Caring for those who always cared for us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON NOVEMBER 12 and 13, 2016

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we remember how they have been tangible instruments of the Lord's mercy in our lives. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese this weekend. This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

VIGIL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

9:30 a.m. + Faithful Departed – Book of Life

11:00 a.m. + John & Anne Liptay

+ John Hvasta

S.I. Angeli Casuga

12:30 p.m. + Zito, Olga & Lorraine Rodrigues

+ Angela MacIntyre

+ Souls in Purgatory

NOVEMBER: Month of the Holy Souls

Completed Memorial Sheets have been placed in the **Book of Life** to be remembered at Masses during the month of November. Each weekend during the month of November, one Sunday Mass will be offered for the faithful departed listed on the Memorial Sheets.



**Carmelite Sisters' Day of Retreat
November 19 – 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

1720 Sherwood Forrest Circle, Mississauga

Is God calling you to discover a deeper meaning and purpose to your life? The Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus invite single women to spend a day of reflection at Carmel Heights on Saturday, **November 19, 2016**. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m. and end with a Holy Hour from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the Carmelite spirituality and the Sisters' charism of prayer and service. Lunch will be provided. To register and for more information, call Sr. Veronica 905.822.5298 or email smv2096@yahoo.com



Keep the faith. The most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment you're about to give up hope!



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Baptized Catholics in Grade Seven and up are invited to consider receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament completes one's Christian initiation, empowers him/her to witness to Jesus Christ, and presumes a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, kindly attend **ONE** of the following meetings with your parent(s): **SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 OR SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 at 10:00 a.m.** Further details will be included in the December school newsletter.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Calling boys and girls in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 4. Would you like to be in our Christmas Pageant at the **6 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve?**

If you are interested, please ask your parents to call: Jessica MacSween at 647.282.2261 or Dany Doss at 416.568.9121.



ROSARY SALE - NOVEMBER 11 AND 12

– Proceeds for Refugee Family

Carmela Loconte will be selling her **hand-made rosaries and rosary bracelets** at the all Masses this weekend. All proceeds will support our Refugee Family. Please stop and take a look. Cash only please.



2016 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please help support Knights of Columbus activities in our community. Pre-order your **2016 Christmas Poinsettias** after all Masses weekends of November 19/20, November 26/27 & December 3/4. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell at 905.607.5981.



VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering

Friday, December 9 from 7:00 p.m. to

Sunday, December 11 – 1:00 p.m.

Would you like to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Christ?

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