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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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2015

"The Son of man will come with great power and glory"

Do you recognize the signs of God's kingdom - signs that point to his power and action in our lives and in the world around us? The Lord Jesus came to bring us the kingdom of God and to set us free from bondage to sin, death, and destruction and from the powers of the evil one who tempts us through lies and deception.

The Lord is preparing us for his return

Jesus told his first disciples that it was for their benefit that he return to his Father in heaven in order for the Holy Spirit to come and fill the earth with the fire of God's love, truth, and glory. The Lord Jesus in every age fills his people with the power of the Holy Spirit so that each one of us can hear his voice, understand his truth, and sow the seeds of his word wherever he sends us. The Lord is preparing his people for his return - for the day of "tribulation" and "shaking" when he will appear "coming in clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:25-26).



What did Jesus mean when he spoke about a time of tribulation, shaking, and the "Son of man coming with great power and glory"? The title Jesus most frequently used to describe his mission was the "Son of Man" (Mark 13:26). This title is a direct reference to the prophetic vision in the Book of Daniel, chapter 7: 13. The image of a "Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven" is taken from the vision of the prophet Daniel (Daniel 7:13-14). Daniel's vision is a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. This king, whose authority comes from God, is given power to rule over "all peoples, nations, and languages" (Daniel 7:14). The kingdom which he comes to establish cannot be broken or destroyed because it is built on the foundation of God's justice, truth, and holiness.

The day of the Lord's return will be unlike any other moment in time, history, and destiny for the human race and our place in God's creation. Then the "stars of heaven will fall and all will be shaken" before the presence of the Lord when he comes. Then the peoples of the earth and their rulers will know who is the true King and Ruler over all.

Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission - to free the human race from slavery to sin and Satan - the father of lies. His second coming will be the final completion of his mission when he makes "make all things new" - a new heavens and a new earth - after he has put down the last enemy which is death and restores our lowly bodies to immortality when death will be no more (Daniel 12:2-3).

The first coming of the Lord Jesus is inseparably linked with his second coming at the end of this present age. We do not know the day or hour when the Lord will return again in glory. But now in this present age we can experience the first-fruits of the kingdom of God - the abundant new life in the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, and the fruits of the Spirit - love, peace, joy, patience, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) and so many other qualities which the Spirit works within us - thus enabling us to love and serve others with tenderhearted mercy, patience, and goodness. Do you know and experience in your life the first-fruits of the kingdom of God?

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of your kingdom and the fire of your love to all I meet and serve. Direct my life to the glory of your name and to the coming of your kingdom."

PARISH SECRETARY - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, MISSISSAUGA

Our Parish Secretary for 32 years is retiring and we are seeking applicants to fill this position. Reporting to the Pastor this position is responsible for the office administration of the Parish except for bookkeeping. This is a full time position with competitive benefits. For further information about this position see the Notice Board at the back of the church. Résumés and a covering letter should be sent to Father Bernard Vellozo by email at ann@st-francisofassisi.ca, by fax to 905-822-6620, direct mail, or delivered by Monday, November 30, 2015.

CARMEL HEIGHTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2015

1720 Sherwood Forrest Circle, Mississauga
Jewelry, antiques, gifts, toys, tea room, etc.
Friday, December 4 from 2 – 7 p.m.
Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude

- + Teresa & Luigi Volpe
- + Teresa & Vincent Leconte
- + Neil Shevlen

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 8:00 A.M.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- + Laz Fernandes
- + Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

- + Ernest Fernandes
- + Neil Shevlen

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 7:00 P.M.

- + Annamma Thomas

S.I. For the cause of Canonization of Fr. Agnello

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Community
- 9:30 a.m. **INTENTIONS AVAILABLE**
- 11:00 a.m. + Forsyth & Fitzgerald Families
- + Neil Shevlen
- 12:30 p.m. + Rosario Tentativa
- + Gilda Uy Yangzon
- + Lanz Uy Yangzon

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

"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 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.



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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend, November 22, 2016. Special donation envelopes are in your offertory envelope boxes or you may take a collection envelope located on a table at the back of the church. Your generosity to families in need at Christmas is most appreciated.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools hold Kindergarten Registration in January 2016

Kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year, will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on January 25* from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and January 27, 28, 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *A snow date has been designated on January 26 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.. Registration materials will be available on the board website and in our schools in January. Parents/guardians are to register their child in person at their designated Catholic school. To inquire about home school locations/boundary areas, please contact the Planning Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24440.

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.

2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Offertory envelope boxes for 2016 are now available at the back of the church. Please take any box and remember to print your name and address on the first 3 envelopes you use in January 2016. Thank you.

Please note that we are unable to identify the users of the following offertory envelopes. **571, 573, 613, 704 & 719.** If one of these numbers belongs 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.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST



As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. 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 twilight years, it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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