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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016



Pope Francis – Mercy from the Manger – Reflections for Advent LIVING IN THE LIGHT

Through the course of history, light that shatters the darkness reveals to us that God is Father and that his patient fidelity is stronger than darkness and corruption.

(Homily, December 24, 2014)

Lord, I become so stressed at this time of year. Despite my most earnest plans to spend some quiet time thanking you for the most tangible sign of your mercy – the coming of your Son – I find myself behaving in anything but a merciful manner. I get so concerned about gifts and gatherings that I become cranky with my family, friends, coworkers and even strangers on the street. Help me put aside the personal darkness that busyness can create and focus on your light. Help me to rest in your arms, today and always. Amen

In prayer our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of situations of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity.

(Visit to the Charitable Center of St. Patrick Parish and Meeting with the Homeless, September 24, 2015)

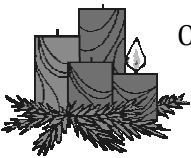
Lord, I sometimes find myself numb to the challenges of the world. They seem overwhelming. I ask “*What can I, as one person, do to actually change anything? What does my visit to the sick or the imprisoned, or my donation to the food pantry or homeless shelter, accomplish?*” Lord, I pray that you keep my heart and head open to offering charity to others. Be my eyes and light the light of compassion in my soul, no matter how small my service seems to me at times. May I delight in the way you use me. Amen.

Chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God, Mary, from the outset, was prepared by the love of God to be the ‘Ark of the Covenant’ between God and man. She treasured divine mercy in her heart in perfect harmony with her Son Jesus.

(Misericordiae Vultus)

Lord, I am in awe of the Blessed Mother’s faith in you and your plan, from the moment of the Annunciation to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. While she pondered in her heart over the unusual events of her life, she never ceased to give you praise. May I be willing to embrace your plan for me. May I remember that your way is always best, even when your reasoning is beyond my human power to understand. May I surrender my will as gracefully as Mary did and walk in the light. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING (by a lay person)



O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the Coming of Christ, and may receive from you abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Sunday of Advent: Light the first purple candle.

Prayer: O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Saviour of all peoples, come and dwell among us. Amen.

~ ~ ~ PARISH REGISTRATION ~ ~ ~

Kindly fill out a registration form, available at the back of the Church:

- if you are already registered and need to update your contact information
- if you are new to St. Francis of Assisi Parish and you will be staying to worship with us
- if your children attend one of our parish elementary schools (*you are not automatically registered in the parish*)
- if you are recently married or an adult no longer living with your parents
- **USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE REGISTRATION**

It only takes a minute to fill-out a registration form and it helps us to know our parishioners better.

~ ~ ~ PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING ~ ~ ~

If you would to make your regular offerings through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), kindly complete a PAG Form, which are available at the back of the Church and return to the Office. Please note you still need a box of Sunday offering envelopes for the other Special Collections.



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Due to poor attendance, all-day adoration on First Fridays will be curtailed effective November 2016. Parishioners are welcome to adore our Eucharistic Lord and pray to Him during the Holy Hour every Friday following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Benjamin, Carolina, Sofia and Serapan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. Thanksgiving - Jacob Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

VIGIL MASS FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 5:00 P.M.

+ Fr. Michael Ross, SDB

+ Ann Augustine

+ Kam-Fong Shun Tin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

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

11:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

12:30 p.m. + Cecilia, Francis & Xavier Zuzarte

**RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION DURING THE
SEASON OF ADVENT**

Please remember to pray for the young people of our parish who will be receiving God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time

St. Francis of Assisi School

Saturday, December 3rd

St. Margaret of Scotland School

Saturday, December 10th

Christ the King School

Saturday, December 17th



**Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
November 20-26**

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week in Ontario schools runs from November 20-26. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and its 150 schools have planned a wide range of events, activities and actions to highlight greater awareness and to promote a culture of care, respect and inclusion for all through efforts to eliminate bullying. A full schedule of events and activities is posted on the board website. Schools are encouraged to capture their events in pictures and video and post them on twitter using the hashtag #DPStandUp.



Pre-order your Christmas Poinsettias after all Masses weekends of November 26/27 & December 3/4.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION UPDATE.....

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 at 10 a.m. OR SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 at 10 a.m.** In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

- 1. PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**
- 2. \$20 for the Confirmation resource fee**
- 3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:**
 - a. Confirmed Catholic**
 - b. 16 years of age or older**
 - c. Practising Catholic**
 - d. Not be the parent of the Candidate**

Each meeting will be held in St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

These are the only 2 registration sessions being held for Confirmation in January 2017. If you miss these sessions, you are most welcome to register for Confirmation in 2018.



**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

6:00 p.m. (Children's Christmas Pageant),
8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

December 26 – 7:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017 – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place the weekend of December 3 & 4. 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.

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