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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.)

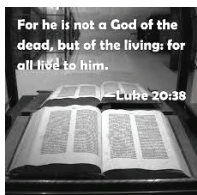
### SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
 St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
 Christ the King 905-569-0220  
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# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 6, 2016

## "All live to him"



Is your life earth-bound or heaven-bound? The Sadducees had one big problem - they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their naked eyes! Aren't we often like them? We don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven.

### **The Scriptures give witness - we will rise again to immortal life**

Jesus retorts by dealing with the fact of the resurrection. The scriptures give proof of it. In Exodus 3:6, when God manifests his presence to Moses in the burning bush, the Lord tells him that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He shows that the patriarchs who died hundreds of years previously were still alive in God. Jesus defeats their arguments by showing that God is a living God of a living people. God was the friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they lived. That friendship could not cease with death. As Psalm 73:23-24 states: "I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory."

The ultimate proof of the resurrection is the Lord Jesus and his victory over death when he rose from the tomb. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he exclaimed: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25). Jesus asks us the same question. Do you believe in the resurrection and in the promise of eternal life with God?

### **Jesus came to restore Paradise and everlasting life for us**

The Holy Spirit reveals to us the eternal truths of God's unending love and the life he desires to share with us for all eternity. Paul the Apostle, quoting from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 64:4; 65:17) states: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:9-10). The promise of paradise - heavenly bliss and unending life with an all-loving God - is beyond human reckoning. We have only begun to taste the first-fruits! Do you live now in the joy and hope of the life of the age to come?

*"May the Lord Jesus put his hands on our eyes also, for then we too shall begin to look not at what is seen but at what is not seen. May he open the eyes that are concerned not with the present but with what is yet to come, may he unseal the heart's vision, that we may gaze on God in the Spirit, through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, whose glory and power will endure throughout the unending succession of ages." (Prayer of Origen, 185-254 AD)*



**The Shepherds' Trust**

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**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. Donation envelopes and the **Shepherds' Trust Newsletter** are available in the vestibule of the Church. 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.

### **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.



### **Memorial Mass**

**November 7th – 7:00 p.m.**

A Memorial Mass for the deceased members of Our of Peace Council will be held on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Deceased Members – Our Lady Queen of Peace Council

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**VIGIL MASS FOR 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Faithful Departed – Book of Life

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00 a.m.** *Intention Available*

**9:30 a.m.** + Vincenzo Gagliardi

+ Arsenia Augustin

**11:00 a.m.** S.I. Parish Community

**12:30 p.m.** + Deceased Members F. Rodrigues Family

+ Amy Duorado

**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

**MEN'S ACTS RETREAT  
November 10 – 13**

St. Francis of Assisi is this year's Parish for the upcoming 3-day retreats at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

**A** – Adoration – God's Call, your acceptance and answer

**C** – Community – love and caring for each other

**T** – Theology – "studying" through scripture and our faith

**S** – Service – to God and his people

Come to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your Faith and to apply it to your daily life.

Register at the Parish Office or call **Queen of Apostles** at 905.278.5229 or Email: qoa.ca



**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.



**UNWANTED HALLOWEEN CANDY (WRAPPED)**

Once again, **Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children** will be collecting your unwanted wrapped Halloween candy at the back of the church this weekend, November 5 and 6. No chocolate please. Thank you so much.



**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 the weekend of November 11 and 12. All proceeds will go for the Refugee Family. Please stop and take a look. Cash only please.



**SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2016-2017**

Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year, which starts on the weekend of November 27, will be on sale after all Masses during the month of November. Cost: **\$5 each**. Please try to have the correct change. Thank you kindly.



**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.

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