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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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS

Sunday Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON
Children's Liturgy at: 10:00 a.m. Mass

Weekday Eucharist
Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:00 AM

* Morning Prayer / Evening Prayer
(One half hour before Mass)

DEVOTIONS

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
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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2017

"The tax collectors and prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you"

What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think – to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his sons food, lodging and everything they needed. Everything the father had, belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty and honour by doing their fair share of the daily work.

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what the father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't carry through. He did his own pleasure contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father, but one repented and then did what he was told. Jesus makes his point clear: Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each of us the greatest treasure possible – unending peace, joy and happiness and life with him in his kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace God offers us to follow in his way of truth and righteousness. Do you respect the will of your Father in heaven?

SPEAK UP! CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

As the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment approaches, we want to hear from you! Faith Connections and the Office of Catholic Youth will be hosting Live Listening Sessions with the Toronto Bishops. Young people 16-29 will have the opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' questions in preparation for the Synod! Your voice is important! Meeting is being held on October 11 at St. Christopher Parish, 1171 Clarkson Rd. N., Mississauga at 7:00 p.m. For more info go to bit.ly/synodsspeakup.

Welcome Back

OPENING SCHOOL MASSES

St Francis of Assisi School

Wednesday, October 4 at 9:00 a.m.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents who would like their child to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are invited to call the office at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 905-822-8132 and register for an information session with Fr. Bernard.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4, 2017. The annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on Saturday, October 7 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the church parking lot. There will be a BBQ to follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Sean and Tracey Morrison

+ Donald Colaco

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 – 8:00 A.M.

S. I. Beverly O'Grady

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Kam Kai-Hong

+ Bill McMullen

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. *Intention Available*

10:00 A.M. Zita & Benedicta Lobo

12:00 Noon S.I. Parish Community

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

A reminder that the Chaplet of Divine Mercy continues throughout the year. Join us Fridays at 3:00 p.m. The essential purpose of the Chaplet is to simply pray to The Divine Mercy, remembering the Lord's passion and asking for the Lord's intercession for sinners. Chaplet runs for 25-30 minutes. New people are always welcome.

BRIDGE CLUB

What are you doing on Monday afternoon? Why not join us for an entertaining afternoon of Bridge? We are a very sociable group of people who would love to meet you. Come and try it. Who knows you might enjoy yourself. For more info call Jo Guild at 905-823-1973.

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF PEACE

Did you know that peace agreements are 35% more likely to hold for at least 15 years when women help draft them? Come learn about the new Development and Peace campaign: Women at the Heart of Peace Sat. Oct. 14th, 9am-12:30pm St. Dominic's Parish 625 Atwater Ave., Mississauga In a world increasingly threatened by war, it is time to find new ways of creating peace. Women are a key part of the solution. Come learn why and what you can do at this Free Workshop! RSVP: Anne Brisbois-Abbott anne.brisbois.abbott@hotmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday, October 4th, St. Francis of Assisi School will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with an evening liturgy and open house. All former staff and students are welcome to join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church for a 6:30 p.m. liturgy, followed by light refreshments and an open house at the school. For further information, please contact the school at 905-822-3183

PLEASE NOTE

In order to accommodate the St. Francis of Assisi School 50th Anniversary celebration liturgy, the Mass for parishioners on St. Francis of Assisi feast day **WILL NOT** be at 7:00 p.m. but at 12:00 noon.

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.

R.C.I.A

If you or a loved one would like to consider becoming a Roman Catholic, please call the parish office at 905-822-8132. Come and join us, and grow in your love and knowledge of God and of the Catholic Church. **SPONSORS** are also needed and if you are willing to share your faith and spend time with these inquirers please leave your name and telephone number at the parish.

CARMEL HEIGHTS BIG CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Head over to Carmel Heights Seniors Residence for their Christmas Bazaar on Thursday Oct. 19 and Friday October 20 from 3-7 and Saturday Oct. 21 from 9-2. You'll find Christmas trees and decorations, toys, jewellery, collectables and furniture. On Saturday there will be baked goods. They are located at 1720 Sherwood Forest Circle, Mississauga.

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