



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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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 (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)	905-822-8132 Ext. 3

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 16, 2016

"Always pray and do not lose heart"



What can a shameless and unjust judge pitted against a crusty and pestering woman teach us about justice and vindication (to restore what is right and just) in the kingdom of God? Jesus tells a story that is all too true - a defenseless widow is taken advantaged of and refused her rights. Through sheer persistence she wears down an unscrupulous judge until he gives her justice. Persistence pays off, and that's especially true for those who trust in God. Jesus illustrates how God as our Judge and Vindicator is much quicker to come to our defense and to bring us his justice, blessing, and help when we need it. But we can easily lose heart and forget to ask our heavenly Father for his grace and help.

Faith-filled persistence reaps the fruit of justice and grace

Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favor towards us (grace). In this present life we can expect trials and adversity, but we are not without hope in God. The Day of the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices perpetrated by a fallen world of sinful people and that God's love is stronger than death (Song of Songs 8:6). Those who put their faith in God and entrust their lives to him can look forward with hope and confident assurance. They will receive their reward - if not fully in this present life then surely and completely in the age to come in God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17).

Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith - the kind of faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God - but perseveres to the end of our lives - and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus will return in glory as Ruler and Judge of All? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. We could not believe, trust, and persevere with hope if God did not first draw us to himself and reveal to us his merciful love and care. If we want to grow and persevere in faith until the end of our days, then we must nourish our faith with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it (Luke 17:5). When trials and setbacks disappoint you, where do you place your hope and confidence? Do you pray with expectant faith and confident hope in God's merciful care and provision for you?

"Lord Jesus, increase my faith and make it strong that I may never doubt your word and promise to be with me always. In every situation I face - whether trials, setbacks, or loss - may I always find strength in your unfailing love and find joy and contentment in having you alone as the treasure of my heart."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be attending an Archdiocesan Priests' Seminar from October 24 – 27 inclusive, and therefore Holy Mass will not be celebrated here at St. Francis of Assisi on these days.



THANK YOU FROM FR. BERNARD

I would like to acknowledge the work of our dedicated volunteers on the Gardening Committee. Their efforts have allowed our community to appreciate God's beauty in our gardens. Thank you.

We also thank Monica and Doug Stanley for the beautiful Thanksgiving arrangement in the front of the Altar for Thanksgiving.

Fr. Bernard



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL #8668

THANK YOU...

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners who supported the **Roses for Life** campaign. Through your generosity, a cheque for \$1200.00 will be presented to Anna Jushkevich from Birthright Mississauga.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There will be an opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus after all Masses on the weekend of October 22 and 23 about the work of the Knights and to consider joining this fraternal Catholic organization.

Mass for the Intentions the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Carmel Zammit
+ Jeffrey Muscat

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Melvin Aruja

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

VIGIL MASS FOR 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m.	S.I.	Parish Community
9:30 a.m.	+	Felisa Salazar
	+	Carmen Melchiorre
11:00 a.m.	+	Mary Fitzgerald Forsyth
12:30 p.m.		<i>Intention Available</i>

Dr. Moira McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, will be speaking at St. Christopher Parish on **Sundays, October 16, 23 & 30** at 3:00 p.m. on the Principals of Catholic Morality and the two Papal Encyclicals. All are welcome.



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 before Thanksgiving. 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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - October 22 and 23, 2016

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. Special donation envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - BUNDLE SUNDAY

There will be no Bundle Sunday at St. Francis of Assisi Parish this fall. A list of Parishes having a Bundle Sunday is posted on the bulletin board.

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT - OCTOBER 27 – 30

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



Supporting those entering the priesthood ...



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. (Luke 4:18)

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are fortunate to have priests in most of our parishes, in some cases supported by an associate pastor and/or a Deacon. Retired clergy often help out by celebrating Mass when there is a need for assistance. In many parts of the world, there is not always a priest available to say Mass each weekend. In some Dioceses in India or Africa, parishes have many mission churches that they visit on a regular basis, but not necessarily every week.

Matthew Gunnarson, a second year student at St. Augustine's Seminary, notes 'This year and last I had the privilege of speaking at parishes during the Sunday Masses about ShareLife. I told them we would not be able to run the seminary without your generous support of St. Augustine's. This was my way of saying thank you to ShareLife. I truly appreciate all you do for us.'

Your support of ShareLife is helping to educate seminarians and candidates for the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Toronto, who will one day carry out their ministry parishes. Currently, there are 65 seminarians and students in formation either at St. Augustine's Seminary or Serra House, with another 22 individuals participating in the Diaconate program.

Thank you for providing for the education of future clergy in our archdiocese!



OPEN HOUSE.....

Holy Name of Mary College School located nearby on Mississauga Road, is an independent Catholic school for girls in grades 5 to 12, that offers a challenging and engaging program. The school is holding an Open House for prospective students on **Saturday, November 19** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information go to **www.hnmcs.ca** or call 905-891-1890.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUPLES BRIDGE CLUB

We are starting a new year of Couples Bridge and are looking for new members. Any couple, (mixed, two women or two men) are invited to join. If interested, please call Jo Guild at 905.823.1973.



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