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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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2015

"Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

Would you rather be the leader or a follower, take first place or the last? Two of Jesus' disciples boldly asked Jesus to promote them to first place in his kingdom. The desire for greatness seems to be inbred in all of us. Who wants to be last or least? Jesus did the unthinkable - he reversed the order to true greatness and glory. If we want to be first and great, then we must place ourselves at the disposal of others by putting their interests first and by taking on their cares and concerns as if they were our own.

Jesus wedded authority with unconditional love and service with total sacrifice - the willing sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Authority without sacrificial love is brutish and self-serving. Jesus also used stark language to explain what kind of sacrifice he had in mind. His disciples must drink his cup if they expect to reign with him in his kingdom. The cup he had in mind was a bitter one involving crucifixion - laying down one's life even to the point of shedding one's blood for the sake of Christ.

What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for each one of us? For some disciples such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom - the shedding of one's blood for the sake of Christ's name. But for many of us, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, struggles, and temptations. The Lord Jesus has offered his life for our sake and he calls us to freely offer our lives in a daily sacrifice of love and service for others. What makes such sacrifice a joy rather than a burden is love - the kind of love which has power to transform and change our lives and the lives of those around us. Paul the Apostle tells us that this "love" is a pure gift "which God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). If we allow God's love to transform our lives, then no sacrifice will be too great or hard to make.

An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: "to serve is to reign with Christ." We share in God's power, authority, and kingdom by loving others as he has loved us and by laying down our lives in humble caring service for the sake of our neighbor's welfare. Are you ready to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus did?

"Lord Jesus, set me free from fear and pride that I may be a servant of love and compassion for others. May the fire of your love inflame my heart that I may give generously and serve joyfully for your sake."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for new members to join our Ministry of Consolation & Hope. Members of this Ministry provide support to those who are experiencing grief, assisting with their spiritual needs and by providing practical assistance to the family. Training is provided by the Archdiocese of Toronto and starts in November. If you feel that you have a heart for those who are grieving or you would like more information, please contact Ann at the parish office as soon as possible. (905-822-8132, Ext. 3) Thank you.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL - MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There will be an opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus after all Masses on the weekend of October 31/November 1 about the work of the Knights and to consider joining this fraternal Catholic organization.

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.

Mass for the Intentions Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

+ Glenn Swanson

**S.I. In Thanksgiving for the success of the Family of
Faith campaign**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

9:30 a.m. + Chantal LaFrance

+ Angela, Anne & Patrick Moylett

11:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Family

12:30 p.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

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

CLUB 55 EVENT

Carmen's Dinner Theatre to see *"The Wonderful World of Christmas"* on Thursday, December 3. Leaving: 10:30 a.m. Returning: 4:30 p.m. **Cost: Members \$61. Non-Member: \$66.** Details on bulletin board. Deadline: **October 18th.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed for the church gardens. We meet Saturday mornings, but there is work that can be done to suit your schedule. All are welcome: men, women and students. For students, this is a good way to meet volunteer hour's requirements for school. Call Dolores Wielgus at 905-822-5297.

"COME & SEE" WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 6 TO 8, 2015

This "Come and See" Weekend is for men, 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, November 6 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, November 8 at 1:30 p.m. This offers a way for men discerning a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. For more information please call 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW CLOSED. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND ONE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS, YOU ARE INVITED TO APPLY AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER 2016.

"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.

BRILLIANT MINDS – COMPASSIONATE HEARTS – INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS

Holy Name of Mary College School is transforming the educational journey for girls in a distinctly Christ-centered learning environment designed exclusively for girls in grades 5 to 12. We invite you to find out more by visiting us at our Open House on Saturday, October 24th, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information go to www.hnmcs.ca or call 905-891-1890 ext. 103.

PROJECT RACHEL

Do you need to rest your burden? We can help. Call (416) 629-8264, or ProjectRachel@StMarysRefuge.org. A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion: **October 23-25, 2015.**

Project Rachel — private and confidential.

"The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want." Psalm 23

BIRTHRIGHT CALLING

Birthright is a local volunteer organization that works small miracles in the lives of women who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy. We work to reduce abortion through love and caring. With community assistance, we help ladies resolve their problems & make good informed choices. If you are interested in joining us in our unique service and have three free hours one day a week, call us at 905-279-7822. Training provided.

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