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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 22, 2017

## **“Give to God what belongs to God”**

What do we owe God and our neighbour? Scripture tells us to give to everyone whatever is their due and to “owe no one anything, except to love one another” (Romans 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religion-state issue. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested.

Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid, the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged with Caesar must be given to Caesar.

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We too have been stamped with God’s image since we are created in his own likeness “God created man in his own image, male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life and everything you possess belong to God and not to yourself? And do you give God what rightfully belongs to him?

“Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you all my being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours too, in love” (prayer of St. Anselm, 1033-1109 A.D.)

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### **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Thanks to all of you who registered for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Registration is now closed. If you missed registration this year you are most welcome to register in 2018

### **BOOK OF LIFE**

Blank Memorial Sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church, to write the names of your deceased loved ones. Completed Memorial Sheets will be placed in the Book of Life to be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Please note that Fr. Bernard will be attending a mandatory Symposium for Priests from October 23 - 27, and therefore Holy Mass will not be celebrated here at St. Francis of Assisi on those days.**

### **DON'T FORGET**

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please call the Office at 905-822-8132.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 7:00 P.M.**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 – 8:00 A.M.**

No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 7:00 P.M.**

No Mass

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 8:00 A.M.**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 – 7:00 P.M.**

No Mass

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Coronacion Frilles

+ Martin and Inez Lopes

+ Peter & Patricia Maloney and Family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 – 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** Intention Available

**12:00 Noon** S.I. Matteo Lombardi

+ V.T Thomas

+ Veronica Drinkwater Tuck

**NOVEMBER**

**Month of the Holy Souls**

+ All Saints' Day is Wednesday, November 1st.

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

+ The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Thursday, November 2nd. **PLEASE NOTE: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.**

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated on Sat., November 4th at 2:00 p.m. and will be held indoors at the following cemeteries:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga, Liturgy in English Christ the King Cemetery, Markham, Liturgy in English Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Liturgy in Italian and English Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge, Liturgy in Italian and English Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby, Liturgy in English ALL ARE WELCOME!

**COME & SEE WEEKEND**

St. Augustine's Seminary is hosting a "Come & See Weekend" for men 17 years and older from Friday, November 3 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, November 5 at 1:30 p.m. This weekend offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. For more information, please 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil asking for God's protection of all human life. Vigil runs daily from 8:00am to 8:00 pm for 40 days at the public right-of-way outside Mississauga Women's Clinic 101 Queensway (at Confederation). Our parish has been asked to adopt November 1, 2017 to pray at the vigil site. If you cannot be there on that day please sign up on line or [www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga) or [miss40days@gmail.com](mailto:miss40days@gmail.com)

**MEMORIAL MASS**

November 7th – 7:00 p.m.

A Memorial Mass for the deceased members of Our Lady of Peace Council will be held on Monday, November 6th at 7 p.m. Reception to follow.



**UNWANTED HALLOWEEN CANDY**

Once again, Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children will be collecting your unwanted Halloween candy at the back of the church on the weekend of November 4 and 5. ALL unwanted candy is welcome. This includes bags of chips and chocolate We will also be collecting non-perishable food items and bars of soap. Thank you so much for any contribution.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as creating awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building churches, pastoral centers, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes; constructing religious houses of formation and homes for clergy; funding formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio visual materials for remote mission areas; as well as supporting pastoral work in various rural dioceses. For more information, please visit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: [www.missionsocieties.ca](http://www.missionsocieties.ca).



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