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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2015

"What do you want me to do for you?"

Have you ever encountered a once in a life-time opportunity you knew you could not pass up? Such a moment came for a blind and destitute man, named Bartimaeus. He was determined to get near the one person who could meet his need. He knew who Jesus was and had heard of his fame for healing, but until now had no means of making contact with the *Son of David*, a clear reference and title for the Messiah. It took a lot of "guts" and persistence for Bartimaeus to get the attention of Jesus over the din of a noisy throng who crowded around Jesus as he made his way out of town.

Why was the crowd annoyed with the blind man's persistent shouts? He was disturbing their peace and interrupting Jesus' discourse. It was common for a rabbi to teach as he walked with others. Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem and a band of pilgrims followed him. When the crowd tried to silence the blind man he overpowered them with his emotional outburst and thus caught the attention of Jesus.

This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready, not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the *eyes of faith* and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize your need for God's healing grace and do you seek Jesus out, like Bartimaeus, with persistent faith and trust in his goodness and mercy?

"Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize my need for your grace. Help me to take advantage of the opportunities you give me to seek your presence daily and to listen attentively to your word."



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be attending a Symposium for Priests from November 9 – 13, and therefore Holy Mass will not be celebrated here at St. Francis of Assisi on these days.

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

The Membership drive for the Knights will be held next weekend, October 31/November 1. Member Knights will be available at the back of the church after all Masses to provide information and collect names of interested parishioners.

UNWANTED HALLOWEEN CANDY (WRAPPED)

Once again, we will be collecting your unwanted wrapped Halloween candy at the back of the church on the weekend of November 1. We will give your candy to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children organization. No chocolate please. Thank you so much.

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 7:00 P.M.

+ Danielle Schmalz

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Kiera Hackett

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 8:00 A.M.

+ Deacon Gerry Lennon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

+ Glenn Swanson

S.I. In Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

9:30 a.m. *Intention Available*

11:00 a.m. + Neil Shevlen

+ William Murray

+ Mary Selby

12:30 p.m. + Julia Monzon Legaspi

+ Filomena Legaspi Valenton

+ Deceased Legionaries of Mary

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

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 - 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.

CLUB 55 NEWS

Club 55 is planning an event to 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 includes school bus transportation, show and 4-course festive lunch. Details on the bulletin board. **Deadline: November 1, 2015.**

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.

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your donations to their Bundle Up Sunday Drive last weekend. If you forgot to bring your donation of clothing and leather shoes, you may always drop these items off at the St. Vincent de Paul Store at 271 Lakeshore Rd. East, Mississauga. 905-278-0437. Thank you.

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.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBERS

Please note that we are unable to identify the users of the following offertory envelopes. 520, 571, 573, 613, 704 & 719. If one of these numbers belong to you, please call the parish bookkeeper at 905-822-8132, Ext. 7 as we will be unable to issue tax receipts to the owners of these numbers.

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