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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)

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 905-822-8132 ext. 3 Ministry of Consolation & Hope **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 905-822-8132 Ext. 3 (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

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#### "Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully"



What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others. 
Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he

found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

#### Faith welcomes Christ in our heart and home

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) urges us to climb the sycamore tree like Zacchaeus that we might see Jesus and embrace his cross for our lives:

Zacchaeus climbed away from the crowd and saw Jesus without the crowd getting in his way. The crowd laughs at the lowly, to people walking the way of humility, who leave the wrongs they suffer in God's hands and do not insist on getting back at their enemies. The crowd laughs at the lowly and says, 'You helpless, miserable clod, you cannot even stick up for yourself and get back what is your own.' The crowd gets in the way and prevents Jesus from being seen. The crowd boasts and crows when it is able to get back what it owns. It blocks the sight of the one who said as he hung on the cross, 'Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing. He ignored the crowd that was getting in his way. He instead climbed a sycamore tree, a tree of 'silly fruit.' As the apostle says, 'We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block indeed to the Jews, [now notice the sycamore] but folly to the Gentiles.' Finally, the wise people of this world laugh at us about the cross of Christ and say, '"What sort of minds do you people have, who worship a crucified God?' What sort of minds do we have? They are certainly not your kind of mind. 'The wisdom of this world is folly with God.' No, we do not have your kind of mind. You call our minds foolish. Say what you like, but for our part, let us climb the sycamore tree and see Jesus. The reason you cannot see Jesus is that you are ashamed to climb the sycamore tree.

Let Zacchaeus grasp the sycamore tree, and let the humble person climb the cross. That is little enough, merely to climb it. We must not be ashamed of the cross of Christ, but we must fix it on our foreheads, where the seat of shame is. Above where all our blushes show is the place we must firmly fix that for which we should never blush. As for you, I rather think you make fun of the sycamore, and yet that is what has enabled me to see Jesus. You make fun of the sycamore, because you are just a person, but 'the foolishness of God is wiser than men.'(Sermon 174.3.)

The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?

"Lord Jesus, come and stay with me. Fill my life with your peace, my home with your presence, and my heart with your praise. Help me to show kindness, mercy, and goodness to all, even to those who cause me ill-will or harm."



#### Memorial Mass November 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Memorial Mass for the deceased members of Our of Peace Council on Monday, November 7th at 7 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2016-2017**

Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year, which starts on the weekend of November 27, will be on sale after all Masses during the month of November, starting next weekend. Cost: \$5 each. Please try to have the correct change. Thank you kindly.



#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Noreen Searson

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – 7:00 P.M.

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#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – 8:00 A.M.

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#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

#### VIGIL MASS FOR 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5:00 P.M.

- Joel Jardeleza
- + Gilda & Lanz Yu Yangzon

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8.00 a.m.** + Faithful Departed - Book of Life

9:30 a.m. + Pawel Roztocki

+ Herod Family

+ Jozef Niedzwiedz

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

**12:30 p.m.** + Deceased Members H. Rodrigues

Family

+ Michael Kole

Deceased Members – Legion of Mary



# NOVEMBER Month of the Holy Souls

- + All Saints' Day is Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.
- + The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is Wednesday, **November 2**<sup>nd</sup>. Holy Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m**.
- + All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. will be held indoors at the following cemeteries:
  - Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga
  - Christ the King Cemetery, Markham
  - · Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby
  - Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill and Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge, Liturgy in Italian and English.



#### **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.

#### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Friday, November 4, is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 a.m. continuing with adoration until 7:00 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at

3:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by more adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the church



#### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - THANK YOU**

Thank you very much for your generous support for *World Mission Sunday* last week. This support is a blessing for the priests, Sisters, Brothers and Lay catechists who depend on this help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve – the world's most vulnerable.



#### **ROSARY SALE - NOVEMBER 11 AND 12**

#### - Proceeds for the Refugee Family

Carmela Loconte will be selling her hand-made rosaries and rosary bracelets at the all Masses the weekend of November 11 and 12. All proceeds will go for the Refugee Family. Please stop and take a look. Cash only please.



#### **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.



#### **UNWANTED HALLOWEEN CANDY (WRAPPED)**

Once again, **Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children** will be collecting your unwanted wrapped Halloween candy at the back of the church on the weekend of November 5/6. No chocolate please. Thank you so much.



## INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - UNIDENTIFIED OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBERS

Please note that we are unable to identify the users of the following offertory envelopes: **320, 367, 660, 633 and 759.** And **2015 Envelope 573**. If one of these numbers belongs 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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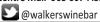
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