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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4, 2015

"What God has joined together, let no man put asunder"

What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a *concession* in view of a lost ideal.

Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:11-12). Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Our lives are not our own, but they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life. Do you seek the Lord and his grace in your state of life?

Do you seek to help others draw near to the Lord? The parents who brought their children to Jesus wanted Jesus to lay his hands upon them. They knew of the healing power, both physical and spiritual, which came from Jesus' touch. Jesus, in turn, rebuked his disciples for hindering the children from coming. No doubt the disciples wanted to shield Jesus from the nuisance of noisy children. But Jesus delighted in the children and demonstrated that God's love has ample room for everyone.

No one is unimportant to God. He comes to each person individually that he might touch them with his healing love and power. May we never hinder our youth from coming to the Lord to receive his blessing and healing power. And as we grow with age, may we never lose that child-like simplicity and humility which draws us into Christ's loving presence. Do you show kindness to the youth you encounter in your neighborhood, home, and church and do you pray for them that they may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of Jesus Christ?

"Lord Jesus Christ, your call to holiness extends to all in every state of life. Sanctify our lives - as married couples and as singles - that we may live as men and women who are consecrated to you. Make us leaven in a society that disdains life-long marriage fidelity, chastity, and living single for the Lord."

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you believe that you are being called to become Catholic, please join us for evenings of Catholic teaching and spiritual formation which are designed to lead to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. This process begins on Tuesday, October 6th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to welcome inquirers. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents and young people in Grade 8 and up who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend **one** of the following meetings: Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. or Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. All meetings will be held in the parish hall.

Grade 7 students will receive information about the Sacrament of Confirmation in January 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. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services.

To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You can 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Neil Shevlen

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

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

Our Lady of the Rosary

INTENTION AVAILABLE

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

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 28TH Sunday In Ordinary Time

+ Irene Lee

+ Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Melo

+ Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Ferreira

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11: 28TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. + Zdenek Becka

11:00 a.m. + Nicasio Arcena, Senior

+ Paula Canavan

S.I. Fred Cabri

12:30 p.m. + Glenn Swanson

+ Nick Pizzitelli

+ Amando Espiritu

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

EMILY NAIL, Youth Minister

Please note that Emily is taking a leave of absence at this time and so our EDGE Youth Group and Missionary Trips will not take place until her return.

YOU ARE INVITED TO LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

This is an hour of prayerful, peaceful, silent witness that challenges our society with the truth that: "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"



Contact John Killackey for information
(905) 820-9232.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"Make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy."

CLUB 55 IS PLANNING THREE EVENTS:

Bowling Day at Classic Bowling with Lunch at the Mandarin on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. Details on bulletin board. Sign Up St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Office. Deadline: Sept. 26th.

"Harvest" Pot Luck on Thursday, October 15, 2015 in the Parish Hall. Details on bulletin board. Sign up St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Office. Deadline: October 11, 2015.

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 bulletin board. Deadline: **October 18th.**

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY IS COMING SOON!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot on October 17 & 18 to accept your donations of good used clothing and leather shoes. Thank you.

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.

CARMEL HEIGHTS GARAGE SALE

1720 Sherwood Forrest Circle, Mississauga
Garage sale – Friday, October 16: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 17: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

*****Workshop on the art of discernment** - Sat. Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Loretto College, 70 St. Mary Street, Toronto. \$25 (lunch included) Contact Sr. Dorothy Schweitzer at dschweitzer@csj-to.ca

*****Dufferin-Peel Catholic Institute for International Education** is holding an Information Night on October 28 from 7 – 9 p.m. at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Learning Centre, 3566 South Common Court, Mississauga.

A CHURCH IN DIALOGUE

Please take note that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has recently released a document entitled "A Church in Dialogue: The Catholic Church and Interreligious Dialogue." You are encouraged to download the text from the CCCB website: [http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Nostra Aetate - 50th Anniversary.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Nostra_Aetate_-_50th_Anniversary.pdf). It is both timely and most informative.

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