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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

## Pastoral Staff

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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: 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

*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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2017

**"If your brother sins against you"**

**W**hat's the best way to repair a damaged relationship? Jesus offers his disciples spiritual freedom and power for restoring broken or injured relations.

What can we learn from Matthew (18:15-20) about how to mend a damaged relationship? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison the mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage.

If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgemental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And, if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit.

Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews and they resorted to shunning them. However, we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors (as well as other public sinners), ate with them, and even praised them at times. Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing and restoration.

When you are offended, are you willing to put aside your grievance and injury in order to help your brother's wound? The Lord Jesus wants to set us free from resentment, ill-will and unforgiveness. His love both purifies and sets us free to do good to all – even those who cause us grief. The call to accountability for what we have done and have failed to do is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the Day of Judgement when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity today, we must not give up praying for those who cause us offense. With God's help we must seek to make every effort to win them with the grace and power of God's healing love and wisdom. Do you tolerate broken relationships or do you seek to repair them as God gives you the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

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

Parents who would like their child to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are invited to call the office at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 905-822-8132 and register for an information session with Fr. Bernard.

## *Welcome Back*

### **OPENING SCHOOL MASSES**

#### **Christ the King School**

Monday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **St. Margaret of Scotland**

Thursday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.

#### **St Francis of Assisi School**

Wednesday, October 4 at 9:00 a.m.

## Mass for the Intentions for the Week

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Richard and Celissa Noronha

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Janet English

+ Dany Quijalvo

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ John and Ann Murphy

+ Thomas Morrissey

### **SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8.30 A.M.** *Intention Available*

**10:00 A.M.** S.I. Kevin Colaco

**12:00 Noon** + Rufino Gagatam

+ Hilaria Sotes Rayon

+ Simplicio Rayon

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4, 2017. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on Saturday, October 7

after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the church parking lot. There will be a BBQ to follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

You are invited to the **Life Chain** on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will gather for an hour of prayerful, peaceful, silent witness that challenges our society with the truth that: **"ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"**



## **WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT**

Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre is offering a Women's Retreat Friday September 22 to Friday September 24. The theme is Journeying with Women of the Bible. Please call 905-278-5229 for more information.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Liturgy of the Word for Children resumes Sunday September 17 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All children ages 4 through 8 are invited to participate. Children 9+ are also welcome to join if they are interested.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Starting Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, join us for Bible Study. This year's subject is the Acts of the Apostles. The study will be held here at St. Francis from 6:15 to 7:15 pm for 6 weeks. If interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. You're invited to stay afterwards for the prayer group meeting beginning at 7:30. New participants are always welcome.

## **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.

## **R.C.I.A**

If you or a loved one would like to consider becoming a Roman Catholic, please call the parish office at 905-822-8132. Come and join us, and grow in your love and knowledge of God and of the Catholic Church. **SPONSORS** are also needed and if you are willing to share your faith and spend time with these inquirers please leave your name and telephone number at the parish.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH**

A position for Property Manager/Caretaker has opened. Cover letter and resume may be dropped off at the parish office or emailed to [tomail@stchristopher.on.ca](mailto:tomail@stchristopher.on.ca) until the end of September. We appreciate all applications, however only the ones considered for the position will be contacted for an interview in October. Thank you.



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