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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2015

"But who do you say that I am?"

Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the *Anointed One* (the Messiah and Christ), consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36). The word for "Christ" in Greek is a translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah" - both words literally mean the *Anointed One*.

God's Anointed Son must suffer and die to atone for our sins

Peter's faith was sorely tested when Jesus explained that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption may be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard these words! How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55:8)! It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us eternal life and freedom from the slavery of sin and the oppression of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of humankind.

The cost of discipleship - following Christ

When we discover the treasure of God's kingdom - God himself - we gladly give up all that we have in exchange for the life of joy and happiness God offers us. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death.

We, too, have a share in the mission and victory of Jesus Christ

If we want to share in the victory of the Lord Jesus, then we must take up our cross and follow where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? The Holy Spirit gives us the *power* and help we need to follow Jesus daily and live the Gospel faithfully. The Holy Spirit fills us with boldness, confidence, and *courage* to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the Gospel.

"Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong and help me to live in the victory of the cross by rejecting sin and by accepting your will."



FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

| Parish Goal | Parish Share | Current Total Pledged |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| \$670,000 | \$167,500 | \$324,500 |

As the campaign moves into its final weeks here, please carefully consider the commitment you can make to this historic campaign, if you haven't already made one. A pledge, redeemed over a five year period allows you to consider a larger commitment than a one-time gift.

| Total Pledge | Annually | Monthly | Daily | My Sacrifice Equals: |
|--------------|----------|---------|--------|------------------------------------------------------|
| \$12,000 | \$2,400 | \$200 | \$6.58 | Monthly – two tickets to a professional sports event |
| \$6,000 | \$1,200 | \$100 | \$3.28 | Monthly – smartphone with data plan |
| \$3,000 | \$600 | \$50 | \$1.64 | Daily – small coffee |
| \$1,800 | \$360 | \$30 | \$1.00 | Daily – newspaper |

You set the terms on what your pledge will be, and how you would like to pay it. Reminder notices can be sent directly to you. Pledges are non-binding.....if your circumstances change in the future, you can adjust your pledge.

Over the next few weeks, parish volunteers will be conducting a phone-a-thon. When you get a call, please receive them warmly and consider carefully a sacrificial pledge to the Family of Faith campaign.

On behalf of the parish, and all the volunteers who have helped with the Family of Faith Campaign, thank you for your prayers and support of this historic effort!

Stay in touch with the campaign at www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca and follow in Twitter: [@family_of_faith](https://twitter.com/family_of_faith).

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- + Stan MacDonald
- + Ernesto Marchiori
- + Dany Quijalvo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 8:00 A.M.

Our Lady of Sorrows

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

- + Michael Kole
- + Baby Lily Liston
- S.I. John & Erica Liston

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 8:00 A.M.

- + Janina Leszczynska

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

- + Kerver Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 25TH Sunday In Ordinary Time

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: 25TH Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 a.m. **INTENTION AVAILABLE**

9:30 a.m. **INTENTION AVAILABLE**

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

12:30 p.m. + Simplicio & Hilaria Razono
+ Rufino Gagatam

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



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 will begin at the end of September to welcome inquirers. Come and join us, and grow in your love and knowledge of God and of the Catholic Church. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday, September 20 and we would like you to note that we will only be running the program at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass each weekend.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF "PROJECT HOPE"

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. 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.

We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827

OPENING SCHOOL MASSES

St. Francis of Assisi School

Thursday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

St. Margaret of Scotland School

Monday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Christ the King School

Friday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents of children in Grade 2 and up who would like to have their children prepared for these sacraments must attend **one** of the following meetings: Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. or Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4th, 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." Please join us for this important social event.

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