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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2017

**“Peter asked, “Lord how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times”.**



Jesus shared his authority with his apostles, but he told them that power must be tempered by mercy and forgiveness. As leader of the community, Peter asked how often he was required to forgive someone. Jesus told him that forgiveness must be unlimited (seventy-seven times” Matthew 18:22). He illustrated this with a parable in which a master forgave his servant a staggering debt. Yet the same servant refused to forgive a fellow servant a much smaller amount owed to him. When the master heard this, he had his hard-hearted servant tortured until he agreed to pay back the debt. The master, having shown kindness and mercy in forgiving the debt, reinstates it with great severity. God will respond like the master in this parable. When God forgives, he forgets but when we fail to forgive he remembers. God’s forgiveness of our sins should motivate us all to forgive those who offend us and forget that offense.

How can we expect mercy at the final judgement if we have not forgiven the offenses of others?

*If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive. –Mother Theresa*

## 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.

## BIBLE STUDY

Starting Thursday, September 21st, 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.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4, 2017. The 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.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Gina Hesido

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Glenn Swanson

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 – 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**10:00 A.M.** *Intention Available*

**12:00 Noon** + Salvatore Le Neve

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

A reminder that the Chaplet of Divine Mercy continues throughout the year. Join us Fridays at 3:00 p.m. The essential purpose of the Chaplet is to simply pray to The Divine Mercy, remembering the Lord's passion and asking for the Lord's intercession for sinners. Chaplet runs for 25-30 minutes. New people are always welcome.

**LIFE CHAIN**

You are invited to the life chain on Sunday October 1 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. This year, we will be standing at our new location: Dundas St. in front of the Woodchester Mall near Wendy's. Pick up your signs there at 1:15 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.

**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 mail@stchristopher.on.ca until the end of September.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES**

Catholic Family services Walk-in Counseling Services are available on Tuesdays at 10 Kingsbridge Garden Circle, Suite 400 for those struggling with life's problems. Please contact 905-897-1644 for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE**



On October 4 St. Francis of Assisi school will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In the evening they are hosting a Walk through the years at SFA. All are welcome.

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