



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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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
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 (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)	905-822-8132 Ext. 3

## 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 2016

## "Who will entrust to you the true riches?"

Jesus On Ten  
Mammon  
Management  
Principles

What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property.

### The necessity of prudent foresight to avert disaster

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favor with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owed him money.

### Generous giving is rewarded with treasure that lasts forever

What is the enemy of generosity? It's greed, the excessive desire for personal gain and security. However, we do not need to be afraid, for true generosity does not impoverish the giver, but enriches that person a hundredfold! Generosity expands the soul - but greed contracts it. God is generous and superabundant in lavishing his gifts upon us. We can never outmatch God in generosity. He has given us the best of gifts in sending us his only-begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who offered up his life for us on the cross. The Father also offers us the gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the fruit of peace, joy, patience, kindness, love, and self-control (Galatians 5:22) - and many other blessings as well. Everything we have is an outright gift of God. Do you know the joy and freedom of blessing others with the gifts and resources God has given to you?

### What controls or rules your life?

Jesus concludes his parable with a lesson on what controls or rules our lives. Who is the master (or ruler) in charge of your life? Our "master" is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, and controls the desires of the heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things - the love of money or possessions, the power of position, the glamor of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions. Ultimately the choice boils down to two: God and "mammon". What is mammon? "Mammon" stands for "material wealth or possessions" or whatever tends to "control our appetites and desires."

### The Lord alone can satisfy our desires and give us generous hearts

There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from greed and possessiveness. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ who died to set us free and who rose to give us new abundant life. The Lord Jesus invites us to make him the Master and Lord of our lives. He alone can satisfy the desires of our heart and transform us in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Ask the Lord to fill your heart with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what you have with others.

*"Lord Jesus, all that I have is a gift from you. May I love you freely and generously with all that I possess. Help me to be a wise and faithful steward of the resources you put at my disposal, including the use of my time, money, and possessions."*

## BIRTHRIGHT CALLING

Know the joy of helping new human life flourish in earth's garden. Join us in saving and nourishing the lives of the unborn. Three hours a week required. Training starts week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call **Birthright** – 905.273.9409.

## LIFE CHAIN 2016

Please join in the **LIFE CHAIN** on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 2-3 P.M.** This year, we will be praying and witnessing to the truth about abortion as a faith community. Following the 12:30 p.m. Mass, you are invited to pick up a sign from the Church entrance and proceed to the sidewalk on Dundas Street between Glen Erin Drive and Liruma Road

United in prayer for the preborn and their mothers, we hope to move hearts and save lives.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ David Faria

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Sante Maurizio

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Glenn Swanson

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

### **VIGIL MASS FOR 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Tom & Dean McMillen

+ Brian Gill

+ Tomasz Malik

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00 a.m.** *Intention Available*

**9:30 a.m.** S.I. Parish Community

**11:00 a.m.** + Neil Shevlen

**12:30 p.m.** *Intention Available*

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

### **PARENTS: GRADE 2 AND UP**

As we begin a new school year, I would like to encourage parents to be faithful to their promise to God (at the baptism of your child) to raise your child in the Catholic religion. The canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta is a reminder to us that God is calling all of us to be saints. We must not buy into the cultural misconception that no matter how we live, “everyone goes to heaven” when they die. It is our daily faithfulness to Jesus Christ and His Church that allows us to enter eternal life.

Parents of children in Grade Two and up are invited to consider the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for their children. These sacraments are proper to the Catholic Church, NOT the school system. If you would like to enroll your child in the preparation programme, please call the parish office at (905) 822-8132 extension 3 and register for a meeting with Fr. Bernard. For your convenience, these meetings are scheduled on Saturday mornings and will last about one hour. As these meetings are for parents only, kindly do not bring your child to the meeting. The deadline for registering for a meeting is **September 30, 2016**.

## **OPENING SCHOOL MASSES**

**St. Margaret of Scotland School**

September 19, 2016 – 8:45 a.m. - School

**St. Francis of Assisi School**

September 23, 2016 at 9 a.m. - Church

**Christ the King School**

September 26, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. - School



## **GIANT USED BOOK SALE**

From Tuesday, September 27th until Friday September 30th, a **Giant Used Book Sale** is being held at the Kelly Library, 113 St. Joseph Street, to raise funds for the Kelly Library at Saint Michael's College at the University of Toronto. Choose from the largest selection of Catholic books in the GTA and a full selection of other subjects such as French, Italian, Art, Celtic Studies, and books for children.

Full details at [www.stmikes.utoronto.ca/booksale/](http://www.stmikes.utoronto.ca/booksale/). The closest major intersection is Bay and Bloor. There is convenient subway and bus access as well as nearby parking.



## **SAVE THE DATE - BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**, after the 5 p.m. Mass. in the back of the church parking lot. There will be a barbecue to follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus



## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

**October 21-23, 2016**

**Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga**

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery... a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

For more information and application, please go to [www.wme.org](http://www.wme.org) or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or 905.792.1925.



## **WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT**

Women's Fall Retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga for the weekend of October 21-23, the theme for this retreat will be “*The Road to God is Mercy*”, preached by the Centre Team. For further information or registration please call 905.278.5229.



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