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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2015

## **"What is the greatest rule of life?"**

What is the purpose of God's law and commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

### ***God's love rules all***

Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbor as yourself". God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

### ***We do not earn God's love - it is freely given***

How can we possibly love God above all else and obey his commandments willingly and joyfully, and how can we love our neighbor and willingly lay down our life for their sake? Paul the Apostle tells us that *"hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us"* (Romans 5:5). We do not earn God's love - it is freely given to those who open their heart to God and who freely accept the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### ***Love grows with faith and hope***

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart?

*"Lord Jesus, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me."*

## **FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN**

The Family of Faith campaign is nearing its conclusion at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

In addition to providing the resources to support our own parish needs, the campaign will help the Church of Toronto meet six critical priorities:

- Providing financial support to parishes
- Developing leaders through Catholic formation and engagement
- Restoring St. Michael's Cathedral
- Investing in our youth, young adult ministry and campus chaplaincies
- Having a fund to aid existing church properties that need maintenance to keep them safe and secure
- Helping to continue to build new churches throughout the Archdiocese



The Family of Faith campaign will help our parish, too. For each dollar pledged, our parish will receive 25 cents. If we exceed our goal, we will keep 75 cents of every dollar above goal.

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total Pledged
\$670,000	\$167,500	\$368,830

Completed pledge forms can be delivered to the Parish Office, placed in the collection plate or dropped off at the sacristy before or after Mass.

We hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider your response to the urgent needs of the Church, here and throughout the Archdiocese. Please continue to pray for the success of the campaign!

Stay in touch with the campaign at [www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca](http://www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca) and follow in Twitter: @family\_of\_faith.

## Mass for the Week Intentions

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 7:00 P.M.**

*St. Matthew (Feast)*

**INTENTION AVAILABLE**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 8:00 A.M.**

+ Wilma Keim

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 7:00 P.M.**

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

**INTENTION AVAILABLE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 8:00 A.M.**

+ Wilma Keim

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**INTENTION AVAILABLE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Vigil Mass for 26<sup>TH</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**INTENTION AVAILABLE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: 26<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

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

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

**11:00 a.m. S.I. In thanksgiving to St. Matthew**

**12:30 p.m. S.I. Parish Community**

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

### **"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](http://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



If you believe that you are being called to become Catholic, please join us each Tuesday evening for Catholic teaching and spiritual formation using the much loved Symbolon program which will lead you to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. This process will begin on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to welcome inquirers. We are also in need sponsors to accompany our inquirers through the process.

If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number.

### **OPENING SCHOOL MASSES**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4 - 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.

### **CLUB 55 IS PLANNING TWO EVENTS**

**Bowling Day** at Classic Bowling with Lunch at the Mandarin on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. Bowling from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. No transport provided. Cost: Members: Seniors 65+ - \$30. Under 65 - \$35. Non-Members: Seniors 65+ - \$35. Under 65 - \$40. Details on bulletin board. Sign Up in St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Office. Deadline: September 26th.

**"Harvest" Pot Luck** on Thursday, October 15, 2015 in the Parish Hall. Cost: Members \$8. Non-Member: \$10. Each diner to bring a food portion for 6 (Either Entree, Salad or Dessert). Wine, entertainment, door prizes and lots of fun included. Details on bulletin board. Sign up in St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Office. Deadline: October 11, 2015.

### **EUTHANASIA**

"Right to Life Association Mississauga & Area is hosting an evening with a Key Note Speaker on Euthanasia, Charles Lewis, one of Canada's leading, ethical journalists. Get informed on an issue pertinent to this Fall election and join us October 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 5650 Mavis Road in Mississauga. Free Admission."



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