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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: 10:00 a.m. 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2017

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last” Matthew 20:16

What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed all tell us about the Kingdom of God? In the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God. There is a great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' time labourers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The labourers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master paid the late afternoon labourers the same wage. The master undoubtedly hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

God is generous in opening the doors of his Kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have laboured a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labour can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labour out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord calls his disciples to serve God and neighbour – his heavenly Kingdom and our earthly Community – with generosity and joy. Do you perform your work and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

For it is in giving that we receive, -St. Francis of Assisi

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.

ROSES FOR LIFE



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Roses for Life at all Masses the weekend of September 30/Oct. 1. Your donations will help support Birth Right Mississauga, an organization that has been providing love, support and hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies for over 45 years.

DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please call the Office at 905-822-8132.

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 on 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”

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  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Beatriz Albuquerque

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Matthew Mayo

+ Irene Lee

+ Luiza Maria Dias

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. Special Intention

+ Cirillo Family

10:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

12:00 Noon + Damaso Pua Yu

+ Adelaida Eligido Yu

+ Genciano Uy Tan

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.

BRIDGE CLUB

What are you doing on Monday afternoon? Why not join us for an entertaining afternoon of Bridge? We are a very sociable group of people who would love to meet you. Come and try it. Who knows you might enjoy yourself. For more info call Jo Guild at 905-823-1973.

**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.



SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday, October 4th, St. Francis of Assisi School will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with an evening liturgy and open house. All former staff and students are welcome to join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church for a 6:30 p.m. liturgy, followed by light refreshments and an open house at the school. For further information, please contact the school at 905-822-3183.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to accommodate the St. Francis of Assisi School 50th Anniversary celebration liturgy, the Mass for parishioners on St. Francis of Assisi feast day **WILL NOT** be at 7:00 p.m. but at 12:00 noon.

Welcome Back

OPENING SCHOOL MASSES

St Francis of Assisi School

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

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.



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.

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