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#### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Bernard Vellozo, Pastor **Deacon Don Roberts** Deacon Richard Te Emily Nail, Youth Coordinator Mabel Mendes, Parish Secretary Joan Cabri, Parish Bookkeeper

#### **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)

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 905-822-8132 ext. 3 Ministry of Consolation & Hope **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 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**September 25, 2016** 

### "Lazarus was carried to Abraham's bosom"



What most absorbs your time, your attention, and your heart? In the parable of the rich man who refused to help the beggar named Lazarus Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts - riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion. We also see an abrupt and dramatic reversal of fortune. Lazarus was not only poor and a beggar, he was also sick and unable to fend for himself. He was "laid" at the gates of the rich man's house.

The dogs which licked his sores probably also stole the little bread he got for himself. Dogs in the ancient world symbolized contempt. Enduring the torment of these savage dogs only added to the poor man's miseries and sufferings.

The rich man treated the beggar with contempt and indifference, until he found his fortunes reversed at the end of his life! In God's economy, those who hold on possessively to what they have, lose it all in the end, while those who share generously receive back many times more than they gave way.

The name Lazarus means God is my help. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He not only had every thing he needed, he selfishly spent all he had on himself. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar!

Do you know the joy and freedom of possessing God as your true and lasting treasure? Those who put their hope and security in heaven will not be disappointed (see Hebrews 6:19).

"Lord Jesus, you are my joy and my treasure. Make me rich in the things of heaven and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others the spiritual and material treasures you have given to me."

# BEARING WITNESS – JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS

Celebrating the witnesses of Catholic faith in our parish Sunday, September 25, 2016

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." (Pope Paul VI)

As we join Pope Francis today in celebrating the Jubilee for Catechists, we pray.

- 1. That God may affirm and strengthen our Pastor and all who assist him in the work of faith formation and in unceasing witness to Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord.
- 2. That merciful God may plant in our catechists a deep desire to grow closer to Christ and to bear witness to His great glory, we pray to the Lord.
- 3. That the Holy Spirit may help us all be doers of the Word, true to the Father's faithfulness and ever-new mercy, we pray to the Lord.

# OPENING SCHOOL MASSES

**Christ the King School** 

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

#### LIFE CHAIN

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LIFE CHAIN** on Sunday, October  $2^{nd}$  from 2-3 pm. This year, we will be standing at a new location: Dundas St. in front of the Woodchester Mall near Wendy's. Pick up your signs there at 1:45 for an hour of prayerful, peaceful, silent witness that challenges our society with the truth that: "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"

# ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ 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. Call Birthright – 905.273.9409.

# ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> - BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4th, 2016. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on Saturday, October 8th, 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



#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – 8:00 A.M.

Frank Da Silva

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - 8:00 A.M.

Alfredo Soares

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - 7:00 P.M.

Rita De Silva

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

#### VIGIL MASS FOR 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5:00 P.M.

- Damaso Pua Yu
- Genciano Uy Tan
- Irene Lee

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 – 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m.

Joseph Hill

9:30 a.m.

Giuseppe Mastantuono

11:00 a.m.

**S.I.** Parish Community

Josef Zeleznicki

12:30 p.m.

**Donald Colaco** 

### 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**.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** October 21-23, 2016

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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.

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#### **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 905.278.5229.





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 October 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. 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 office and we will contact you.



### **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 Full University of Toronto. details www.stmikes.utoronto.ca/booksale/.



#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUPLES BRIDGE CLUB

We are starting a new year of Couples Bridge and are looking for new members. Any couple, (mixed, two women or two men) are invited to join. If interested, please call Jo Guild at 905.823.1973.

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