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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: 8:00 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

*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.)

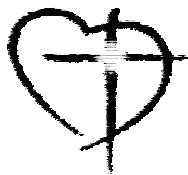
## SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
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# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2017

**“Take up your cross daily and follow Jesus Christ”**



Do you know the healing, transforming power of the cross of Christ? When Jesus predicted his passion his disciples were dismayed. Rejection and crucifixion meant defeat and condemnation, not victory and freedom. How could Jesus' self-denial, suffering and death lead to victory and everlasting life? Through his obedience to his heavenly Father's will, Jesus reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His death on the cross won pardon for the guilty, freedom for the oppressed, healing for the afflicted and new life for those condemned to death. His death makes possible our freedom to live as sons and daughters of the living God.

There's a certain paradox in God's economy. We lose what we gain, and we gain what we lose. When we try to run our life our way, we end up losing it to futility. Only God can free us from our ignorance and sinful ways. When we surrender our lives to God, he gives us new life in his Spirit and the pledge of eternal life. God wants us to be spiritually fit and ready to do his will at all times. When the human body is very weak or ill we make every effort to nurse it back to health. How much more effort and attention should we give to the spiritual health of our hearts and minds?

What will you give to God in exchange for freedom and eternal life? Are you ready to part with anything that might keep you from following the Lord Jesus and his perfect plan for your life? Jesus poses these questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile in life. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. It is possible that some can gain all the things they have set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important thing of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what truly lasts for eternity. Neither money nor possessions can buy heaven, mend a broken heart, or cheer a lonely person.

A true disciple gladly gives up all that he or she has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers, no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Jesus Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?

## **ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE, MIDLAND**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017**

All are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins for an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our archdiocese. The gathering will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and will include the Rosary, Mass with Cardinal Collins and personal time to visit the shrine grounds. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/175](http://www.archtoronto.org/175) for more information.

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
...St. Francis of Assisi*

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT EFFECTIVE SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 10, THE REVISED SUNDAY  
MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

**8:30 A.M.  
10:00 A.M.  
12:00 NOON**

Mass will still be celebrated Saturday  
at 5:00 p.m.

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Geraldine Kelly

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – 5:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 – 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** *Intention Available*

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

**12:00 Noon** *Intention Available*

**PARISH BBQ**



A big **THANK YOU** to Kathy and Nick Valant and their band of volunteers who did an excellent job of planning and executing a very successful BBQ. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their hard work. We are also happy that many parishioners and their children came out to enjoy the food, weather and fraternity.

..... Fr. Bernard

**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.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

You are invited to the **Life Chain** on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will gather for an hour of prayerful, peaceful, silent witness that challenges our society with the truth that: **"ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"**



**UNIDENTIFIED OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

We still have several offertory envelopes with no name attached to them. These numbers are 213, 314, 352, 374, 517, 558 and 692. If one of these numbers belong to you and you would like to receive a tax receipt, please notify the office as soon as possible.



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 September 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN REGIONAL CELEBRATION  
MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH**

As we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, extends an invitation for all to join him for Mass and a reception to celebrate this historic milestone. The Western Pastoral Region celebration will take place at Merciful Redeemer Parish, 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga on Tuesday September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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