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

### SCHOOLS

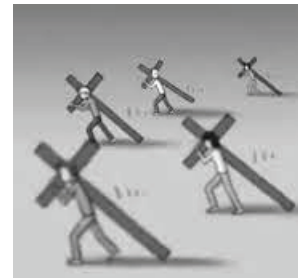
St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
 St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
 Christ the King 905-569-0220  
 Iona Catholic Secondary 905-823-0136

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2016

## “The cost of discipleship”

Why does Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? The expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our welfare. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love for us. True love is costly because it is willing to sacrifice all for the sake of the beloved. God sacrificed his Son for our sake and for our salvation. God proved his love for us by sending his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who offered up his life for us as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.



### The cost of discipleship

Jesus willingly embraced the cross, not only out of obedience to his Father's will, but out of a merciful love for each one of us in order to set us free from sin, Satan, and death. Jesus knew that the cross was the Father's way for him to achieve victory and glory for our sake. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. We, too, must 'count the cost' and be ready to follow the Lord Jesus in the way of the cross if we want to share in his glory and victory.

What is the 'way of the cross' for you and me? It means that when my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" for us is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We can never give more than God. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the love of God?

### Who do you love first - above all else?

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine what they love first and foremost. Jesus' way to glory and power is opposite the world's way of glory, power, and success. The choice is ours, but the Lord does not leave us alone if we choose to follow him. Does the love of Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (see 2 Corinthians 5)?

*"Lord Jesus, may your love transform me that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. May you always be first in my thoughts and intentions, and in my words and actions."*

### Together we are working wonders...



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2016 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a brighter future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity. The 2016 ShareLife Campaign has raised \$121,677 – 97.35%

### SHARELIFE IN OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank our Parish Schools for their participation in the Parish ShareLife appeal. St. Francis of Assisi School raised \$1,742.83. Christ the School participated in a variety of activities and raised \$930.05. St. Margaret of Scotland raised \$2,388. Thank you for your fundraising activities and for making your school communities aware of the importance of helping others through ShareLife.

### 2016 ACTS RETREATS

St. Francis of Assisi is this year's Parish for the upcoming 3-day retreats at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

- A – Adoration – God's Call, your acceptance and answer
- C – Community – love and caring for each other
- T – Theology – "studying" through scripture and our faith
- S – Service – to God and his people

Come to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your Faith and to apply it to your daily life.

**Women:** October 27 – 30

**Men:** November 10 – 13

Register at the Parish Office or call Queen of Apostles at 905.278.5229 or Email: qoa.ca

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Dr. Francesco Silang

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

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

*Intention Available*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

- + Jane Bonnici
- + June Bowman
- + Maurice Robillard

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**VIGIL MASS FOR 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5:00 P.M.**

- + Irene Lee
- + Joseph Lobo
- + Michael Jarmasz

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 8:00 a.m.** Parish Community
- 9:30 a.m.** *Intention Available*
- 11:00 a.m.** S.I. Cynthia Wolf
- 12:30 p.m.** *Intention Available*



**The Beauty of Mercy:  
Pope Francis and Confession**

To support your celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, the Office of Formation for Discipleship recommends a free new resource prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. *“The Beauty of Mercy: Pope Francis and Confession”* is a collection of quotations on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in four topics:

- (1) God never tires of forgiving us through Jesus
- (2) Who entrusted to Bishops and their Priests the ministry of forgiveness of sins.
- (3) Through the accompanying ministry of Confessors,
- (4) We may once again recognize the Sacrament of Confession and Penance as central to our experience of the grandeur of God’s infinite mercy.

For more support, see additional resources and the 2016-2017 programs at

[www.archtoronto.org/discipleship/Documents/OFD\\_Services\\_2016-2017.pdf](http://www.archtoronto.org/discipleship/Documents/OFD_Services_2016-2017.pdf)

**Welcome Back!**

**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



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.



**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY  
LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our Children’s Sunday Liturgy of the Word will resume on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. We would like you to note that we will only be running the program at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass each weekend.



**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.



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