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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2015

"He has done all things well"

How do you expect the Lord to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers. Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: *He has done all things well*. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you."



Family of Faith

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

People in our parish are talking about the Family of Faith campaign! Through the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers, we already have reached 46% of our parish goal of \$670,000.

As of this week, 42 families have made pledges, averaging \$7,400 per gift. Thank you for your generosity.

The Family of Faith campaign is designed to support parishes and address other priorities too. One of these is to help our youth continue to grow in their faith not only in our parishes, but as they are becoming more independent and attend university. Through this campaign, we will support 20 youth ministers in parishes and assist with the funding and expansion of campus chaplaincy resources.

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 of Goal	Current Total Raised
\$670,000	\$167,500	\$311,300

Stay in touch with the campaign at www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca and follow in Twitter: @family_of_faith.

Mass for the Week Intentions

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

INTENTION AVAILABLE

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

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

St. Peter Claver

+ Guy M. Amatucci

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 25TH Sunday In Ordinary Time

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: 25TH Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

9:30 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

11:00 a.m. + Lionel D'Souza

12:30 p.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

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

SAVE THE DATE - BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4th, 2015. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the church parking lot. There will be a barbecue to follow.



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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.

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Welcome Back!

OPENING SCHOOL MASSES

St. Francis of Assisi School

Thursday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

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 1st 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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word will resume on the weekend of September 20 and 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.

CANONIZATION OF BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA

Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra on September 23, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC. The Serra Club of Toronto West invites you to St. Dominic's Church in Mississauga to watch the Canonization Mass starting at 3:00 p.m. followed by dinner. Fee: \$25.00 per person. Please contact David Bain at 905-451-8238 or djbain@rogers.com before September 15, to register.

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