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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
Christ the King 905-569-0220

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) SUNDAY

June 18, 2017

“Whoever eats this bread will live forever”

Why did Jesus offer himself as “food and drink”? The Jews were scandalized and the disciples were divided when Jesus said “*unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you*”. What a hard saying, unless you understand who Jesus is and why he calls himself the bread of life. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, is a sign that refigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord’s Supper. The Gospel of John has no account of the Last Supper meal (just the foot washing ceremony and Jesus’ farewell discourse). Instead, John quotes extensively from Jesus’ teaching on the bread of life.

In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in a thanksgiving sacrifice as a sign of grateful acknowledgement to the Creator as the giver and sustainer of life. Melchizedek, who was both a priest and king (Genesis 14:18, Hebrews 7:1-4), offered a sacrifice of bread and wine. His offering prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king (Hebrews 7:26, 9:11, 10:12). The remembrance of the manna in the wilderness recalled to the people of Israel that they live, not by bread alone, but by the bread of the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3).

At the last supper, when Jesus blessed the cup of wine, he gave it to his disciples saying, “*Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins*” (Matthew 26:28). Jesus was pointing to the sacrifice he was about to make on the cross, when he would shed his blood for us – thus pouring himself out and giving himself to us – as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal (Passover) lamb whose blood spared the Israelites from death in Egypt.

Paul the Apostle tells us that “Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed” (1Corinthians 5:7). Paul echoes the words of John the Baptist who called Jesus the “*Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*” (John 1:29). Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father. He “*offered himself without blemish to God*” (Hebrews 9:14) and gave “*himself as a sacrifice to God*” (Ephesians 5:2).

Jesus chose the time of the Jewish Feast of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum – giving his disciples his body and his blood as the true bread of heaven. Jesus’ passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection – the new Passover – is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist or Lord’s Supper, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God’s kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very centre of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself.

“Take this and eat it, all of you ”

The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: “Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”

To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.....*The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1384-1385*



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND PARISHIONERS

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who give of their time, talents and energy to serve our Parish Community. I am especially grateful for the amazing generosity of all of our parishioners. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Fr. Bernard

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JUNE 19 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Maria Segovia

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Tom & Dean McMillen

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. In Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Fr. Joseph Grima

+ Vincent Borg

+ Anna Grima

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Scarlett Johnston

+ Yvonne Carmela Vella

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 – 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

9:30 A.M. + Eileen Drapeau

+ Flavia Castello

11:00 A.M. + Francis Pinto

12:30 P.M. *Intention Available*

FAMILY OF FAITH

In July 2015 the parish completed active fundraising for the Family of Faith campaign. The campaign raised a total of \$746,103 in cash and pledges, or 111% of our goal. It is projected that when the pledges are fulfilled, \$224,577.25 will be returned to the parish for our own local needs.

Your generous support and prayers for the success of the Family of Faith campaign helped make this effort truly successful at our parish. However, some pledges are not being fulfilled because of missing payment information, changed credit card number etc. If your pledge belongs to that category, you may have already received a letter from the Family of Faith Donation Processing Centre. If this is the case please contact the parish office or the Processing Centre at campaign@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 x555 to provide the missing information.

On behalf of the parish, and all the volunteers who assisted with the Family of Faith campaign, thank you for your prayers and support of our mission.

FOOD, FAMILY, FAITH RETREAT WEEKEND

Camp Brébeuf Rockwood from Fri., June 23 to Sun., June 25. Faith Connections and Dev. and Peace invite you for a weekend to celebrate the food and faith God gave us. Cost per family \$175, food included. Serviced cabins are available at extra cost. Contact Kataryna Kuzar at faithconnections@csj-to.ca or call 416-467-2645.



Living the Gospel by helping women in crisis...

Early in life, Tanya was unfortunately sexually abused by her extended family in her native country, who regarded her as a worthless, dangerous person who should be chained up. She became suicidal and was admitted into the hospital. Tanya then fled to Canada as a refugee searching for safety and happiness. She first came to Street Haven three years ago through their Learning Centre, enrolling in the literacy and numeracy classes. The staff connected her to their Emergency Shelter, where she stayed and had access to legal aid and other vital supports to assist her through the refugee process. "I now have hope since I came to ShareLife supported Street Haven and know that I have the tools to move forward with my life." shares Tanya. Street Haven helped Tanya move forward with her life and she now lives in a safe home where she can start again.

Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish, or at www.sharelife.org

WRAPPING UP FOR THE SUMMER.....

Bulletins

Please note that the church bulletin will not be published during July and August. Keep checking the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church for all the Parish news.

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2017 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

Mass Intentions

Please note that Weekly Mass Intentions will be posted on the bulletin board. Kindly come to the Parish Office if you would like to book a Mass Intention.

Children's Liturgy Program

The Children's Liturgy Program wraps up for the summer on Sunday, June 18. Thank you for entrusting your children to us this past school year, we have enjoyed sharing God's Word with them. The program restarts Sunday, September 17th.

STEBENVILLE TORONTO

July 28 - July 30 UOIT Campus, 2000 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa

Stebenville Toronto is Canada's largest annual conference for Catholic teens. This year's theme is "ELEVATE" which is based on Revelation 21:5, "Behold, I make all things new. The cost to register is \$275 per person, which includes entrance to the conference, six meals (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch) as well as accommodations for Friday and Saturday night. For more information contact Office of Catholic Youth at or call 416-599-7676.

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