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*Thank God for this year and the years to come!
May the spirit of thanksgiving
fill your heart with gladness,
your home with happiness and peace!*

Mass Intentions

Saturday (October 9)
 5:00 PM +Anton Pereira, +Agnes D’Costa

Sunday (October 10)
 7:30 AM +Janito, Milagros Umali, + Evelyn, Ruel Macalaguim
 9:00 AM +Lolita Grant
 11:00 AM +Megie Rosales, +Nancy Amalsad, +Marina Lobos, +Sherwin Hiplito
 12:30 PM +Joseph T. Pe

Monday (October 11)
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday (October 12)
 7:30 AM +Lucy and John Texeira

Wednesday (October 13)
 7:00 PM ++Hernan Gonzales

Thursday (October 14)
 7:30 AM +Cecilie Cabatu

Friday (October 15)
 7:00 PM++Le Thi Thuyen

Saturday (October 16)
 9:00 AM +Mother Rosemarie Enriquez and OSB sisters



Thanksgiving Day Mass
 Monday, October 11
 9 AM



Join us for Holy Hour
 from 6 PM to 7 PM
 Monday to Friday

Overcoming obstacles

Today’s gospel features a young and gifted man who was challenged to overcome an obstacle. No doubt, his was an obstacle with which many of us would like to be burdened: riches. Unfortunately, the young man was not up to the invitation Jesus extended to him. His riches stood between him and a share in everlasting life. Whether or not he eventually overcame his attachment to his wealth and opted to follow Jesus is not ours to know. Suffice it say, the rich man’s experience (and others like it) should cause us to consider what stands between us and God. What obstacle hinders us from becoming all we have been called to be?

When we are tempted to erect a wall against the seemingly impossible demands of the gospel, we will also find within it the encouragement necessary to remain faithful to its challenge. The gospel tells us “Jesus looked at him with love.” Notice, also, Jesus’ words to his disciples, “With God all things are possible” and “I give you my word... you will receive a hundred times as many homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and property...and in the age to come everlasting life.”

In every adversity, we will find the courage to face it because of Jesus’ love for us.

Sunday Offering	
Offertory	\$ 3,516.90
Building Fund	\$ 4,305.35
Liturgical Fund	\$ 89.10
Mass Stipends	\$ 620.00
Candle Offering	\$ 91.85
ShareLife	\$ 740.00
Lift	\$ 110.00
Flower Offering	\$ 120.00
Total	\$ 9,593.20

Thank you for your generous support!

The Legion of Mary

invites all parishioners and friends to join them for a **ROSARY RALLY** here in our Church on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, the Feast of the Apparition of our Lady of Fatima. The Rosary Rally will begin at 5:30 PM followed by the 7 PM Mass

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
 October 24, 2021

From the moment that Jesus was ascending to heaven and commissioned his disciples to spread the Gospel throughout the whole world (see Matthew 28:19), mission has been the lifeblood of the Church. Every follower of Christ is called to support the missions. Each year in October with World Mission Sunday, the whole Catholic community, not only donates to and prays for the missionary work of the Church, but celebrates and reflects on this essential ministry of the Church. This year, World Mission Sunday takes place on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Day Retreat

Tuesday, October 12 – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

Celebrate October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, by attending a day retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. COST: \$40 (includes morning coffee and muffin, hot lunch and the program) REGISTER: Call Anne at 905-278-5229

THANK YOU TO OUR ART AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY FOR DECORATING OUR CHURCH

If anyone would like to donate towards the purchase of flowers and other items to decorate the church, drop your donation IN THE OFFERTORY BOX using the envelope marked FLOWERS. THANK YOU.

FAQ with regards to the Vaccination requirement for Volunteers

Why are we asking for volunteers to divulge their vaccination status and is that legal?

Volunteers are only required to provide proof of vaccination if they wish to continue participating in their assigned ministries during the pandemic. No one is being required to share this information. As a temporary health and safety measure we are recommending that only vaccinated volunteers participate in ministry at this time. The pastor may allow unvaccinated individuals to participate if weekly rapid test results are submitted. Legally we are responsible for determining appropriate criteria for all volunteer ministry engagements. Requiring volunteers to confirm their date of vaccination to continue in ministry is legally acceptable in our current context.

Why can I go to Mass without vaccination or testing, but I am not allowed to continue volunteering without doing so?

We want our parishes to remain open and welcoming to all people. We do not wish to prevent anyone from worshipping due to their vaccination status. We recognize that some individuals may not have easy access to vaccination particularly those without a fixed address or health card. At the same time, we have an obligation to provide a safe space for people to worship. As a temporary measure, we are recommending that volunteer roles be limited to vaccinated individuals. At the pastor's discretion he may allow unvaccinated volunteers to continue in ministry if they are providing weekly rapid test results. Requiring vaccination or testing is not intended as a punishment or coercive measure. It is being done to provide parishioners with assurance that those carrying out their volunteer ministry are complying with our health and safety measures and do not present a risk to them.

Can I receive an exemption from vaccination and testing based on religious grounds?

The Catholic Church supports vaccination for those who don't have a medical reason precluding them from vaccination. The Vatican has been very clear that in the context of a global pandemic it is morally acceptable to use the available Canadian vaccines. If an individual's conscience tells them otherwise they may choose to not be vaccinated, but they are still required to provide weekly test results to continue working or volunteering. There are no exemptions from testing

Altar Servers

We will not be having Altar Servers at the moment, much as we would like to, because we want to limit the number of people in the sanctuary during this pandemic time. Besides, only vaccinated volunteers over 12 should be participating in this ministry during the pandemic. Allowing anyone under 12 would require the submission of weekly test results and parental consent, which is complicated and not recommended.

Christian Meditation Sessions for the Care of Our Home for Young People
Saturday, October 16 – 8 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, October 30 – 8 to 9 a.m.

A VIRTUAL EVENT
RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE
FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN
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RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

The World Community for Christian Meditation invites young people from around the world to meditate together for the care of our common home. Meetings have been prepared to show participants how praying together in an ecumenical setting can help us prepare our hearts and minds to deal with the challenges facing the world today. REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/CommonHomeMeditation>

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you or someone you know wish to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic in a safe and welcoming environment, our parish will once again offer the Rite of Christian Initiation. Please connect with Fr. Mark by email, phone, or in person.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION

The Parish will be open for Sacramental Preparation Registration for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation starting on September 15 to October 30. Registration will be done online through our parish website and in-person during Office Hours. Baptismal Certificate is required and a Registration Fee.

Children who are not baptized will have to register for the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA for children).

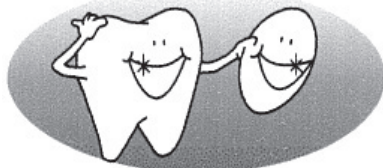
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Squires are organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive this Thanksgiving weekend. Canned and other Food items will be delivered to the Food Banks in time for Thanksgiving.
Thank you for your support!

Your Cooperation is needed!

As more Parishioners are coming to participate in the Holy Mass at the Church, we ask everyone's cooperation to ensure that everyone feels safe. Please put on your mask and maintain social distance with those who do not belong to your household.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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