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Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

Baptism
Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.
Marriage preparation course required

Sacrament of the Sick
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins
Please call the office.

Secretary
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Wednesday and Friday
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Enter on Victoria St.

Schools
St. Patrick Elementary School
905-835-1091
Lakeshore Catholic High School
905-835-2451

Cemetery
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E
289-213-2509

Diocesan Website: www.sainted.com

Min. Schedule - Sept 13/14

Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan
9:00 am - Lisa Shibley
11:00 am - Sam Zuvic

Communion:
5:00 pm - Lisa Shibley
9:00 am - Kim Gatt
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

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The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Carry your cross and follow me.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Fran Semley
9:00 am - Cathy Stoop-Sneek
11:00 am - Theresa Ashby

Video:
5:00 pm - Albert DeLaat
9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Dave Bilodeau

Organist:
5pm, 9am & 11am - Dino Sicoli

September 7, 2025 A.D.

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



*Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Tues Sept 9 6:00 pm +John Lyrette
Wed Sept 10 8:30 am +Carol Gatt
Thurs Sept 11 8:30 am +Alfred Marinelli
Fri Sept 12 8:30 am +Teresa Martine Fenton
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sat Sept 13 5:00 pm +Ralph Kosinski
Sun Sept 14 9:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish
11:00 am +Alvary Dignard

by 4th Degree KOC
by Dino & Lily Sicoli
by Sharon Ironside
by Liz & Al Martine & family
by Michele Klauck
by family

COUNT THE COST

There are demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship is the only life that can truly satisfy.

The book of Wisdom, prepares us for this challenging teaching. "Who can know God's counsel or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid... the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns."

Weighed down by financial woes, relationship stress, illness - all the concerns of modern life - how can we possibly concern ourselves with anything more than these immediate needs? Our human "earthly" instincts limit our ability to think with an eternal perspective. But, we are told that God has sent His Holy Spirit from on high to assist us. "And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight." Relying on the Holy Spirit, we can indeed live for higher goals despite the challenges of daily life.

But this way of life will not be easy, and our Lord, knowing well our human nature, must prepare us for the challenge. Christ is very straightforward about the cost of living for the higher aims of discipleship. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions, but rather of priorities. He must come first



in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He also says, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." It's all or nothing. Compromise is not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish, over to Him and pursue of His kingdom.

To further this point, Christ shares two parables. The first is about a builder who wants to construct a tower. Christ says, the builder must first sit down and consider the cost to see if he has what is needed to complete the project. The second is of a king facing a potential battle. Christ says he must first consider if he has sufficient troops for success before he goes off into battle. Discipleship will cost us, and we must be prepared to give our all.

The Lord goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else - we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down - our material things, status, and egos. He knows that these things cannot satisfy us because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life allows us to count the cost and then run after Him with all our might.

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Do you or someone you know wish to become Catholic? Have you been baptized Catholic but did not receive the other Sacraments? Have you already received all of your Sacraments but would like to grow and strengthen your Catholic faith and your love of Jesus?

If so, join our new OCIA Programme - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

This programme will start in mid September and will run every week until mid May.

The Journey of Faith is not a blind walk of self-discovery. It is a **confident journey taken over a lifetime accomplishing all that God sets before us until we are conformed to the image of His Son.** (Romans 8:29) He will guide us.

You will be lead through each step of the programme every week by fellow parishioners.

Please call the office to register so course material can be purchased for you

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are still unable to attend Mass for health reason, and would like to assist us financially:

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You're Invited!

Come experience a powerful spiritual renewal at our upcoming **2025 ACTS Retreats**

A weekend focused on

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Women's Retreat: September 25 – 28, 2025

Men's Retreat: October 2 – 5, 2025

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,
1617 Blythe Rd. Mississauga ON.

If you're seeking deeper faith, meaningful connection, and a renewed sense of purpose, this retreat is for you.

Brochures and registration forms are available now for those interested.

For more information, visit www.actscanada.org or contact:

Sandy Johnson (Women's Retreat)
905-512-5757 sandy.cj@live.com

or Andrew Mayhew (Men's Retreat)
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ST. PATRICK'S 4th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SOCIAL

Saturday September 28, 2024

Whiskey Run Golf Club

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:30 am Shotgun Start

Cost per player

Golf & ride with BBQ lunch - \$80

BBQ lunch only \$30

BBQ Lunch

**Choice of: Burger, Chicken or Sausage on a Bun
with Roasted Potato Salad and Garden Salad**

If you are interested in playing a round of golf or just for the lunch, let the parish office know before Sept 8th by email, phone call or stop into the office and we will register you. Please let us know if you want the burger, chicken or sausage for your lunch.

If you already have a 4 some arranged, let us know and we will register you with your 4 some.

**To some golfers, the
greatest handicap
is the ability to add
correctly.**

