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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### *From the Desk of Fr. Tim...*

For many years we have been living with inadequate office and meeting space here at St. Ignatius Loyola parish. We have now engaged a contractor to expand the parish offices along with a reception area to provide separate offices for the pastor and associate pastor, our lay pastoral associate and our UTM campus minister. The renovations will also include a new meeting room (for groups of up to 14 people) which we will also use on Sundays for the counting of the offertory collection.

We will do all of this by taking over the small chapel area at the back of the church rather than a much more expensive expansion of our building. Attendance at each Sunday mass has been stable in recent years and we can fit our numbers into the seating in the main body of the church.

To accommodate those who enjoy sitting in the chapel area and receiving communion in their seats, we have arranged for a dedicated handicapped seating area near the doors to the parish hall. This space will easily accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. This area is close to handicapped parking and the special passenger drop off zone along the south-side wall of the church.

The renovation project will begin later this month and hopefully be completed by October. It will be done in two phases to allow the continuous operation of our offices during the construction period. A "Before" and "After" floor plan of our renovations is posted at each door of the church this weekend for your review.

Thank you for your patience during our upcoming construction period!

### **Looking Ahead in June...**

+First Friday 7:00 p.m. mass and Holy Hour...Friday, June 7

+CWL Fathers' Day Cake Raffle...after each mass on the weekend of June 15/16

+Farewell Reception for Fr. Charles Egbulefu CCE... after each mass on the weekend of June 22/23 in the parish hall. Join us as we wish Fr. Charles well when he begins his new appointment as Associate Pastor of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, Etobicoke effective Wednesday, June 26

### ***ShareLife: Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness...***

Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a *ShareLife*-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting *ShareLife* agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

We thank you for your donations so far! We have raised \$149,204 toward our parish goal of \$215,000. If you have given in past years, I thank you and invite your support again this year. If *ShareLife* has not been part of your charitable giving in the past, I ask you to consider how your donation will spread Easter joy to the many recipients in each of the 40 agencies supported by *ShareLife* this year.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation to support *ShareLife* parish before July 31, 2019 when the parish campaign ends. Today is *ShareLife* Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

### ***Family of Faith Update...***

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our parishioners here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, whose contributions of almost \$1.5 million in donations and pledges to the campaign. They have helped to provide resources for parishes, investments in youth ministry, campus chaplaincy programs and restoration work at St. Michael's Cathedral. We will retain our share of \$645,000 of these funds here at the parish level to offset the cost of our 2015 parking expansion/Glen Erin Drive access project which has had such a positive effect on our weekend mass parking. As of the end of December 2018 through your generosity, we have now collected \$1,151,187 of which we have retained \$377,866 in the parish. As we retain 75% of each dollar collected in this phase of the campaign, we are especially grateful for your completion of existing pledge amounts!

If any new parishioners would like to consider a donation to the *Family of Faith*, please speak to Fr. Tim.

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***From the Desk of Fr. Tim...continued...***

**Pastoral References for Catholic Teacher Applicants...**

If you or one of your children are currently studying to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the Board's application process includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are from this parish and intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly before such a recommendation will be given. If the teacher candidate is currently attending Teacher's College and intends to use St. Ignatius Loyola parish to request the pastoral reference and they are away at school, they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the parish where they are attending while away at school.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) ...**

The St. Ignatius Loyola RCIA program will take place once a week in the evening beginning in September. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or at least journeying along in the process of becoming a full initiated member of the Catholic faith, please speak with Fr. Tim or Fr. Charles, (905) 820 -1444.

**St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Collection *Thank You*** – A sincere word of thanks to all the parishioners who donated to the SVP Bundle Sunday Collection last weekend. The container was jammed full! A special thank you to the SVP ministry members who greeted and helped parishioners at the container.

**Youth Appreciation Bowling Party *Thank You*** – This year's Youth Appreciation event was a huge success and all the students had fun. Thanks to Fr. Charles and to Jackie Mullan, the new altar server coordinator for supervising the event.

**EDGE Youth Ministry** - Students in grades 6 – 8 are invited to come to the parish hall this Monday, June 3 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The topic is "Go Forth": EDGE Issue Night on Community Service. Bring a friend!

**FORGED Young Adult Ministry** - Are you 18 – 35 years old? Join us for food, drinks and great company every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Join us on June 12 here at St. Ignatius Loyola Church parish hall.

**Parish Schools Closing & Graduation Masses** - Our parish elementary schools will be celebrating their Closing and Graduation masses on the following days: All Saints, Tuesday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m., St. Clare on Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. and St. Mark on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:15 a.m. Loyola Catholic Secondary School will celebrate the Graduation Mass on Thursday, June 27 at 11:00 a.m. All the masses will take place at the church and everyone is encouraged and invited to attend!

**Calling all Gardeners!** Spring has finally arrived, and the parish Gardening Team has been cleaning out the flower beds around the church and the rectory. There is always lots of work to do so many hands are needed. Do you have a love of gardening or maybe want to learn more about perennials, annuals, planter gardening and design? Our resident Master Gardener, Emma Chow is the ministry coordinator. If you are interested in joining or would like more info, please leave your name and number in the office or [caroline@st-ignatius-loyola.com](mailto:caroline@st-ignatius-loyola.com).

**Part-time Job Opportunity at Holy Name of Mary Catholic School** – The school will be moving to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Learning Centre (next door) from September 2019 – June 2020 while their building is being renovated. During their time here, paid Student Monitors (\$14.28 + 4% Holiday pay) will be needed. This part-time position is 3 hours per day sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. A Criminal Reference Check is required. For more information, please contact Rita Borg, Principal at 905- 458-5541.

**Thought for the Day** – Vocation...everyone has one. What's yours?

***Father's Day Catholic Women's League Cake Raffle, June 15/16...***

Please mark your calendars for June 15/16 and plan to buy a ticket for one of five cakes for Dad that will be raffled off after each mass in the parish hall. The ladies of the CWL are inviting parishioners who might be interested in baking a special Fathers' Day themed cake to contribute to this fund-raising venture. If you can bake for the fundraiser, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office before Tuesday, June 11.

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