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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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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
J.O.Y. Social Club	joysocialclub@st-ignatius-loyola.com
Youth Group	905-822-8132 ext. 6
Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
Charismatic Prayer Group (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)	905-822-8132 Ext. 3

## 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

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 10, 2016

## "Do you love the Risen Lord more than all else?"



Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Risen Lord Jesus when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias (also called the lake of Gennesaret or Galilee)? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter had decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous job as a fisherman out of uncertainty for his future. Six of the other apostles followed him back to Galilee.

### **The Lord Jesus renews Peter's faith and calling - and ours as well**

Why did Jesus choose to reveal himself to the apostles at the Sea of Galilee - and right after they had spent a whole night of futile fishing? The Risen Lord was waiting on the shore for Peter and the other apostles. When their boat drew near the shore, Jesus questioned them and then gave a command to lower their nets into the sea. When their nets began to burst at the great haul of fish, John, the beloved disciple, recognized that it was the Lord who was speaking to them. Peter then immediately leaped from the boat and ran to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord Jesus when you meet setbacks and disappointments, and when your faith is being put to the test? The Lord Jesus is always ready to renew us in faith and to give each of us fresh hope in his promises for us.

Why did Jesus perform this miraculous catch of fish after his third resurrection appearance to the apostles? By looking back to the first miracle of the great catch of fish, we can recognize the significance of Jesus repeating this miracle again for his apostles. The first miracle took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord called Peter to leave all and follow him. After Peter had fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus commanded him to lower his nets (see Luke 5:4-11). When his nets began to break under the weight of the great haul, Jesus then spoke to Peter and gave him a new calling and mission - from now on he would be "catching people" for the kingdom of God (Luke 5:10). Jesus repeats this miracle for Peter to remind him that he must continue his mission of "catching people" and "making disciples" for the kingdom of Christ.

Skeptics who disbelieve the resurrection accounts say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The Gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrected and glorified body of the Lord Jesus. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his physical resurrection - that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or imaginary ghost.

### **The Lord wants to renew our minds and rekindle our hearts with his transforming love**

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty (Romans 8:38-39)? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love. God's abundant grace (favor and blessing) is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace (unmerited favor) and mercy.

*"Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your merciful love and remove everything that is unkind, ungrateful, unloving and unholy, and that is not in accord with your will. May I always seek to love you above all else and follow you wherever you wish to lead me."*



### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please pray for the boys and girls in our parish schools who will be receiving Jesus for the first time.

St. Francis of Assisi School – Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

St. Margaret of Scotland – Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Christ the King & Other Schools – Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>



### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Please remember in your prayers the young people of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please

note that these Masses will be regular daily Masses and no intentions will be accepted. The Intention will be for our Confirmandi.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

+ Basil Thomas

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

+ Maria & Angela Lebralesso

+ Scarlett Johnston

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

+ Mary Spizzirri

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

+ Ruvin Ginendlin

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

+ Maria Quaggiotto nee Caon

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Vigil Mass for 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5:00 P.M.

+ Fred Cabri

+ Tom & Dean McMillen

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

9:30 a.m. + Siegmund Grohotolski

11:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

12:30 p.m. + Petra Malabnan

+ Naomi Bain & Souls In Purgatory



### Working wonders in our neighbourhoods...

"I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the community of Peel to be a part of the healing journey with Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin (CFSPD). It's a great organization that demonstrates care, support and compassion toward our well-being and healing processes. Since I began with this agency, it has been a transformational experience. I have gained so much knowledge and insight about myself and others and have made great friends and enjoy meeting new people. I would like to thank ShareLife and CFSPD for allowing me this opportunity to be part of their family and am very grateful for all the services they provided for me and the community at large." *Debbie, a client of the CFSPD sistering program.*

Over 39,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services programs.

**Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016**

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

### Help Celebrate the People of God!

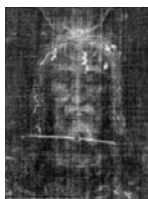
His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Apostolic Chancellor of Catholic Missions in Canada, requests your presence at the **Tastes of Heaven Gala 2016** on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Cocktails 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m., Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street, Vaughan.

For sponsorship or tickets, visit [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info) or contact Patricia Gyulay, Ext. 227 at 416-934-3424, or 1-866-937-2642 or email [patricia@cmic.info](mailto:patricia@cmic.info)



## Knights of Columbus – Our Lady of Peace Council Dinner Dance – Saturday, April 30th

Shake off the winter blues at our Spring Dinner Dance at St. Ignatius Loyola Church parish hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per couple, \$40 single, \$260 for table of 8. Proceeds to St. Francis ShareLife Campaign. Tickets available in the Parish Office.



## "The Shroud of Turin" Presentation Saturday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

To celebrate Easter and Our Lord's Resurrection, there will be an hour long presentation on Saturday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish hall, on the Shroud of Turin. Included will be a short talk, by Andrew Turnbull, connecting this astounding relic to our faith and a video presentation on the science behind the Shroud. A 1/4 scale replica of the shroud will be on hand as well as other visual aids for exploration. All are welcome!

## 2016 ACTS RETREATS

St. Francis of Assisi is this year's parish for the upcoming 3-day retreats at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

**A – Adoration** – God's Call, your acceptance and answer

**C – Community** – love and caring for each other

**T – Theology** – "studying" through scripture and our faith

**S – Service** – to God and his people

*Come to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your Faith and to apply it to your daily life.*

**Women:** May 12–15 and October 27–30

**Men:** May 16–29 and November 10–13

Priority registration until **April 12, 2016**. Register at the Parish Office or call Queen of Apostles at 905.278.5229.



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Did you know that Ethiopia is going through its worst drought in 50 years? Join us on April 28th at St. Joan of Arc Church at 7pm (1701 Bloor St West just east of the Keele Subway) for An Evening in Ethiopia. Members of Development and Peace who travelled to Ethiopia this past summer will share their experiences. Come hear first-hand how Development and Peace is making a difference in helping communities in Ethiopia overcome the many challenges they face. Light refreshments will be served and fair trade products will be available for sale. There is no charge for this event.

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