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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 (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)	905-822-8132 Ext. 3

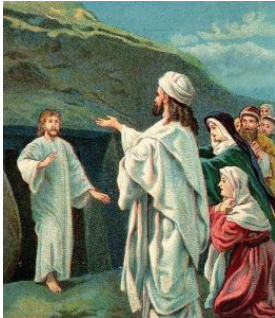
## SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi	905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland	905-820-5115
Christ the King	905-569-0220

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 2, 2017

## "I am the resurrection and the life"



What is the significance of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead? It is more than a miraculous event. It is a "sign" of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from the dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting. This our faith and our hope. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you" (Romans 8:11). God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit that we may be made alive in Christ. Even now we can experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. The

Holy Spirit is ever ready to change and transform us into men and women of faith, hope and love. Do you believe that the power of Jesus' resurrection is at work in your life today? Let the Holy Spirit strengthen within you the life and joy of God and the hope of heaven.

The name Lazarus means "God is my help". Jesus' parable of the poor man Lazarus who died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:19-31), ends with a warning: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." Through Lazarus' sickness and subsequent death, God brought glory through Jesus his only begotten Son, who raised his friend from the dead in anticipation of his own death and resurrection. Our participation in the Lord's Supper in the Eucharist already gives us a foretaste of Jesus' transfiguration of our bodies.

Psalm 27 ends with the great prayer of hope in the resurrection: "I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord!" Do you find joy and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Reconciliation service on **Tuesday April 4, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. There will be nine priests available for individual confessions. Reconciliation is also available at:

**St. Joseph's Parish** - Tues. March 28 at 7-9 p.m.

**Merciful Redeemer** - Wed. March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

**St. Ignatius Loyola** - Thur. March 30 at 9:30-11:30 a.m., 4:00-6:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**St. John of the Cross** - Mon. April 3 at 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier** - Thur. April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday April 13** - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight.

**Good Friday April 14** - Passion of the Lord at Noon and 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Vigil April 15** - The Vigil Mass will begin at 8:00 p.m. (Please note that this Mass is 2+ hours in length.)

**Easter Sunday April 16** - Resurrection of the Lord 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



### TODAY IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

#### PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

**Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife...**

"The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies,

helps to evangelize the Gospel to brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday."

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. This is followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Holy Hour at 7:30 p.m.

## Mass for the Intentions for the Week

### **MONDAY, APRIL 3 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Maria Marchiori

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 4 – 8:00 A.M.**

Lenten Reconciliation Service

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Maria Gilda Dimaano

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 6 – 8:00 A.M.**

S.I. In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 7 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 8 – VIGIL MASS**

**5:00 P.M.** + Jim Flemming

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – PALM SUNDAY**

**8:00 A.M.** Intention Available

**9:30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**11:00 A.M.** Intention Available

**12:30 P.M.** + Marie Gilda Dimaano

### **CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN**

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object feel a direct referral is akin to being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more about this issue, and to send an electronic letter to our MPP Charles Sousa - [csousa.mpp@liberal.ola.org](mailto:csousa.mpp@liberal.ola.org) about this important matter. If you prefer to mail a letter to Mr. Sousa send it to 120 Lakeshore Road W., Mississauga Ont. L5S 1E8

### **ST. JOSEPH PARISH MISSION**

St. Joseph Parish, Mississauga invites you to join them for a 3-day parish mission: "**Fullness of Purpose**" led by Ken Yasinski on Sun. April 23 to Tues. April 25 starting at 7:00 pm and will include Adoration each evening. Ken's talk is designed to help answer life's most meaningful questions: Why have I been created? Where is Joy found? Does my Catholic faith matter? Come be inspired to live your full potential in life. Everyone is welcome!

### **GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday April 14, 2017**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

"As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population." – Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

### **WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

Upcoming A.C.T.S. Retreats at Queen of Apostles - Women's Retreat – May 4 – 7. Call Giulia Spadafora: 416- 705-3153. Men's Retreat - June 8 – 11. Call 1-905-327-1425. For more info visit: [www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org).

### **TASTES OF HEAVEN GALA**

Join His, Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins on Thursday April 6 for a Gala benefitting Catholic Missions in Canada. The gala is held to raise awareness and funds to support our Canadian missionaries. This year the gala will celebrate Love Thy Neighbour. Pope Francis has said that Love of God and Love of Neighbour are one and the same thing. We cannot love one without loving the other. For information go to [www.cmis.infor](http://www.cmis.infor), call 416-934-3424 or email [tastesofheaven@cmic.info](mailto:tastesofheaven@cmic.info)

### **LECTIO DIVINA WITH CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS**

Lectio Divina means "divine or sacred reading" and is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians in which they listen attentively and prayerfully read the word of God. One Sunday each month all are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. A schedule can be found at [archtoronto.org/lectio](http://archtoronto.org/lectio).

### **CONSCIENCE RIGHTS IN A FAITH CONTEXT**

On Monday May 15 the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute presents: A Catholic response to euthanasia and physician-assisted death. Keynote address from Cardinal Gerhard Muller, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (Vatican). Event takes place at St. Michael's Cathedral with evening prayer at 7:00 followed by the keynote address at 7:30. For more information go to [www.ccbi-utoronto.ca](http://www.ccbi-utoronto.ca)



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