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## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bernard Vellozo, Pastor  
Deacon Don Roberts  
Deacon Richard Te  
Melinda Mayo, Parish Secretary  
Joan Cabri, Parish Bookkeeper

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

## SCHOOLS

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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 23, 2017

**“Unless I see – I will not believe”**



Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes one a friend of God.

Jesus did something that only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and perfect obedience to the will of his Father. He called his disciples, and he calls us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples "Let us also go, that we may die with him. (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his fellow apostles.

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith, we too proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we too might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in God's word and in the power of the Holy Spirit?

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 23rd with a Holy Hour here at St. Francis. At 3 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung with the rest of the hour devoted to Adoration.

### THANK YOU

Fr. Bernard is grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers who give of their time, talents and energy to serve our parish community. May our Risen Saviour continue to bless all of you.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### Weekday Mass Attendees

**Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the Parish on Monday April 24 and Tuesday April 25. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.**

### DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please call the Office at 905-822-8132.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **MONDAY, APRIL 24 – 7:00 P.M.**

NO MASS

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 25 – 8:00 A.M.**

NO MASS

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Josephine McKinney

+ Dolores Micallef

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 27 – 8:00 A.M.**

+ Dominic Pizzi

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 28 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Richard Nusink

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 29 – 5:00 P.M.**

S.I. Aubrey Soares

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8:00 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**9:30 A.M.** + Jose Pirez

**11:00 A.M.** + Vacek Dobrovolski

+ Dominic Pizzi

**12:30 P.M.** + Edna Azanza

## CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

## 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)

## SHREK THE MUSICAL

St. Francis of Assisi School proudly presents the musical "Shrek Jr." during Catholic Education Week. Show dates are May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and curtain is 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and children under 5 are admitted free of charge. Please contact the school office for more information at 905-822-3183.



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**Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017**

**Please give generously.**

## BRING LIFE TO OTTAWA

For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to work to protect our fellow humans from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, please join us for a day trip to our nation's capital by coach on **Thursday, May 11** to attend the annual **March for Life** event. A coach will leave from St. Francis of Assisi at 6:30 a.m. right after the 6 a.m. Mass. Cost is \$40. For more info call John Killackey at 905-820-9232.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>

St. Margaret of Scotland – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Christ the King & Other Schools – Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>



## SPRING PLANTERS & BASKETS

Help support Knights of Columbus activities in your community by ordering beautiful spring flower planters and baskets. Order your **SPRING BASKETS** (10", 12" & 16" sizes, \$20.00 - \$29.00) after all Masses April 22/23, April 29/30 & May 6/7. Flowers will be delivered May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION CHANGE

Please note that there will be no Building and Maintenance Fund collection the weekend of April 22/23 even though there is an envelope for it in the offertory envelope box. The blue envelope can be recycled.



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