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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

### **Pastoral Staff**

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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 once a 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 the gift at home, in hospital or a nursing home, please call the parish office at any time.

## 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: 5:00 PM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM Mass

Weekday Eucharist

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:00 AM
Saturdays 9:00 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 (excluding holidays) 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 Club 55 club55@st-ignatius-loyola.com Youth Group 905-822-8132 ext. 6 Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544 Charismatic Prayer Group 905-822-8132 Ext. 3 (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

## SCHOOLS

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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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**APRIL 26, 2015** 



## "I am the Good Shepherd"

Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be the Son of God and Savior of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Savior he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word?

"Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to your voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence."

### AFGHAN BLANKETS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

A group of parishioners are knitting afghan blankets for the clients at the Good Shepherd Centre in Toronto and they are asking for donations of 4 ply yarn. There will be a box at the back of the church g this weekend to accept your donations of yarn. Thank you so much.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the boys and girls in our parish schools who will be receiving Jesus for the first time. St. Margaret of Scotland School – Sunday, April 26; Christ the King School & Other Schools – Sun., May 3

## PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER?

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is **highly recommended** you contact the pastor as soon as possible. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.



## BRINGING LIFE TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL

For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to do something to protect our unborn at risk of abortion, please join us for a day trip to our Nation's Capital by coach on Thursday, May 14, 2015 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 am

Mass. Cost is \$50. Contact John Killackey at 905-820-9232.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, APRIL 27 AT 7:00 p.m.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 AT 8:00 A.M.

+ Alfonsito & Jesusa Castellvi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 1 AT 7:00 P.M.

+ Souls in Purgatory

S.I. For Priests, Living and deceased

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SATURDAY, MAY 2 AT 9:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, MAY 2 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Easter

S.I. Margaret Jodoin

SUNDAY, MAY 2

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m. + Holy Souls

9:30 a.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE
11:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Community
12:30 p.m. INTENTION AVAILABLE

Please call the parish office, 905-822-8132, Ext. 3, to

arrange a Mass Intention.



## **SHARELIFE APPEAL 2015**

This year, Catholics across our archdiocese are being asked to support the Family of Faith campaign. This campaign will provide for the pastoral and temporal needs of the

archdiocese, such as campus and youth ministry, communication initiatives that will strengthen our family of faith, and support to help new parishes to celebrate Mass in a new church. The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. There is no duplication — ShareLife agencies do not receive funding from the Family of Faith campaign. Thus 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.

Next ShareLife Sunday – May 3, 2015 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

## **BOOK BARROW**

The Legion of Mary Book Barrow will be open on the weekend of May 2 & 3 in the parish hall. Browse the large selection of spiritual books available.

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Please remember in your prayers the young people of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 13, 20 & 27, at 7:00 p.m.



Please note that these Masses will not be regular daily Masses and no intentions will be accepted. The Intention will be for the

Confirmandi.

## **CLUB 55 NEWS**

Club 55 is planning a Grand River Cruise, Caledonia, on Thursday, June 25th - Leaving 8:30 a.m. Returning approx. 6:00 p.m. Cost per person: Members: \$110 Non-Members: \$115 includes luxury coach, shopping at Craft Shop, entertainment featuring "The Blazing Fiddlers", 3 hour river cruise, lunch and one-hour tour of Six Nations Reserve. Sign-Up in St. Ignatius Parish Office. Deadline: June 8th. No Refunds.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING FLOWER SALE

Help support Knights of Columbus activities in your community (and get something nice for your yard too). Order your \*\*Spring PLANT BASKETS (10" and 12" sizes - \$20.00 & \$25.00) \*\* after Masses this weekend and May 2/3. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Please remember that Friday, May 1st, is the first Friday of the month. Please join us for Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 a.m. continuing with Adoration until 7:00 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m., followed by more adoration, and Benediction. Adoration Signup sheets are located at the back of the church this weekend.

## "TOTUS TUUS" SUMMER CAMP IS COMING TO MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 19-24 at Merciful Redeemer Parish. Totus Tuus is an archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college students travel throughout the summer spreading the Good News of our Lord throughout catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, games and fun!

For more information visit the website:

www.totustuustoronto.ca and contact Lisa D'Souza if you are interested in registering at 905-812-0030 Ext. 7;

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