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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bernard Vellozo, Pastor  
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Deacon Richard Te  
Emily Nail, Youth Coordinator  
Ann Overment, 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)

## 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
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

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

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2016

## "Baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire"



Do you want to be on fire for God? John the Baptist said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). It is also used of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies and cleanses, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us.

### ***Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire***

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life? Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

### ***Jesus' baptism - beginning of a new creation***

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

### ***Heaven will open for those who bow before the Lord***

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him." Do you want to see your life transformed? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us through his Spirit and to anoint us for mission as his ambassadors. We are called to be "light" and "salt" to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

*"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father. Amen"*

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*Dear Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish:*

*Please join me in welcoming Mabel Mendes, our new parish secretary. As you are aware, after 32 years of exemplary service, Ann Overment is retiring at the end of January 2016. Ann has kindly agreed to mentor Mabel for the month of January before she retires. We are grateful to Ann for her dedication and service to our parish family. We hope that Mabel may find our community warm and welcoming.*

**Fr. Bernard**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M

- + Arlene Gregorios
- + Ernesto Marchiori

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 8:00 A.M.

St. Marguerite Bourgeys

**INTENTION AVAILABLE**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

- + Rocco & Nicolina Lombardi

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 8:00 A.M.

- + Edward Vellozo
- S.I. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination for Fr. David Barnes

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 7:00 P.M.

**INTENTION AVAILABLE**

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Vigil Mass for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5:00 P.M.** + Rita Maria Blanchard

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 :

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. S.I. Parish Community
- 9:30 a.m. **INTENTION AVAILABLE**
- 11:00 a.m. **INTENTION AVAILABLE**
- 12:30 p.m. + Umena Jasminez
- + Anita Arrogante

Please call the parish office, 905-822-8132, Ext. 3, to arrange a Mass Intention.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**THERE WILL BE NO CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS FROM JANUARY 18 TO JANUARY 22, 2016 INCLUSIVE.**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR CANDIDATES IN GRADE 7**

Grade 7 students: You are invited to consider whether you would like to receive the fullness of initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. To learn more about the preparation process, I invite you and your parents to attend one of the following information meetings:

**Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. OR**

**Saturday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m.**

Each meeting will be held in St. Francis of Assisi Church.

### **2016 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES.**

Sunday, January 17, 2:00 P.M. Special Eucharistic Celebration by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and clergy of Goan, Manalorean, East Indian and Anglo-Indian descent. St. Joseph's Church, Mississauga (please be in the church by 2:00 p.m.) Reception to follow.

### **TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOUND**

The St. Francis of Assisi Refugee Committee is pleased to announce that Sister Veronica and the Sisters in her community at Carmel Heights have graciously answered our need for temporary housing for our refugee family of five. They have prepared the lodging so that they are ready for arrival of the family at any time. We are grateful to Sister Veronica and her community for their kind help. The planned demolition of the buildings at Carmel Heights will take place at a later time.

### **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**



### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. ' Matthew 25: 35-40.*

### **4. Shelter the homeless (Welcome the stranger)**

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" - Matthew 25:35. Because each person is loved by God and has inherent dignity, we are called to welcome strangers with the love of God and implore our friends to do likewise (Lk 11:5)

Lived out in the Archdiocese of Toronto:

*Covenant House, Toronto*

*Romero House*

*Good Shepherd Centre*

*Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto*

*Follow this series on the Corporal Works of Mercy in our subsequent bulletins.*

For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, please check the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

Everyone Welcome



*Life in the Spirit Seminar*

*Come!  
Experience!*

Mark your calendars: Beginning Thursday, January 28, 2016, our St. Francis of Assisi Charismatic Prayer Group will be holding a Life in

the Spirit Seminar. The Seminar will run for 6 weeks. All are welcome. Watch the bulletin for more information.



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