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## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bernard Vellozo, Pastor  
Deacon Don Roberts  
Deacon Richard Te  
Mabel Mendes, 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 (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

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2017

## "Behold the Lamb of God!"

Every Sunday, just before we receive the Eucharist, the priest invites us to "Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sin of the world." He invites us to fix our eyes, our hearts, and our whole selves on Jesus. He invites us to say, "This Jesus died for every sin that has been committed or will be committed – he died for every sin that I or anyone else will commit."

Have you ever seen a story on television about a child who walked into the street and was tragically killed by a speeding car? If so, the story probably left you feeling sad for the child and his family, even though you don't even know them. But everything would be dramatically different if it were your child who was killed by that speeding car. Instead of feeling sad, you would feel crushed. The pain would stretch on for weeks, months, even years. You might never be able to forget the tragedy.

This is a good way way for us to grasp what it means to "Behold Jesus." Beholding Jesus is not just a good thing to do. It's not a routine. It's not just a fleeting moment on Sunday morning in the middle of your busy life. Beholding Jesus involved embracing what Jesus has done for us. It involves remembering what your life would be like without him.

Twice in today's Gospel, John says, "I did not know him," (*John 1:31, 33*). Still John was able to recognize Jesus when he arrived. That's why he said, "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (*1:34*). The Holy Spirit revealed Jesus to him in a dramatic and deep way, and it changed his life.

A similar thing can happen to us at Mass today. Jesus wants to open our eyes at the "breaking of the bread" so that we might know him more deeply (*Luke 24:35*). So when you receive Communion today, make it a point to behold Jesus. Then ask him to reveal himself to you.



*"Jesus, you are the Lamb of God. Come, Lord, and open my eyes!"*

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### OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES 2017

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2016 and advise you that income tax receipts will be issued in February 2017. In order to receive an income tax receipt for contributions to the Church, we strongly suggest you take a box of Offertory Envelopes each year. Offertory Envelopes for 2017 are located at the back of the Church. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church.

### DON'T FORGET

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

### GOOD NEWS FROM OUR REFUGEE FAMILY

After waiting for more than a year, our family had a call from the Canadian Embassy in Jordan to inform them of their interview date on January 16. This is a first step, and if the interview is successful, they will receive their medicals. All being well, travel arrangements should be made soon afterward. They are excited about this long-awaited development, as we are. The interview process is difficult as well as crucial. Please pray that the Holy Spirit sustain and guide them.

### St. Francis of Assisi Refugee Committee



### MASS INTENTIONS

Please note that we will no longer accept requests for Mass intentions over the phone. Kindly come to the parish office during office hours to book a Mass Intention. Thank you.



### HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 14/15 and January 21/22. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Scarlett Johnston

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 – 8:00 A.M.

*Intention Available*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 – 7:00 P.M.

*Intention Available*

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Tom & Dean McMillen

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 – VIGIL MASS

5:00 P.M. *Intention Available*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M. *Intention Available*

9:30 A.M. *Intention Available*

11:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community Mass

12:30 P.M. *Intention Available*

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Every Thursday, starting

February 23, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi

Charismatic Prayer Group

Details to follow. All are

welcome.



## First Annual Angelic Doctor Lecture:

The Person of St. Thomas Aquinas and His Contribution to the Intellectual Life of the Catholic University Student

Thursday, January 26 – 7 p.m.

Newman Centre, 89 St. George Street, Toronto

Join us for a free lecture with special guest speaker Fr. Peter Cameron, OP, Chairman of the Department of Homiletics at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, NY and editor-in-chief of Magnificat. Fr. Peter will celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas with Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a lecture explaining how we can benefit from St. Thomas's light of understanding when faced with our own problems. Reception will be held after the lecture. All are welcome.

**Registration:** <http://bit.ly/aquinasatnewman>

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/newmanchaplaincy](https://www.facebook.com/newmanchaplaincy)

**Website:** [www.newmantoronto.com](http://www.newmantoronto.com)

## NEW PARISH SECRETARY

Please join me in welcoming Melinda Mayo as Parish Secretary at St. Francis of Assisi. We would like to thank Mabel Mendes for her service to the Parish Community.

**Fr. Bernard**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

### REGISTRATION REMINDER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 at 10 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

### 1. PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** Please provide the full name and complete address of the Church where you were baptized, especially if you were baptized overseas. If there is a fax number, please include it. This information can be **PRINTED** on the reverse side of the Baptism Certificate

### 2. \$20 for the Confirmation resource fee

### 3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:

- Confirmed Catholic
- 16 years of age or older
- Practising Catholic
- Not be the parent of the Candidate

This is the last registration session being held for Confirmation in January 2017. If you miss this sessions, you are most welcome to register for Confirmation in 2018



## Theology of the Body Course

Saturday, January 21 - 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Hall

2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga

How can I live my life in a way that brings happiness and fulfillment? Singles, engaged couples, married couples, and youth 18+ are encouraged to attend. Presented over two consecutive Saturdays.

**Contact:** Anthony Mendes

**Phone:** 416-302-4253 **Email:** [TOB@bell.net](mailto:TOB@bell.net)

**Cost:** \$25 per person or \$30 per couple, includes workbook. **Poster:** <http://bit.ly/jan2017TOB>



## Registration Dates for Kindergarten

January 24 - 27, 2017 - 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

January 24, 2017\* - 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

\*Snow Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

If your child was born in 2012 or 2013, he or she can start Kindergarten in September 2017





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