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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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Rev. Bernard Vellozo, Pastor  
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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)

## 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  
 J.O.Y. Social Club joysocialclub@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

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2016

**“Go, and do not sin again”**

Are you ready to be changed and transformed in Christlike holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions. Jesus never lost an opportunity to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and guilt. His frequent association with sinners, however, upset the sensibilities of the religious leaders. When a woman caught in adultery was brought to them for trial, they confronted Jesus on the issue of retribution. Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime since it violated God's ordinance and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life. It was one of the three gravest sins punishable by death.



This incident tells us a great deal about Jesus' attitude to the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice – either go back to your former way of sin and death or to reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God's grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is – unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God's mercy and forgiveness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?

*“God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Prayer of Saint Augustine)*

**Assisted Suicide** - Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca)

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) and support the Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1, 2016.

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE  
WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:30 P.M.  
WITH 8 PRIESTS.**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016**

Regular Mass Schedule

### **HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Adoration until midnight in the parish hall

### **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016**

Veneration of the Cross at 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

### **HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016**

**(No Morning Mass)**

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11 a.m.

Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. **(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)**

### **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016**

Masses at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**MONDAY, MARCH 14**

*INTENTION AVAILABLE*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

*INTENTION AVAILABLE*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

+ Dany Quijalvo

+ Carpino Family

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

+ Maurice Da Silva

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

S.I. Jason & Joshua Soares

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday 5:00 P.M.

+ Baptista and Cornelius Families

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20 - PALM SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. *INTENTION AVAILABLE*

9:30 a.m. *INTENTION AVAILABLE*

11:00 a.m. + Umena Jaminez & Anita Arrogante

+ Calixto Umoquit

12:30 p.m. S.I. Parish Community

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



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Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they make a tangible difference. Please prayerfully consider today how you can support ShareLife." —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday – March 13, 2016**

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**



**Knights of Columbus –  
Our Lady of Peace Council**

**Dinner/Dance – Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.**

at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Hall

**Tickets:** Couple \$70; Single: \$40 or Table of 8 - \$260

Details on bulletin board.



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**  
**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

**6. Comfort the afflicted**

God comforts us with the kindness of a shepherd, the affection of a father, the ardor of a bridegroom and a husband and the tenderness of a mother. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. For as Christ's sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow." (2 Cor 1:3-5)

Lived out in the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Catholic Family Services of Toronto

Sisters of Life Visitation Mission – Check out our feature on Sr. Maria Regina, Sisters of Life Toronto

Deacon Robert Kinghorn, street ministry

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

**2016 ACTS RETREATS**

St. Francis of Assisi is this year's parish for the upcoming 3-day retreats at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

**A – Adoration** – God's Call, your acceptance and answer

**C – Community** – love and caring for each other

**T – Theology** – "studying" through scripture and our faith

**S – Service** – to God and his people

Come to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your Faith and to apply it to your daily life.

**Women:** May 12–15 and October 27–30

**Men:** May 16–29 and November 10–13

Priority registration until **April 12, 2016**. Register at the Parish Office or call Queen of Apostles at 905.278.5229

**Celebrate Your Marriage**

**with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!**

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: April 15-17, 2016

(Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga)

For more information and application, please go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925



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