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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

## Pastoral Staff

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)

## 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

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017

**“I came that they may have life abundantly”**



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).

What can shepherding teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. So familiar was the shepherd and his sheep, that each was called by a distinct name. In the winter the sheep were usually brought to a communal village shelter which was locked and kept secure by a guardian. In the summer months the sheep were usually kept out in the fields and then gathered into a fold at night which was guarded by a shepherd throughout the night. He was literally the *door* through which the sheep had to pass.

The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. *The Lord will keep your going out and coming in from this time forth and for evermore* (Psalm 120:8). Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: *they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd* (Numbers 27:17). Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God? St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) writes: "He has accomplished what he taught us: He has shown us what He commanded us to do. He laid down his own life for his sheep, that within our mystery he might change his body and blood into food, and nourish the sheep he had redeemed with the food of his own flesh. He has shown us the way we must follow, despite fear of death. He has laid down the pattern to which we must conform ourselves. The first duty Laid on us is to use our worldly goods in mercy for the needs of his sheep, and then, if necessary, give even our lives for them. He that will not give of his substance for his sheep, how shall he lay down his life for them?" (Tr. 46 in John). Do you look at Jesus the Good Shepherd to receive the strength and courage you need to live and serve as his disciple?

*"Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence."*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Weekday Mass Attendees:

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the Parish from Monday May 15 to Thursday May 18 inclusive at a mandatory priests retreat. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.

## 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.

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**MONDAY, MAY 8 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**TUESDAY, MAY 9 – 8:00 A.M.**

+ Ramon Duterte, Jr.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Teresa & Luigi Volpe, Tony Di Scola

+ Blanca Byrne

+ Jose Byrne

**THURSDAY, MAY 11 – 8:00 A.M.**

S.I. In reparation for offences committed  
against the Most Holy Eucharist

**FRIDAY, MAY 12 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Henry Drapeau

**SATURDAY, MAY 13 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Kam-Fong Shun Tin

+ Irene Lee

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**9:30 A.M.** *Intention Available*

**11:00 A.M.** + Maria Lombardi

**12:30 P.M.** + Maryann Ewasyn

S.I. For an end to abortion

**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)

**BUNDLE UP SUNDAY**



On the weekend of **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of **gently** used clothes and leather shoes. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

**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.



**Living the Gospel by providing for those in need...**

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. One of the ways that we do this is through our annual ShareLife appeal, which provides resources to agencies serving the poor and marginalized not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world. ShareLife is a tangible way that we can put the Gospel value to love one another as I have loved you into action, and I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Catholic church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife." — Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday – May 7, 2017**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**SECOND ANNUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

"At His service, At His feet, In His name". Join us for a day of reflection on what it means to know, love, and serve Jesus. We are all called to experience a unique relationship with our Lord. Come for a day of reflection, prayer, and mass. Bring a friend! The retreat is being held at St. Augustine's Seminary June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30-2:30. Cost is \$50.00. For more information call 416-261-7207 ext. 235 or email [ioft@sastoronto.org](mailto:ioft@sastoronto.org)

**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 – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

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



**PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS**

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, Cardinal Collins will have the pleasure of ordaining five men into priesthood. All are welcome to attend and we'd like to encourage you to attend this grace-filled event. We ask that you keep them in your prayers, as well as all who are in various stages of discernment. Should you require further information, please contact the Office of Vocations at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call us at 416-968-0997.

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